Peep Show PHANTOSCOPE

Ca 1904-1909

Made by

C, Francis Jenkins

In the collection of Soterios Gardiakos

November 24, 2008, May 5, 2010, June 6, 2010, July 1, 2010n November 22,2010



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Phantoscope made by C. Francis Jenkins of Washington DC

This is one of two Jenkins peep show Phantoscope known to me.

New forward June 12, 2008

As I have often said that when one owns a "thing" it is so difficult to be objective when all the facts surrounding it are not there. We think it is more important, older and rarer then it may actually be. And what seems apparent is not necessarily so, the "continuous strip of paper folded" as stated in my June 10, 2008 forward, is not so. Jenkins "pasted" the scenes to be shown perpendicular to a strip of paper with a space between each sheet to accomplish his illusion of motion.

I went back through my archives and there it was a simple paragraph written by C, Francis Jenkins himself in the October 1920 in the Transactions of the SMPE journal:

"My own contribution to this line was a Phantoscope toy (U.S. Patent No. 779,364, 1905) in which a flexible band was employed, the card being attached thereto by their lower ends and having a spaced relation of about five thousands inch. This close spacing of the cards assured a firm adhesion to the band and to each other."

There, we now have a date of 1904 for the patent application and a date of 1905 for the granting of the patent. Mystery solved. A Lippincott's magazine ad of 1909 lists the additional patent number 765,580 filed May 7, 1904 and issued July 19, 1904.

Forward of June 10, 2008

Jenkins Phantoscope apparently used a continuous strip of paper folded, and as the crank was turned it acted as flip cards as in a Mutoscope. Any one having more information and literature such as advertisements or better photos of this Phantoscope please write the author. I believe this Phantoscope to have been made in the mid 1890's.

There are only two references, known to me, on this peep show viewer.

- 1) The Ray Bryan Files, Astoria NY
- 2) Jack E. Geick article in the International Projectionist, January 1955 (left in as a point of reference only, it is obviously incorrect in view of the new findings).

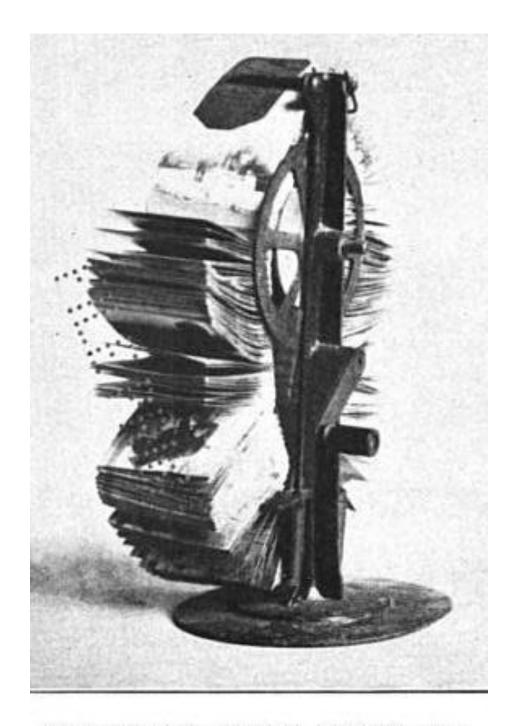
There are two other sources referring to a Phantoscope peep show but I cannot tell what specific apparatus they are referring to, possibly to patent number 536,569, issued on March 26, 1895,

- 3) Internet site http://www.earlycinema.com/atoz/index.html
- 4) Charles Musser The emergence Cinema-the American screen to 1907, page 100

JENKINS TABLE-TOP PHANTOSCOPE



women control more than 51% of the personal **wealth** in the United States, October, 1920, Transactions of the SMPE journal



PHANTOSCOPE MOVING PICTURE MA-CHINE (JENKINS).

