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PICTURE FRAME

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Fig. 1.

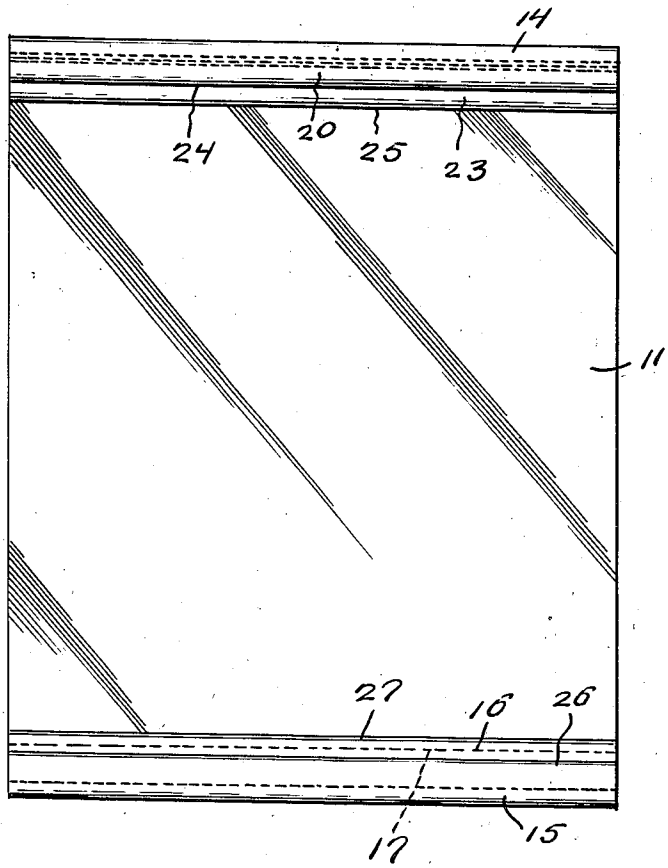


Fig. 2.

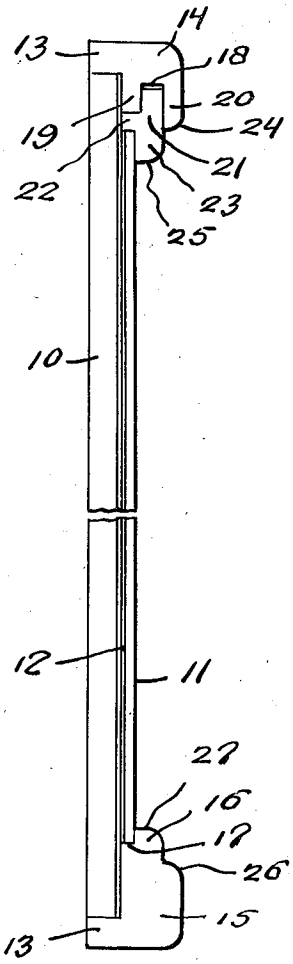
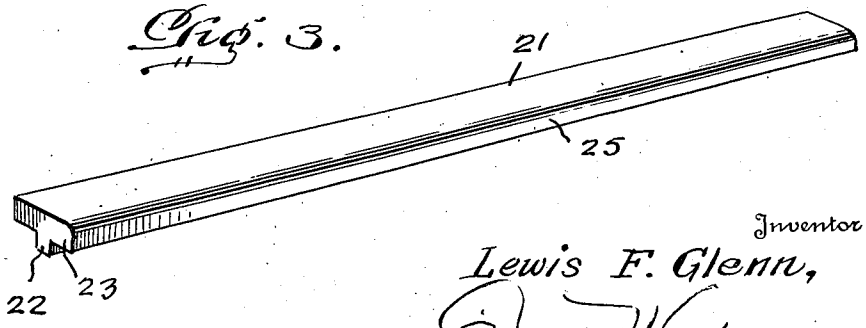


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to picture frames, and comprehends a construction which permits of the changing of a picture therein with both a minimum of time and effort.

One of the chief characteristics of the present invention resides in providing the frame with a removable slide utilized to hold the picture in the frame and capable of being quickly and easily associated with, or removed from the frame as the occasion might require.

In carrying out my invention, I employ a slide for the above mentioned purpose, which forms part of one of the mouldings of the frame, and of cross sectional contour to afford said moulding the same artistic design as that of the remaining moulding.

The invention further aims to provide a picture frame of pleasing appearance, in addition to one possessing simplicity in construction and designed to permit a picture to be quickly changed in the frame when desired.

The nature and advantages of the invention will be better understood when the following detail description is read in connection with the accompanying drawing, the invention residing in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts as claimed.

In the drawing forming part of this application, like numerals of reference indicate similar parts in the several views, and wherein:

Figure 1 is a view in elevation of the invention.

Figure 2 is a side elevation thereof.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the removable slide.

The picture frame constituting the subject matter of the present invention may of course be constructed from any suitable material and may also vary in size and design without departing from the spirit of the invention.

As herein illustrated the frame embodies a base 10 upon which is arranged the usual glass panel 11 to protect the picture 12. The frame includes upper and lower mouldings 14 and 15 respectively, each embodying a flange 13 of a width equal to the combined thicknesses of the base 10 and picture 12. These flanges 13 are secured in any suitable manner to the upper and lower ends of the base 10 as shown. The lower moulding 15 is provided with a longitudinally disposed reduced portion 16 at one side of which is located a longitudinal shoulder 17. As shown, the lower edge of the glass panel 11 reposes upon the shoulder and is clamped or held in place against the base by the reduced portion 16. While the upper moulding is of special construction to be presently described, it will be noted that both mouldings are of substantially the same artistic design and size.

