INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE of the
Sinclair Frame Finder and View Meter

As a View Finder. Each instrument is supplied with a fitting which may be screwed in a convenient position on either the top or side of the camera. With most film cameras it will naturally be attached to the side; and the Finder can then, if desired, be left in position ready for use. After fixing the Finder, it should be adjusted to agree with the lens. To do this, focus the lens on a distant object, then open the Finder, and looking through the eyepiece, draw the “frame” to or fro until the view seen in the “frame” is identical with that on the focussing screen. When such is the case a scratch or mark is made with the sharp end of a penknife in line with the pin which moves forward or backward on the central slotted plate.

In the case of a Kodak it will be necessary to remove the back of the camera and press a piece of ground glass against the aperture, in order to observe the view given by the lens when set at “Infinity”). For actual use in the field, the Finder being once marked, all that is necessary is to draw out the frame of the Finder until the pin in the slotted plate comes against the engraved mark, and the view then seen through the eyepiece will correspond with that given on the plate or film. Where several lenses are used on the same camera, it is a simple matter to make various marks on the slotted plate, so that the views shown in the frame coincide with those given by the lenses.

As a View Meter. The Finder being marked as suggested above, it can be readily detached from the camera and kept in the observer’s pocket. When on the look out for suitable pictures it is a simple matter to extend the lazy-tongs to the desired position, and by holding it to the eye the possibilities of any view with any lens will be quickly recognised. It will at once show whether a shorter or longer focus lens is necessary to get the view from any particular point, or whether the observer must approach or recede from the object in order to obtain his picture with the lens that may be fitted to his camera.

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