Mina Fisher Hammer, History of Kodak and its continuation, New York 1940

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The Magazine of Business, Vol. 14 December 1908



Lippincott's Monthly magazine, Philadelphia, Vol. 84, 1909, p. v

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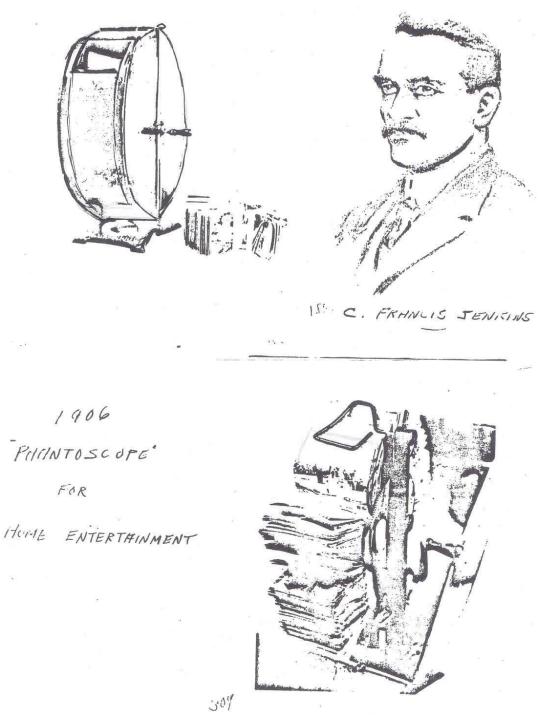
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Phantoscope sheet in the Ray Bryan Files, Astoria NY (Left in as a point of reference only, it's dating is obviously incorrect in view of the new findings)

From Toy to a Great Industry

III. THE LIVING PICTURE. The concluding article of three in which are detailed the development of the motion picture from its Inception down to the present. Originally appearing in "Movie Makers" Magazine, these articles attracted widespread industry interest and acclaim as a vital contribution to the literature.

By Jack E. Geick

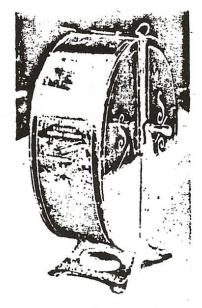


FIG. 12. Jenkins's Phantoscope viewer moved hundreds of small cards as in a flip-book.

Fig. 12 Jenkins's Phantoscope viewer moved Hundreds of small cards as in a flip-book

"A Home viewer marketed by Jenkins between 1894 and 1896 is shown in Fig 12. Also called a Phantoscope, this viewer contained several hundred individual frames printed on small card, which were mechanically flipped when the crank was turned. The sequence in this machine includes a performance by a troupe of circus elephants."

International Projectionist, January 1955.



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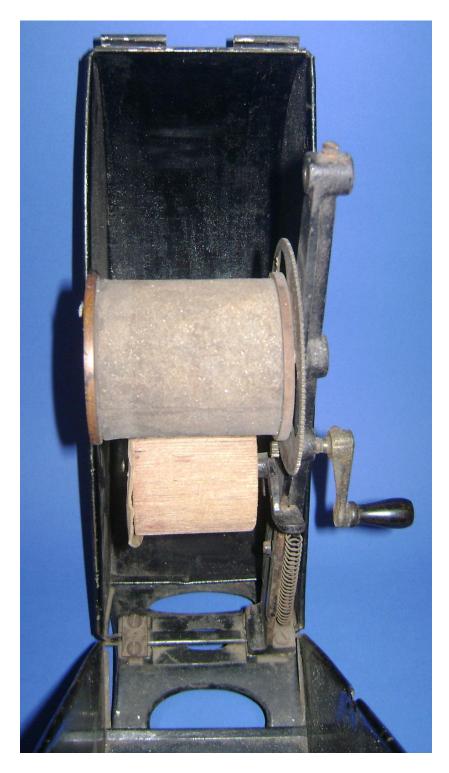




