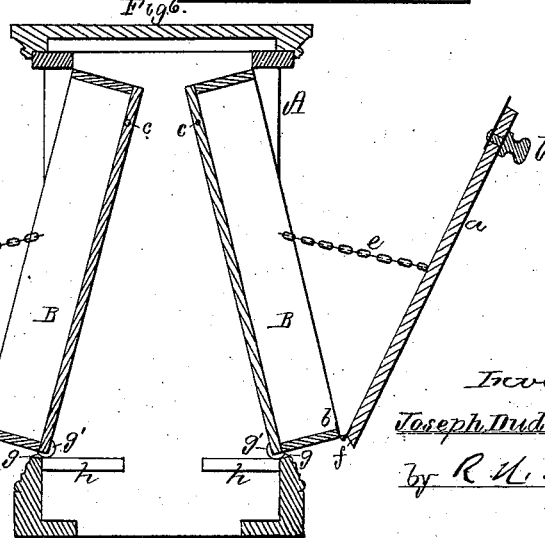
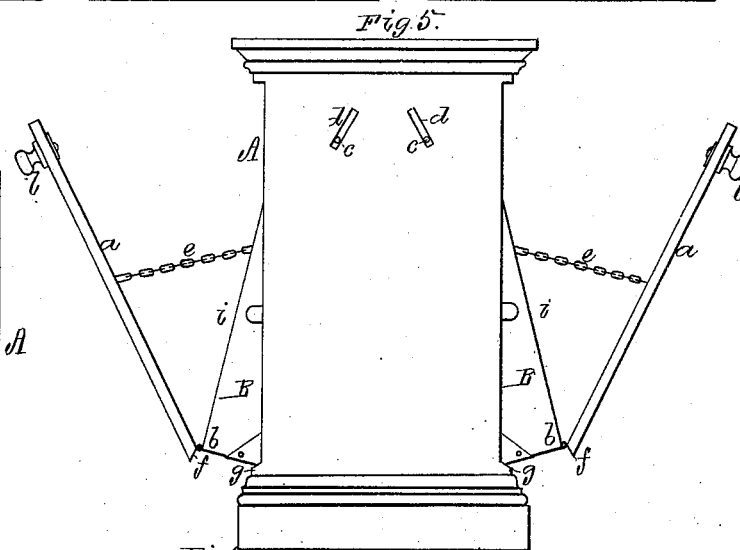
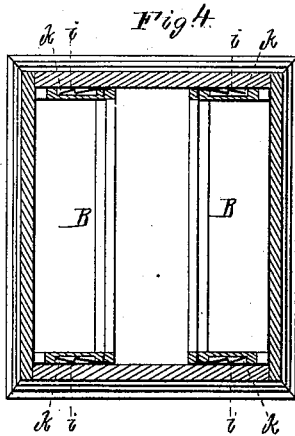
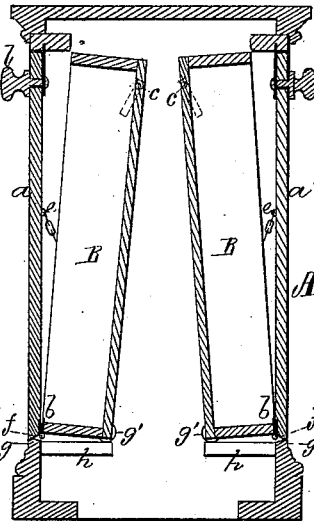
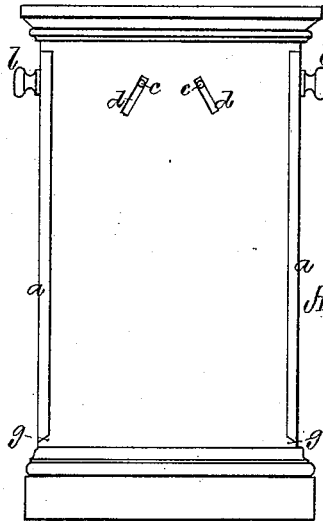
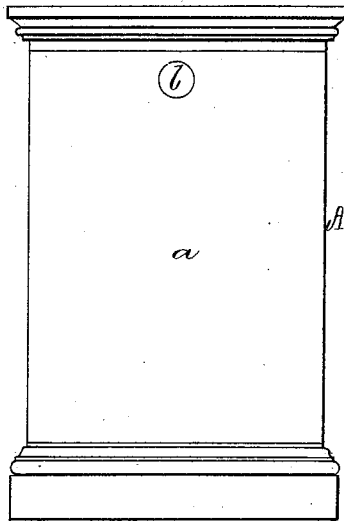


