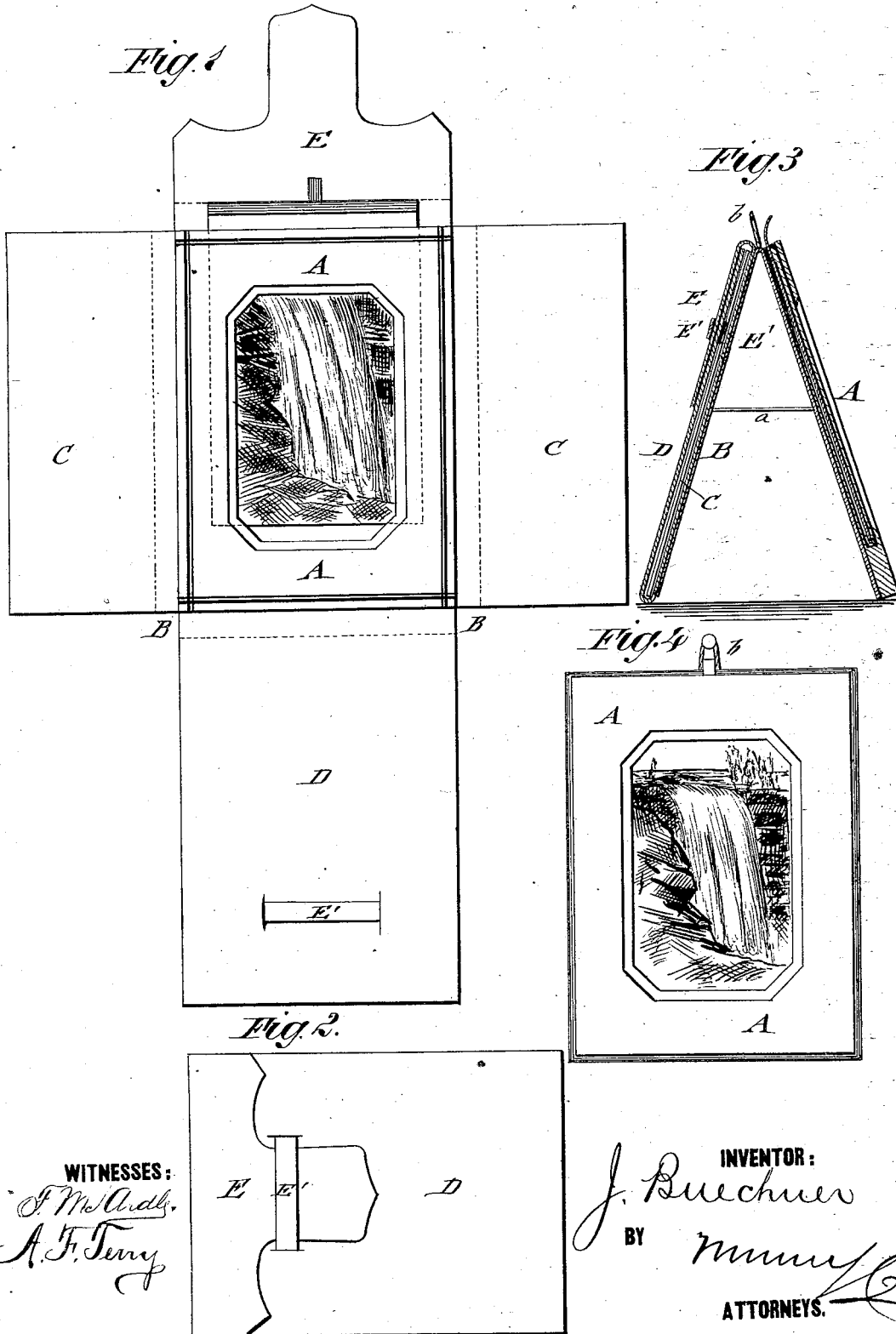


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IMPROVEMENT IN PICTURE-EXHIBITORS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JULIUS BUECHNER, of St. Paul, Ramsey county, Minnesota, have invented a new and Improved Picture-Case, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 represents a front view of my improved picture-case with flaps in open position; Fig. 2, the same closed up; and Figs. 3 and 4, a vertical transverse section and front view, showing the case used, respectively, as a stand or hung to the wall.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

My invention has reference to an improved picture-case, by which photographs, &c., may be readily inclosed in perfectly-protected manner for carrying them along or shipping the same, and the case be used, on opening it, either as a stand or as a regular picture-frame, for hanging the picture on the wall. The invention consists of a picture-case with hinged back, having folding side, top, and bottom flaps, that may be closed at the front or back, for inclosing or exhibiting the picture.

In the drawing, A represents a picture case or frame, of leather, rubber, velvet, or other suitable material, in which the picture and covering-glass may be inserted in the usual manner. The case may be furnished in any suitable size and ornamental manner, and is provided with a back part, B, having side flaps C, a bottom flap, D, of equal size with the case, and a tongue, E, at the top, that slides into straps E' at both sides of the bottom flap D.

By folding the side and bottom straps over the picture, and closing them by sliding the tongue into the outer strap E' of the bottom flap, the picture-case is entirely surrounded

and protected, as shown in Fig. 2, so as to be readily carried in the pocket, or trunk, or otherwise in traveling.

By opening the flaps and folding them onto the rear side of the back part, with the tongue locking into the opposite strap of the bottom flap, the picture-case may be used as a stand by spreading the case and the hinged and folding back part apart till braced by a connecting-band, *a*, for being placed directly in self-supporting manner on a bureau or other piece of furniture, as shown in Fig. 3.

By placing the folded-up back closely on the back of the case, the same may be hung by a ring, *b*, to the wall, as represented in Fig. 4, forming thus a very neat and convenient device for carrying photographs or other pictures in a safe and compact manner, and for exhibiting them at any time by changing the inclosing parts to form a stand or a picture-frame.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a picture-case composed of an ordinary frame with hinged back part, having inclosing flaps and tongue for folding entirely around the same, or separately at the back for incasing and exhibiting pictures, substantially as specified.

2. The folding bottom flap of the back part, provided with tongue locking-straps at both sides, for securing the flaps of the case at front or at the back, substantially as described and shown.

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