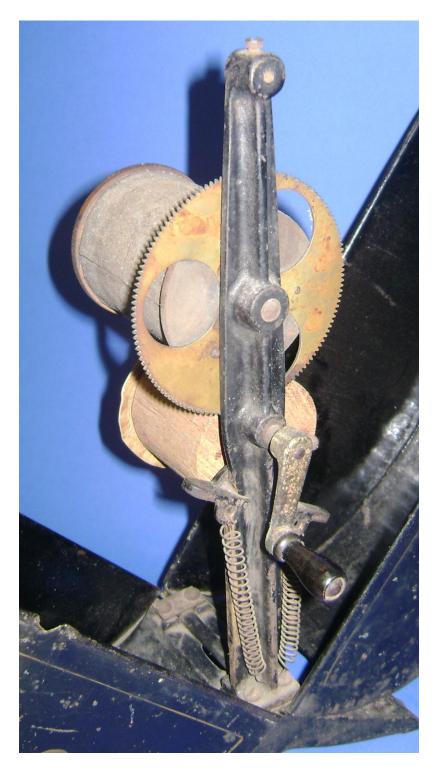
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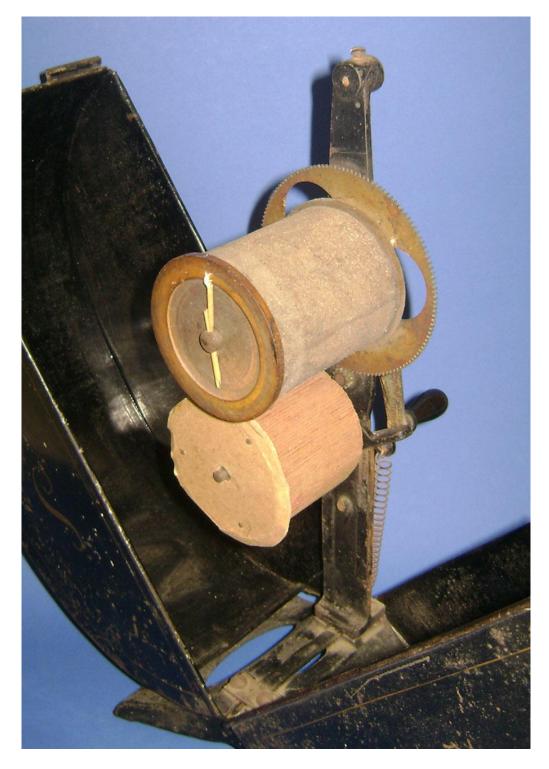
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Illustrating the how the strip of photos was set up to give the illusion of motion.

S. F. Spira and Eaton S. Lothrop, Jr., *THE HISTORY OF PHOTOGRAPHY AS SEEN THROUGH THE SPIRA COLLECTION*, no place or date, page 186. I want to thank Professor Erkki Huhtamo for bringing this to my attention.

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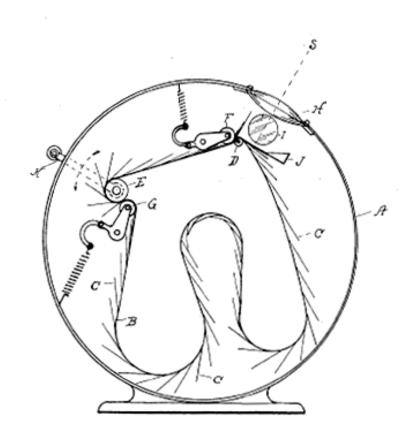
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G. L. JENKINS.

MOVING PICTURE APPARATUS.

APPLICATION FILED MAR. 7, 1904.

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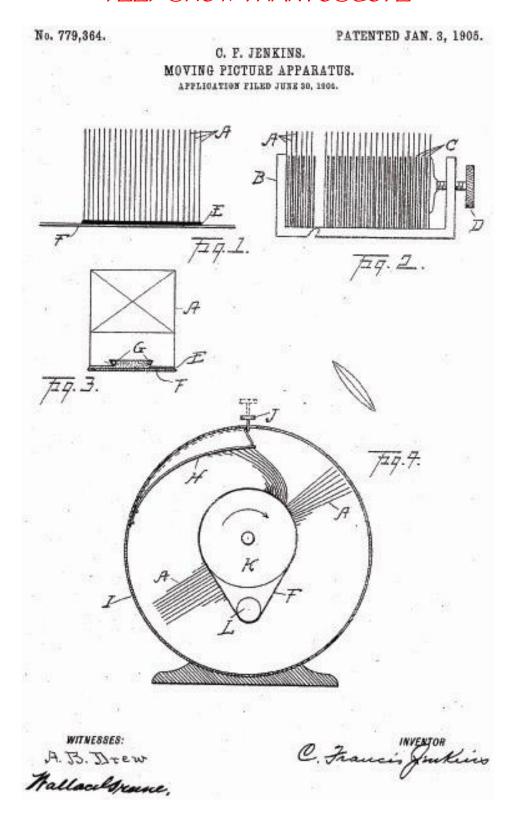


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Jenkins table top peepshow Phantoscope patent 765,580



Jenkins table top peepshow Phantoscope patent 779,364

No. 779,364.

