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Fig. 1.

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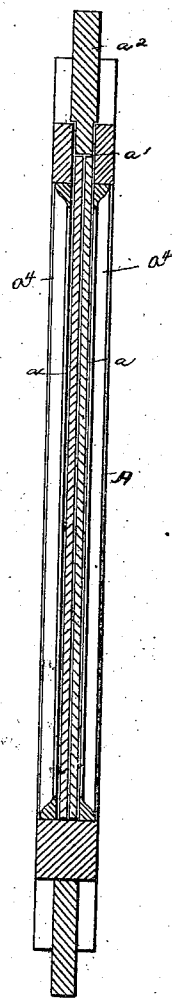
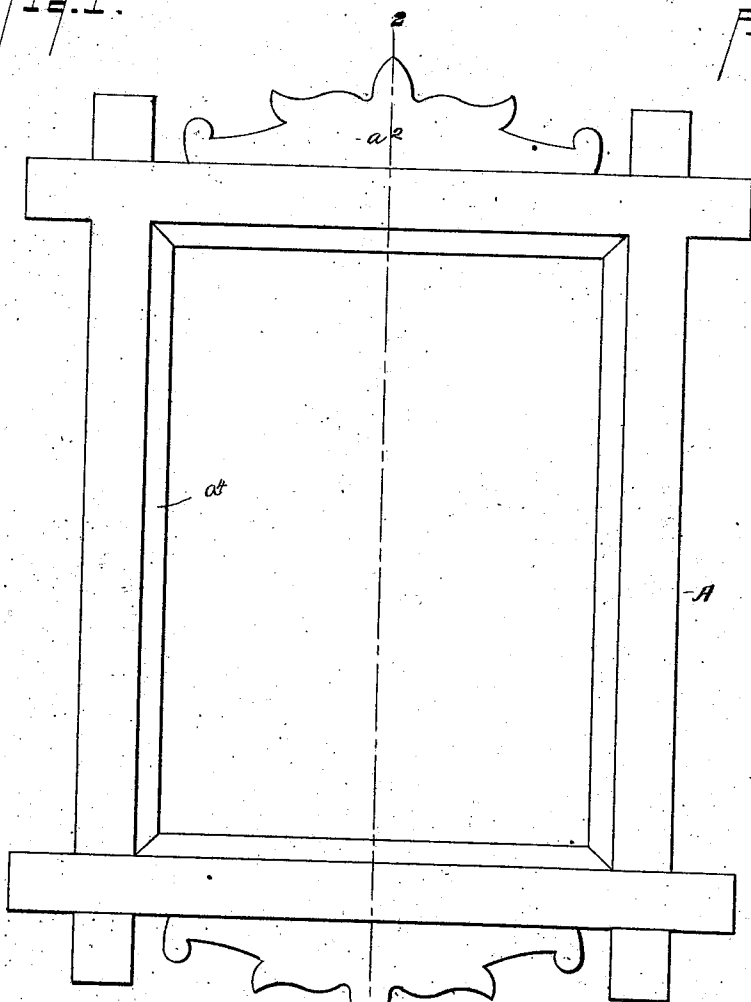
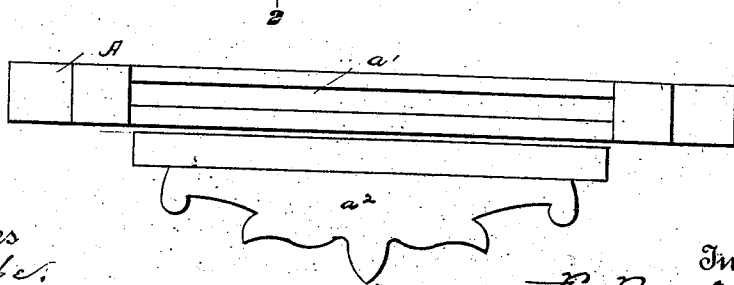


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FERDINAND DAMLOS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Sandusky, in the county of Erie and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Frames for Pictures, Mirrors, &c., of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates particularly to frames for pictures; but it is also applicable to frames for mirrors and other similar objects.

The object of my invention is to produce a frame which will permit the ready insertion and removal of one or more pictures or other objects, and which will dispense with the use of backing-pieces as heretofore required.

To the above purposes my invention consists in certain peculiar and novel features of construction and arrangement, as hereinafter described and claimed.

In order that my invention may be fully understood, I will proceed to describe it with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved frame. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the same on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is an end view of the frame.

In the said drawings, A designates the frame of the picture, which may be either rectangular, as shown, or round, oval, angular, or of any other suitable or preferred form, said frame being open at both sides, no backing-piece being employed. The inner sides of the frame are provided with moldings a' , secured to the said sides at a distance apart to form a channel or groove, a , to receive the edges of two pictures set back to back, or of a single card or base having a picture on each side, or a mirror or other object. A slot, a' , is formed either in the top of the frame, as shown, or in its bottom or side, said slot being of sufficient length and width to properly receive the picture or other object which it is desired to expose in the frame. As shown in the drawings, the slot a' is preferably covered by a removable piece, a^2 , which fits snugly into said slot.

The frame may be made of wood, paper, metal, or any other suitable material, and is to be either plain or ornamented in any desired style.

I am aware that it is not broadly new to provide a picture-frame with a rectangular narrow case having its sides provided with openings, so that cards inserted therein can

be seen through the openings in both sides thereof, the upper end of the case being open and closed by a cap detachably fitted thereon.

I am further aware that it is not new to make a picture-frame having its corners hinged together and each side thereof formed by two parallel pieces of uniform width, an intermediate piece of less width interposed between the side piece and forming a groove or channel between the opposing faces of the side pieces, and an angle-plate fitting over the outer edges of the side and intermediate pieces to protect the edges and bind them together.

My invention differs from these devices, in that I employ a complete open frame, to the inner faces, on the several sides, of which are affixed a pair of parallel moldings, a' , which face outwardly to present their finished face to view, and are arranged a short distance apart to provide an intermediate channel or groove, into which one or more pictures can be fitted and held. By thus arranging the moldings they serve to hold the pictures in place in the frame without requiring a backing, and also to impart a neat and attractive finish to both sides of the frame, the device being exceedingly cheap and inexpensive to manufacture.

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

1. As a new article of manufacture, a picture-frame, A, having a pair of moldings rigidly affixed to the inner face of each side thereof, each pair of moldings being arranged out of contact with each other to provide a channel, which communicates with the channels formed by the adjoining moldings, as and for the purpose set forth.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a picture-frame having the slot in its upper side, a pair of moldings permanently affixed to each side of the frame and facing outwardly to present their finished sides to view, said moldings being arranged out of contact with each other to form an intermediate continuous channel, which communicates with the slot in the frame, and a cap for closing the slot in the frame, as and for the purpose described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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