The upper moulding 14 is provided with a longitudinal slot or groove 18 defining the relatively short and long parallel flanges 19 and 20 respectively. These flanges extend throughout the entire length of the moulding and receive therebetween the removable slide 21 of the character clearly illustrated in Figure 3. This slide is substantially T-shape in cross section and when in position for use has its stem 22 located between the short flange 19 and the upper edges of the glass panel and picture as illustrated in Figure 2. Manifestly, this slide holds the glass panel 11 and the picture 12 seated on the shoulder 17 above referred to. Obviously, that portion of the slide extending above the stem 22 is received by the slot 18, while the remaining portion of the slide extending below the stem 22 bears against the glass panel 11 to hold the latter and picture in the frame. However, by virtue of this construction the picture can be very easily and quickly removed from the frame and replaced by another. In other words, the slide is not held in place by any fastening elements of any kind whatever, but on the contrary is free to be readily associated with, or removed from the frame as the occasion might require, with both a minimum of time and effort.

As herein above stated the upper and lower mouldings are of substantially the same design, for which purpose the slide is constructed as shown. By way of comparison it will be noted that the reduced portion 16 of the lower moulding is equivalent to the portion 23 of the slide, the curvature 25 of the latter being the same as the curvature 27 of the moulding 15. The respective mouldings are of the same dimensions, while the curved portion 24 of the flange 20 of the upper moulding is equivalent to the curvature 26 of the lower moulding 15. Consequently, the slide 21 not only permits a picture to be quickly and conveniently changed in the frame, but forms part of the upper moulding, and is of such cross sectional contour that it completes the design of the latter when in position for use.

Manifestly, I have provided a picture frame which not only permits a picture to be changed therein with a minimum of effort, but one which is very simple in construction and which can be both manufactured and sold at a nominal cost.

While it is believed that from the foregoing the nature and advantages of the invention will

be readily understood, I desire to have it known that I do not limit myself to what is herein illustrated or described, and that such changes in construction may be resorted to when desired as fall within the scope of what is claimed.

What is claimed is:

1. A picture frame including a base, upper and lower mouldings, said lower moulding having a longitudinal shoulder upon which the picture glass is adapted to repose, said upper moulding having a longitudinal groove, and a slide removably positioned therein and extending therefrom to hold the picture against said base, said slide being substantially T-shape in cross section and having its stem engaging the upper edge of the picture to hold the latter against said shoulder.

2. In a picture frame, a base, upper and lower mouldings of substantially the same cross sectional contour secured to the adjacent edges of the base, each moulding including a portion projecting in advance of the base and in spaced confronting relation thereto to receive the adjacent ends of the picture therebetween, a longitudinal shoulder on the lower moulding upon which the picture glass is adapted to repose, and removable means carried by the upper moulding for engaging the adjacent edge of the picture glass to hold the latter against said shoulder.

3. In a picture frame, a base, upper and lower mouldings secured to the adjacent edges of the base, each including a portion projecting in advance of the latter and in spaced confronting relation thereto to receive the adjacent edges of the picture therebetween, said mouldings being of substantially the same cross sectional contour, a longitudinal shoulder on the lower moulding and upon which the picture glass reposes, and a removable slide associated with the upper moulding and of cross sectional contour to complete the design thereof, said slide including a portion engaging the upper edge of the picture glass to hold the latter against the shoulder.

4. In a picture frame, a base, upper and lower mouldings secured to the adjacent edges of the base, each including a portion projecting in advance of the base and in spaced confronting relation thereto, whereby the picture and glass therefor are clamped between the base and the projecting portion of the lower moulding, a longitudinal shoulder on the lower moulding and upon which the picture glass reposes, and a removable slide associated with the upper moulding and including a portion for engagement with the adjacent edge of the picture glass to hold the latter against said shoulder, said slide being of cross sectional contour to complete the design of said moulding, and including a portion engaging the face of the picture glass adjacent its upper edge.

5. In a picture frame, a base, upper and lower mouldings of substantially the same cross sectional contour secured to the adjacent edges of the base, each moulding including a portion projecting in advance of the base and in spaced confronting relation thereto to receive the adjacent ends of the picture therebetween, a longitudinal shoulder on the lower moulding upon which the picture glass is adapted to repose, and a slide removably associated with the upper moulding and of cross sectional contour to complete the design of the latter, said slide being substantially T-shaped in cross section, and having its stem engaging the adjacent edge of the picture glass to hold the latter against said shoulder, and including a portion engaging the face of the glass.

6. In a picture frame, a base, upper and lower mouldings of substantially the same cross sectional contour secured to the adjacent edges of the base, each moulding including a portion projecting in advance of the base and in spaced confronting relation thereto to receive the adjacent ends of the picture therebetween, a longitudinal shoulder on the lower moulding upon which the picture glass is adapted to repose, spaced parallel flanges carried by the upper moulding, and a slide of substantially T-shaped formation in cross section having a portion received between said flanges, and a portion engaging the face of the picture glass, the stem portion of the slide engaging the adjacent edge of the picture glass to hold the latter against said shoulder.

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