Patented January 3, 1905.

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

CHARLES FRANCIS JENKINS, OF WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, ASSIGNOR TO JENKINS PHANTOSCOPE COMPANY, A CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

MOVING-PICTURE APPARATUS.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 779,364, dated January 3, 1905. Application find June 30, 1904. Serial No. 214,764.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES FRANCIS JEN-KINS, of Washington, District of Columbia, have invented a new and useful Improvement 5 in Moving-Picture Apparatus, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to that general class of apparatus known as "moving-picture" machines and the special class in which the sevso eral pictures of the series are printed on cards attached at one end to a belt or other common carrier.

The principal object of the invention is to provide means whereby the picture-cards may 15 be closely grouped on bands which are readily interchangeable in the exhibiting machine. These features are secured in the manner disclosed in the following specification, and accompanying drawings, in which-

Figure 1 shows the picture-cards mounted on the band or carrier; Fig. 2, the method of grouping the pictures before attaching them to the picture-band; Fig. 3, the picture-cards notched at the bottom, and Fig. 4 the ma-75 chine in which the pictures are exhibited.

In all the views the same letters refer to corresponding parts.

To be so satisfactory as to come into general use, moving-picture apparatus must be 30 compact and inexpensive, the picture series must be readily interchangeable, and the pic-tures must be clear, well illuminated, and steady. These desirable features are secured in the apparatus which forms the subject of 35 this application. Thus by grouping the picture-cards closely many pictures may be arranged in small compass and by attaching them at right angles to the carrier pictures may be printed on both sides of the cards, 40 doubling the number without increasing the space occupied; also, with pictures at right angles to the carrier the pictures slip from under the detent in the exhibiting-machine with the least possible vertical movement, all 45 three extremely desirable ends.

The picture-cards A are arranged in an assembling form B, with the narrower separa-

tors in most cases being little, if any, thicker than the picture-cards. When the full com- 50 plement is thus arranged, the screw Disturned up, clamping the whole firmly. The pack is now inverted, and the free margins of the cards, which project beyond the separators, are disped into a shallow pan containing clas- 55 tic glue or other clastic compound rendered liquid by heat or otherwise. When the glue has risen to a proper height on the picturecards, as shown by the black line E, Fig. 1, by reason of the capillary spaces between the 60 cards, the pack is lifted out and put down on the belt F, of canvas, leather, or other suitable material, and allowed to set, after which the form B and the separators Care removed.

It has been found advantageous to have the 65 cards notched or perforated, as shown in Fig. This gives a larger body of elastic unaterial between the cards and the band. It has also been found that with the proper composition of this binding material no band is re- 70 quired. Especially is this the case when reinforced by the cords G, inserted in the notches, although a belt may be used there-with where desirable. The cords are also found useful in drawing the ends of the pic- 75 ture-band together to make a continuous belt of it, the shape in which it is used in the ex-

hibiting machine shown in Fig. 4.

The operation of the machine itself is so obvious, it is believed, in view of the present 80 state of the art as to need no extended explanation, except possibly the new detent II. Tais dotent of spring-brass, for example, is attached to the case I and held down by the right-angle bend in the stem of the finger- 85 piece J. This position gives the picture-cards the proper bend to display them as they slip from under the detent. Now when a new set of pictures are to be put in the finger-button is pulled forward, releasing the detent, which 90 springs into the position shown by the dotted lines. This allows the picture-band to readily be slipped off and just as readily allows another to be slipped on the drum K. after which the detent is again depressed until it catches. 95 tors C between adjacent cards, the separa- To get the picture-band on with the detent

Jenkins table top peepshow Phantoscope patent 779,364

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down requires that a number of the picturecards shall be bent down to go under the detent, and this is very difficult. Another advantage in the movable detent is that with 5 the detent up it allows the cards to remain standing, so that they do not acquire a "set," losing some of their springiness between exhibitions.

The drum L is simply a rolling weight hung in the loop of the picture-band to aid in holding the band in tractional contact with the drum K.

