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FIG. I.

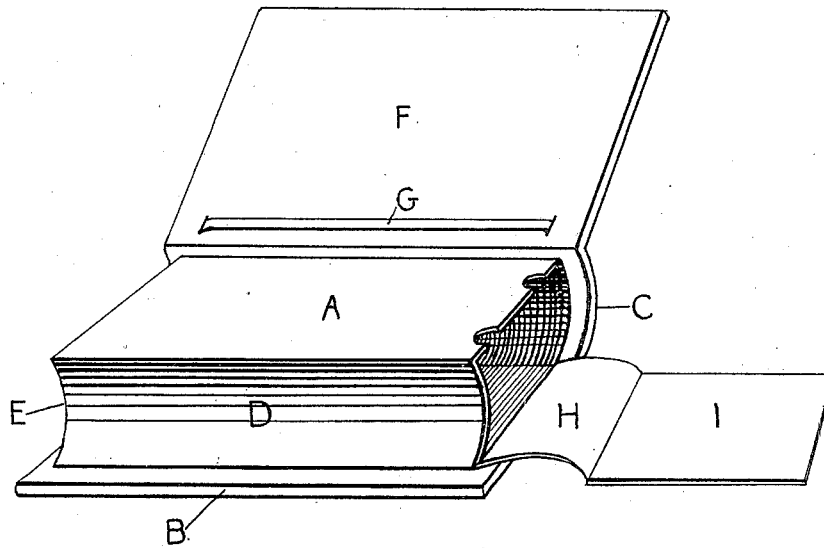
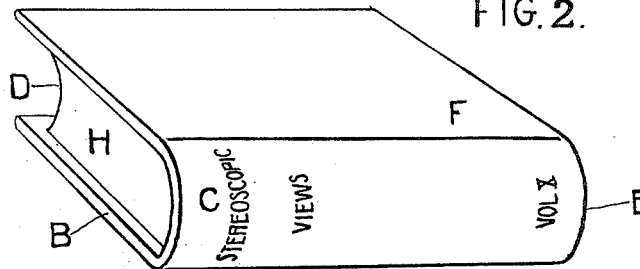


FIG. 2.



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## STEREOSCOPIC-VIEW ALBUM.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN C. R. MILLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lisbon, in the county of St. Lawrence and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Stereoscopic-View Album, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a convenient case for containing, arranging, and preserving the customary photographic views mounted upon cardboard prepared for use with the ordinary hand-stereoscope, and has for its object to produce a case that will protect its contents from dust and light, that will be strong and convenient in use and not liable to sag when stood upright either alone or assembled with bound volumes on ordinary bookcase-shelves, and at the same time be ornamental and attractive in appearance; and it consists of a box permanently closed on all sides except at its upper end, made of pasteboard or other suitable material, in form simulating a bound book having a hinged cover attached to the back of said box as is the cover to an ordinary bound book, and in addition thereto a flap or extension-piece attached to the body of such box and adapted to close the opening to said box when shut into place, together with means, when desired, of holding upon the inside of said hinged cover leaves of paper containing reading matter relating to the contents of said box.

In the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my said invention with the hinged cover thrown back and the flap opened; and Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same from an opposite point of sight, but with both the flap and cover closed.

In said drawings, A, B, C, D, and E represent the permanently-closed walls of the box, of which the lower side B and the back C form one cover and the back of the simulated book, and the front edge D and bottom edge E of said box form the front and bottom edges of such book, respectively. F represents the hinged cover, simulating the other cover of the book, flexibly attached to one edge of the back of said box, and to the inner side of such cover near its hinge is attached by its ends the tape G in manner shown, so that leaves of paper may be slipped under such tape and

folded thereover, being thereby retained from falling out when said hinged cover is opened.

H I represent a flap and extension-piece plially connected to the upper end of the box and attached cover, the part H being of proper size and shape to entirely cover the opening in said box when closed over the same and the part I being adapted to fold down closely between the side A of box and the hinged cover, so as to be retained in place when such hinged cover is closed. It is apparent that for the purpose stated the said box should be made of suitable dimensions to nicely hold the ordinary-sized mounted stereoscopic views, which may be arranged therein either in a single row, with their backs toward the back C of said box when the curve usually given to such views in the process of finishing would fit the curve of the back of said box, or such views may be arranged in two or more rows with their longer edges toward the back of said box, as may prove most convenient for the proper arrangement of such number of views as any particular box may be designed to contain. The said views being arranged in the box as above indicated, they are secured therein by first drawing the flap H closely down over the opening in said box and the extension-piece I down over the exposed side of said box as far as it will go, then closing the cover F firmly down thereon, when the complete album is ready to be stood upright on the ordinary bookcase-shelf.

In connection with my said invention I desire to call attention to the fact that in the present advanced state of the art stereoscopic pictures are being taken in many of the remote portions of the world, as well as on the more familiar lines of travel, and consequently it is possible to supplement many of the books of travel and adventure with a series of such pictures graphically illustrating the descriptions therein, thereby adding largely to their instructive and entertaining qualities.

It is obvious that pictures adapted to use in the stereoscope cannot be permanently attached to and made a part of a printed book. It is therefore extremely desirable to make the package containing such separate pictures of such shape, size, and general appearance as to correspond with that of the bound

volume it is designed to accompany, so that when placed side by side on the library-shelves they will have a uniform appearance and will be of such form and construction as to maintain their shape when filled with mounted pictures and stood upright. This my improved album will do because of its novel construction, as hereinbefore explained.

Having now described my improved stereoscopic-view album and the manner of its use, what I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a stereoscopic-view album, in form simulating a bound book with stiff covers, the edges of which covers project beyond the box or receptacle part of said album to adapt it to stand upright firmly on the bottom edges of such covers, one of said covers forming one side of said box and the other of said covers being hinged to the back of said box, said box being entirely permanently closed except at one of its narrowest and shortest sides, which constitutes the top when the album is stood upright, as aforesaid, and a flap flexibly attached to the body of said box adapted to close said top opening when shut into place, substantially as described.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a stereoscopic-view album, in form simulating a bound volume with stiff covers, comprising a box entirely inclosed by permanent walls and provided with a single entrance-opening, a flap flexibly secured to said box and adapted to close said opening, and a hinged back, forming no part of the wall of said box, and

hinged to said box, which hinged back is formed to simulate one of the covers of said volume, and adapted to carry any desired printed or other information regarding the contents of said album, one of the side walls of the box being formed to simulate the other cover of said volume, substantially as described.

3. As a new article of manufacture, a stereoscopic-view album, in form simulating a bound volume with stiff covers, comprising a box entirely inclosed by permanent walls and provided with a single entrance-opening, a flap flexibly secured to said box and adapted to close said opening, and means for locking said flap in its closed position, comprising a back hinged to said box but forming no part of the walls thereof, adapted when closed to rest upon a portion of said flap, but not covering any part of said opening, said hinged back being formed to simulate one of the covers of said volume, and adapted to carry on its inner face any desired printed or other information regarding the contents of said album, said hinged back when closed concealing one of the walls of said box, and the other walls of the box being formed to simulate the other features of said volume, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two witnesses.

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