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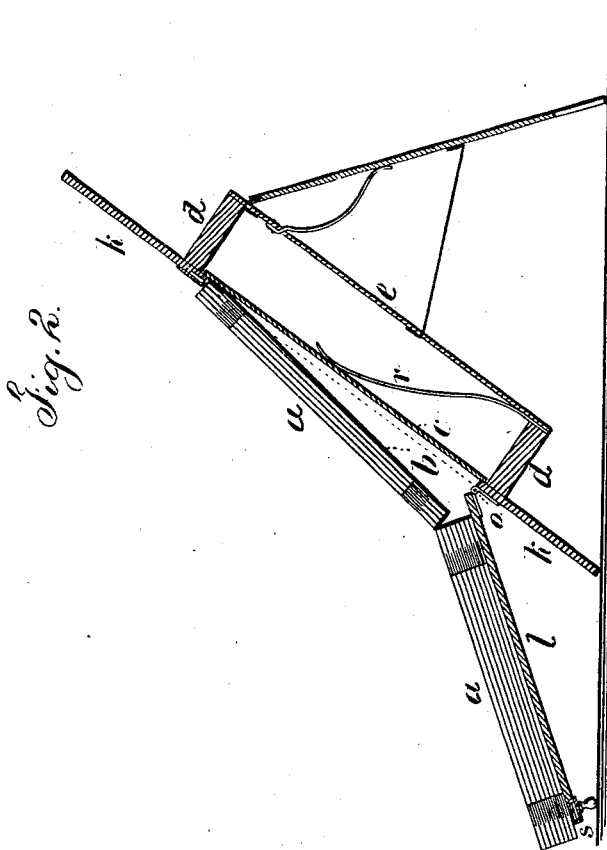


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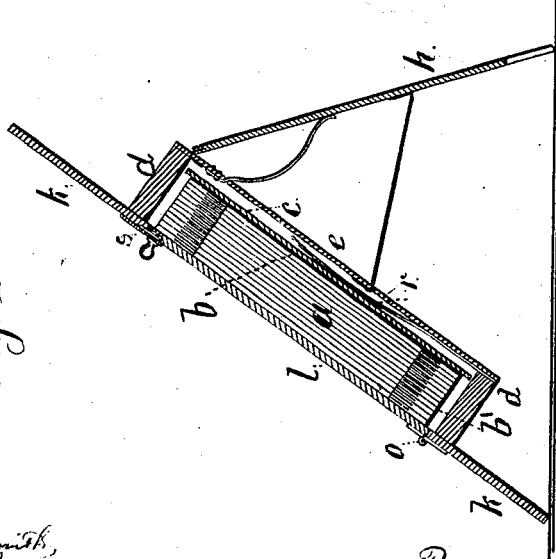


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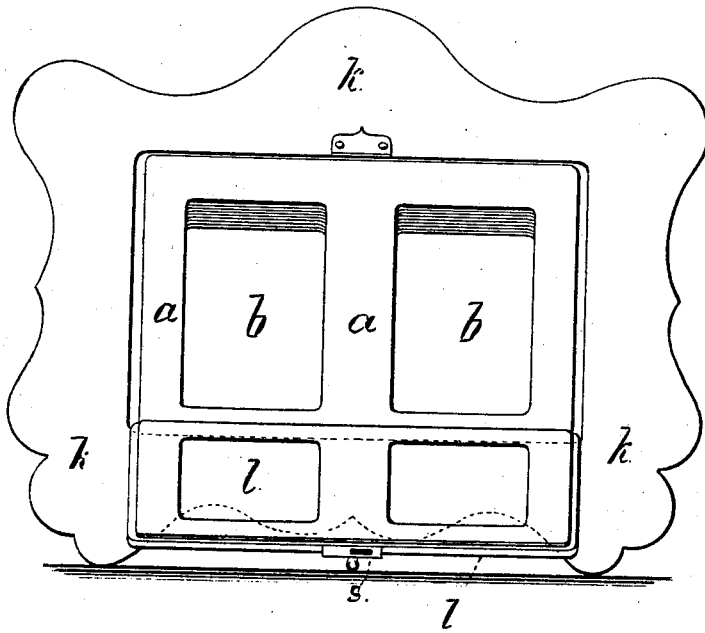
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## IMPROVEMENT IN ALBUMS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **196,776**, dated November 6, 1877; application filed July 9, 1877.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, BERNARD J. BECK, of Brooklyn, in the State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Albums for Photographic and other Pictures, of which the following is a specification:

In this album the sheets that hold the pictures are bound together in the manner usual in making albums; but they are without covers.

A box is provided, that is sustained in an inclined position by a leg, like an easel, and there is an ornamental frame around the swinging box-lid. A spring behind the album or book serves to project it, and a follower to which it is connected, to the front of the box, so that the album can be opened and examined with facility.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a section of the album as closed. Fig. 2 is a similar section as open, and Fig. 3 is an elevation of the frame with the box-cover open.

The album itself is made of sheets *a a*, having the openings for the pictures and the mats to surround the same united together at the backs in the form of a book as now usual.

The cover is dispensed with, and at one side of the album there is a fly-leaf, *b*, extending from the back to the upper part of the follower *c*, which follower is of a size and shape to freely pass into the box *d d e*, and this box is of a depth adapted to receive the album *a* of photographs, and there is a frame or border, *k*, to this box *d e*, of more or less ornamental character, and there is a leg, *h*, by which the box is retained in an inclined position.

The lid *l* is hinged at *o* to the frame *k*, and provided with a lock or catch at *s*, to retain the same when closed.

There is a spring, *r*, behind the follower *c*, by means of which it is pressed forward. The bottom *b'* of the album is also the back, and this part is set inside the edge of the frame *k* when the lid is to be closed up, in order that the upper portions of the album-leaves may be pressed back by the lid *l* as it is closed to its place.

When the lid is swung down in opening the box, the album is thrown forward by the spring, if the top part of the album is pressed in to relieve the lower edge. The entire album will then be held in an inclined position outside of and free from the box, and the leaves can be turned downwardly and the pictures examined.

There may be photograph-picture holders at the back of the lid *l*, and there might also be picture-holders at the front of the lid.

I claim as my invention—

The photograph-album composed of sheets with openings to receive the pictures, and having a fly-leaf connected to the follower *c*, in combination with the receiving-box, spring *r*, lid *l*, and frame *k*, substantially as set forth.

Signed by me this 7th day of July, A. D. 1877.

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