It should be noted that very great advantage accrues from the use of an elastic mesolum for holding the cards together, not the least of which is the possibility of using stiff cards or glass or metal should occasion require, the required elasticity being stored in the material attaching the picture to the belt.

I claim -

In moving-picture apparatus, the combination with a set of series picture-cards normally parallel and in registry, of elastic material connecting the marginal portion of one lateral face of each card to the corresponding portion of the next card and holding all the cards out of contact with each other.

2. In moving-picture apparatus, the combination with a set of normally parallel, selightly-separated series picture-cards bearing registering series pictures, of clastic material interposed between the successive cardsalong one side of the same and holding them out of contact with each other while uniting them, 35 by adhesion to each.

In moving-picture apparatus, the combination with a set of normally parallel, slightly-separated series picture-cards, of a suitable carrier, clastic material covering one 40 face of the carrier and engaging one coge face.

of each card of the set and also extending to a material distance from the carrier, between the cards, and by adhesion connecting the lateral faces of the adjacent cards.

4. In moving-picture apparatus, the combination with a flexible band or carrier, of elastic material borne by one face of the band, and a set of series picture-cards having corresponding margins embedded in said material at some distance from each other, whereby the material between the eards keeps them out of contact while uniting their opposing faces along the embedded margins.

5. In moving-picture apparatus, the combination with a set of series picture-cards each 55 having one margin notebed, of elastic material covering the notebed margins and by adhesion uniting adjacent lateral faces while holding the successive cards out of contact with each other.

6. In moving-picture apparatus, the combination with a set of cards bearing registering series pictures, of cords extending along the whole set near one side of the cards, and elastic material between all adjacent cards at 65 said side and by adhesion uniting the lateral faces of the cards and holding the cords in position.

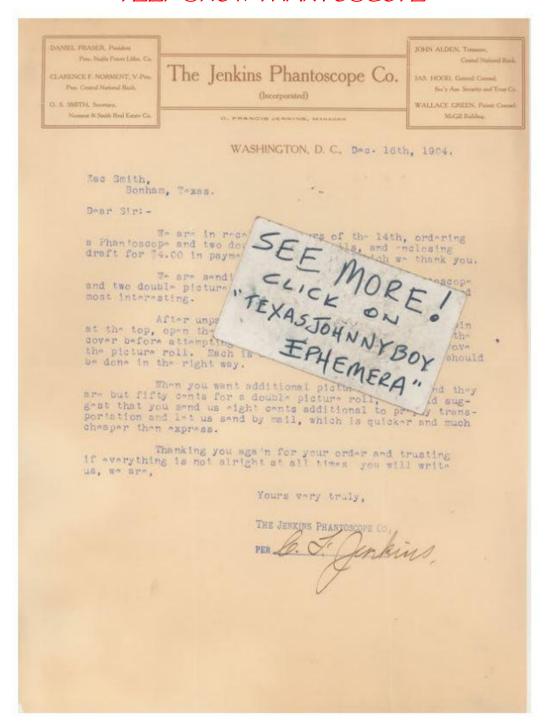
7. In moving-picture apparatus, the combination with a flexible band, of clastic material adherent to one face of said band, and a set of series picture-cards approximately perpendicular to the band and all having their corresponding margins embedded in said material at some distance from each other.

C. FRANCIS JENKINS.

Witnesses:

A. B. Dagw.

W. CLARENCE DUVALL



An order for a Phantoscope with a \$4.00 draft dated Dec. 16, 1904 Source: ebay item 360277571830 July 1, 2010

OTHER MACHINES

LUBINS HOME CINEOGRAPH



Lubin's Home Cineograph

Note the similarity between Lubin's Home Cineograph and Jenkins Peep Show Phantoscope, only the base appears to be different different. Jenkins and Lubin had a long relationship of working together since 1896. This appeared in the Dramatic Mirror in the spring of 1909. Eckhardt, *the king of the Movies*, page 77.

