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## **DJORDJE STANOJEVIĆ'S PATENTS FOR THE STORAGE AND SORTING OF PHOTOGRAPHIC PLATES**

Versatile physics professor and rector Djordje Stanojević was significantly dedicated to photography. In 1913, he applied for a patent for a device for storing and sorting photographic glass plate negatives in both the British and French patent offices, where the patents were registered, as well. The invention consists of a book-shaped box with grooves designed to hold 35 negatives. The grooves are numbered, and there is also a designated space for notes, which is likewise numbered, as well as an area for marking the belonging inside collection. This storage method allows the protection and organization of the plates. The design of the invention suggests the professor's "bibliophilic" approach to problem-solving. Today, these patents can be accessed via the European Patent Office under the designations GB191313077A and FR459097A. This practical solution could have contributed to the archiving and systematization of photographic material. However, its potential remained largely underutilized.

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