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Fig. 1.

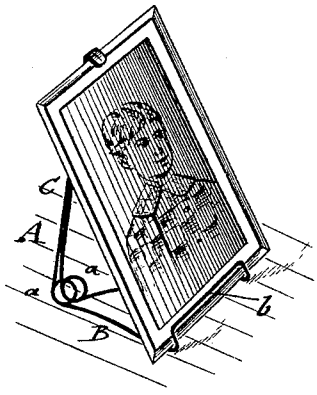


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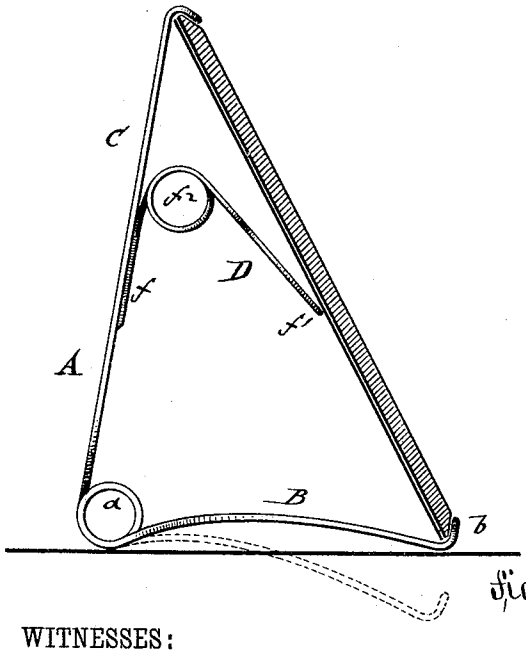


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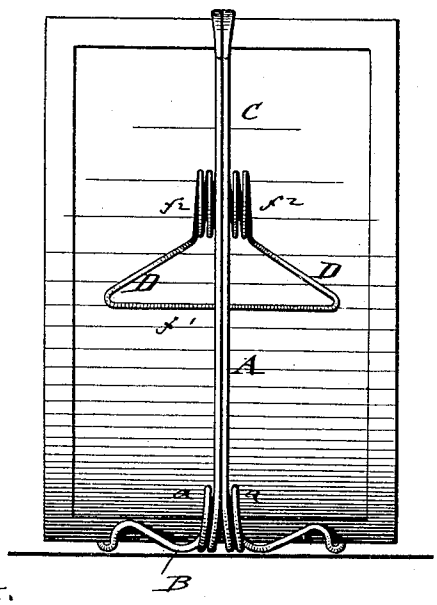
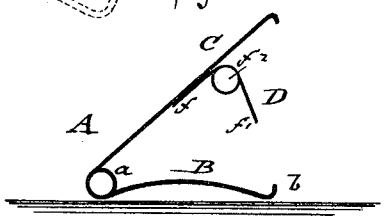


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PETER WIEDERER, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Picture-Stands, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved picture-stand of that class which support a picture-card and a covering-glass plate; and the invention consists of a picture-stand bent of wire into angular shape with spiral springs at the apex of the angle, a base with diverging sides and a bent-up hook at the front end of the base, and an upwardly-extending stay having a bent portion or hook at the upper end. To the middle part of the stand is applied the stay of a spring-actuated presser-piece that keeps the card flat to the back of the glass.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved picture-stand, shown as attached to a picture-card and its covering-glass plate. Figs. 2 and 3 are respectively a side and an end elevation of the same; and Fig. 4 is a side view of the stand as detached from the glass and card.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

Referring to the drawings, A represents a supporting-stand for pictures, mirrors, and the like, which stand is bent of wire of suitable thickness and made of angular shape. At the apex of the angular stand A the wire is bent into spiral springs *a a*, by which the required tension is imparted to the base B and stay C of the same. The base B of the stand is made with diverging sides and a bent-up front part, *b*, which latter forms a hook that is applied to the lower part of the plain or beveled glass plate that covers the picture. The upper end of the stay C of the stand A is also bent in the shape of a hook, *d*, so as to be attached to the upper edge of the glass plate. By releasing the lower hook, *b*, or the upper hook, *d*, from the glass plate the stand may be removed from the same. When the hooks *b* and *d* are applied to the glass plate, the tension of the spiral springs retains the stand firmly on the glass plate, while the diverging sides of the base B form a reliable support for the picture and glass plate.

To the middle part of the upwardly-extending stay C of the stand is soldered or otherwise applied the shank *f* of an angular and spring-actuated presser-piece, D, which is also bent of wire somewhat thinner than the stand A. The presser-piece D is provided with a wider front part, *f'*, and with spiral springs f^2 at its apex. The presser-piece D serves to keep the card in contact with the beveled glass, so as to prevent the bending or puckering of the same.

For shipping the stand, it is detached from the glass plate and folded together by pressing the base B of the stand A and the presser-piece D one over the other, and retaining both on the stay C by a wire clasp or other device, whereby the stand takes up but a small space.

For attaching the stand to the glass plate and picture, the upper or lower hook is first placed in position on the edge of the glass and then the second hook placed in position at the opposite edge of the glass, in which position the presser-piece presses against the back of the card and holds it tightly in position on the beveled glass, as shown in Fig. 2. A picture-stand thus bent of wire furnishes a cheap, neat, and reliable support for glass-covered pictures, mirrors, and other articles.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. The combination, with a glass plate, of a supporting wire stand made of angular shape with springs at the apex of the stand, a base having diverging sides with an upwardly-bent and transversely-connected front portion applied to the lower edge of the glass, and an upwardly-extending stay having a hook at the upper edge, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination of a glass plate, a supporting wire stand made of angular shape and having a widening base having a hook at the front end of the same, springs at the apex of the stand, an upwardly-extending stay having a hook at the upper end, and a spring-actuated presser-piece having a shank applied to the stay of the stand, substantially as set forth.

3. A picture-stand bent of wire into angular shape with a base having diverging sides and an upwardly-bent and transversely-connected front portion, spiral springs at the apex of the

stand, and an upwardly-extending stay having a hook at the upper end, substantially as set forth.

4. A picture-stand bent of wire into angular shape with a widening base having an upwardly-bent front hook, springs at the apex of the stand, an upwardly-extending stay having a hook at the upper end, and a spring-actuated presser-piece attached to the said stay, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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