CABINET PHANTOSCOPE

Jenkins had made an earlier peepshow viewer called a "Cabinet Phantoscope" which was exhibited as stated below:

"Jenkins then turned to devising a peephole machine similar to the Kinetoscope but operating on sufficiently different principles to avoid Edison's patents. This "cabinet Phantoscope" premiered at the Pure Food Exposition in Washington, D.C., in mid November 1894. Whether or not the machine was actually operational is unknown, but it enjoyed little subsequent commercial success"

Charles Musser, *The emergence Cinema-the American screen to 1907*, page 100

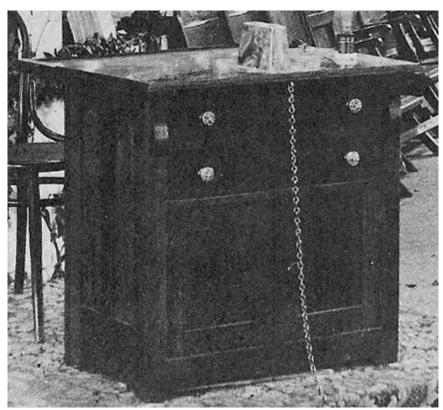
It would seem that this machine was actually made and functioned according to an article written by Thomas Armat, *My Part in the Development of the Motion Picture Projector*, appearing in the March 1935 Journal of the SMPE Volume 24.

"It developed that Jenkins, with the cooperation and assistance of Professor Bliss and E. F. Murphy, the later having charge of the Edison Kinetoscope in the Columbia Phonograph parlors in Washington, had assembled a modification of the Edison Kinetoscope, in which all Edison parts, films, sprockets, etc., were used. Jenkins called this peep-hole machine a "Phantoscope" and applied for a patent on it November 24, 1894. The patent was issued as No. 536,539 (actually 536,569) on March 26, 1895. As the patent shows, the Jenkins modification differed from the Kinetoscope only in respect to the shutter. Instead of using a rotating shutter with a slit in it for exposing the continuously running film over a stationary electric light bulb, Jenkins rotated the bulb itself."

CABINET PHANTOSCOPE

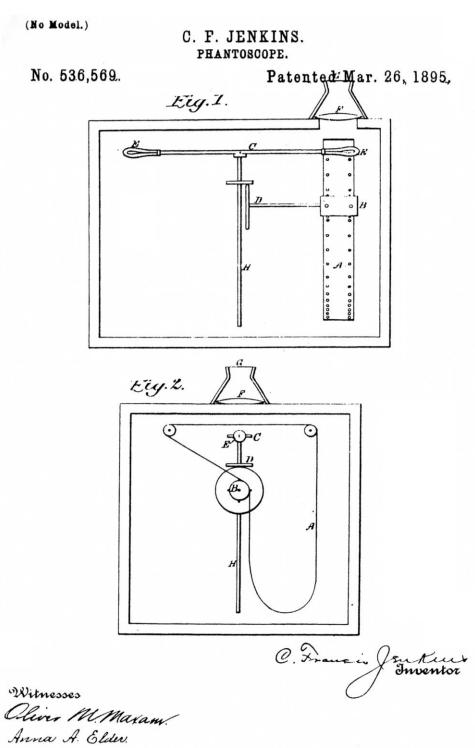


Jenkins' phantoscope on display at the Pure Food Exposition.



Charles Musser, The emergence Cinema-the American screen to 1907, page 100

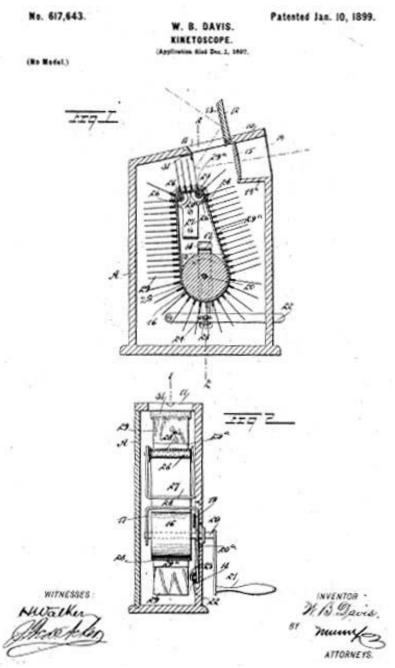
CABINET PHANTOSCOPE



Ray Bryan Files

Jenkins Cabinet Phantoscope Patent 536,569

DAVIS KINETOSCOPE PATENT



Walter B. Davis patent 617,643 applied December 1, 1897, granted Jan 10, 1899 Was this the patent used to make the Jenkins Phantoscope?

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