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IMPROVEMENT IN CABINET-PORTFOLIOS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH DUDLEY RICHARDS, of Boston, of the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Cabinet-Portfolio; and do hereby declare the same to be described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a front view, Fig. 2 a side elevation, Fig. 3 a vertical section, and Fig. 4 a horizontal section, of it as closed. Fig. 5 is a side elevation, and Fig. 6 a vertical section, of it as open.

My invention consists in the combination, with a cabinet, of one or more portfolios, pivoted, supported, covered, opened, and closed in the manner hereinafter specifically described.

My invention is to enable engravings, prints, or drawings to be conveniently stored or preserved, and exhibited to view as occasion may require.

Heretofore, in shops for the sale of such matters, it has been customary to have for such purpose a series of shallow closets, and to each a door, hinged thereto at its lower edge, so as to be capable of being moved outward, the closets having inclined backs to support the pack or sheets of engravings from accidentally falling forward.

Another object of my invention is to dispense with such additions to shops or stores, they usually being arranged next one of the walls thereof, and necessarily taking up much room, besides being generally very costly in construction.

In carrying out my invention I make use of a cabinet or frame, A, open at its front, or both in front and rear. Within this cabinet is a single portfolio, B, or a pair of them, as shown at B B, each consisting of a shallow box, having its cover *a* hinged at or near its lower end to the body *b* of such box.

At or near each of its rear upper corners the portfolio or box is pivoted to the cabinet or frame, one of the pivots being shown at *c* as arranged in a short inclined slot, *d*, made in the cabinet. These slots permit the pivots to rise and fall with the portfolio while in movement outwardly or inwardly relatively to the case or cabinet.

Furthermore, there is extended from the cover to the body of the portfolio one or more bands or chains, *e*, to hold the cover in its inclined position, as shown in Figs. 5 and 6.

Each cover has its lower edge beveled, as represented at *f*, and extends down upon an inclined threshold, *g*, formed in the cabinet, as represented. By means of the bevels of the threshold and cover, the latter, while being first opened, is caused to start the portfolio forward a little, to overcome any sticking or adhesion of it to the sides of the case.

The portfolio, at its lower part, is provided at each rear corner with a small wheel, *g'*, to rest and run upon a rail, *h*, fixed to the case; and, furthermore, there are to the portfolio two spring-latches, *i i*, which, formed and arranged as shown, spring laterally when the portfolio is out, as seen in Figs. 4 and 5, and serve to retain it in such position. On pushing them into their recesses *k k*, the portfolio may be forced back within the case.

The cover should have a turn-button, *l*, or a suitable catch, applied to it to hold it closed, as occasion may require. Such cover projects beyond each side of the body, so as to lap and rest on the edges of the sides of the cabinet when the portfolio is in its rearmost position.

From this it will be seen that the cover, when closed, rests vertically against the cabinet, the body of the portfolio being in an inclined position. Were the cover to close directly upon the said body, it would be inclined with it, a position of it which it is desirable to avoid, if possible.

When the portfolio is drawn outward into its foremost position, and is supplied with sheets, prints, or drawings, they will be supported in an inclined position, and so will the cover. Thus the prints or drawings will be held from falling forward, and, as may be desirable, may be successively moved forward so as to be supported directly or indirectly by the cover.

I claim as my invention as follows:

The combination and arrangement, in the manner described, of the cabinet A and portfolios B C, provided with rollers *g'* to run on rails *h*, and pivots *c c* to slide in slots *d d*, and with a cover, *a*, connected to the body by a chain, *e*, all constructed as specified, for the purpose stated.

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