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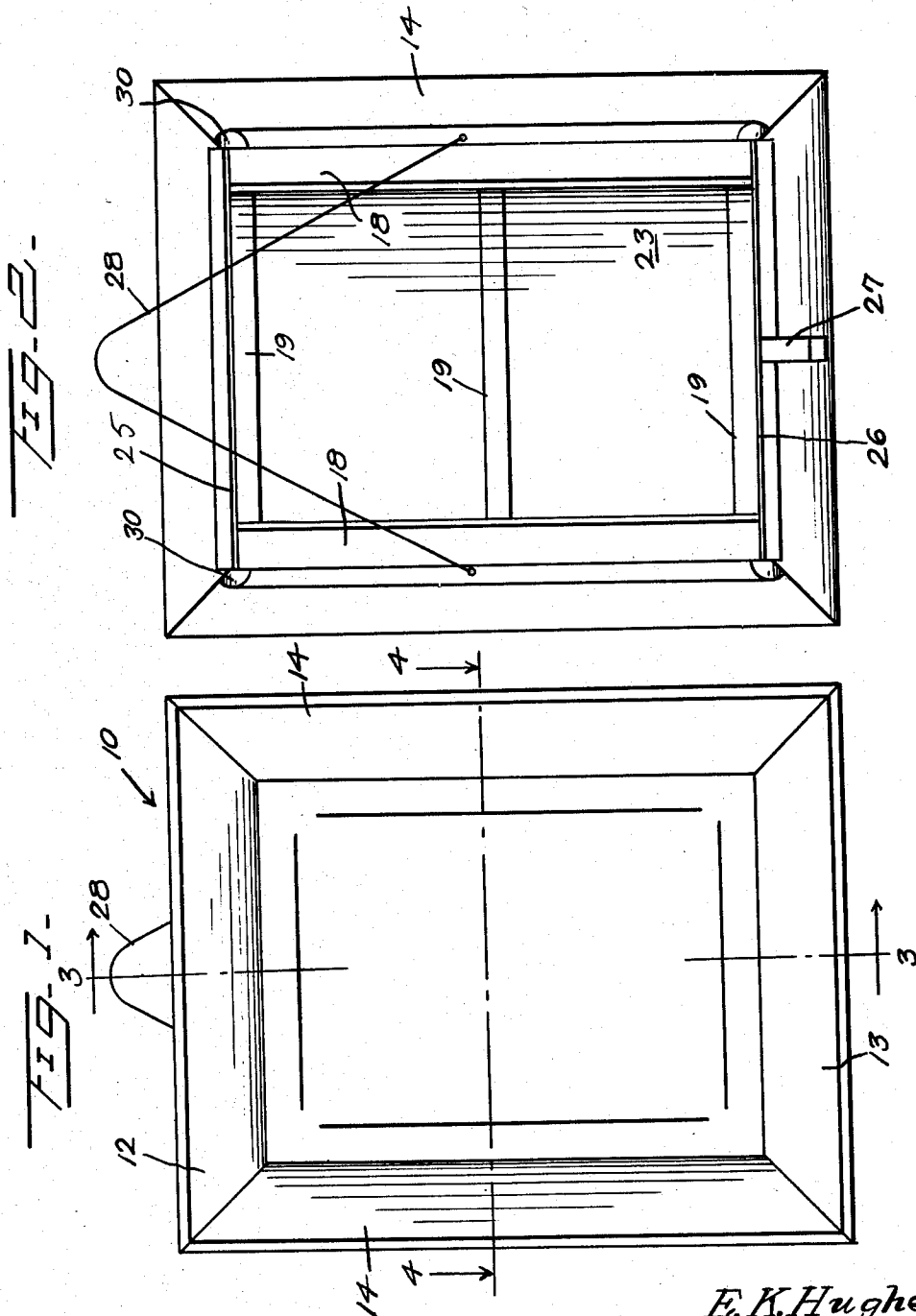
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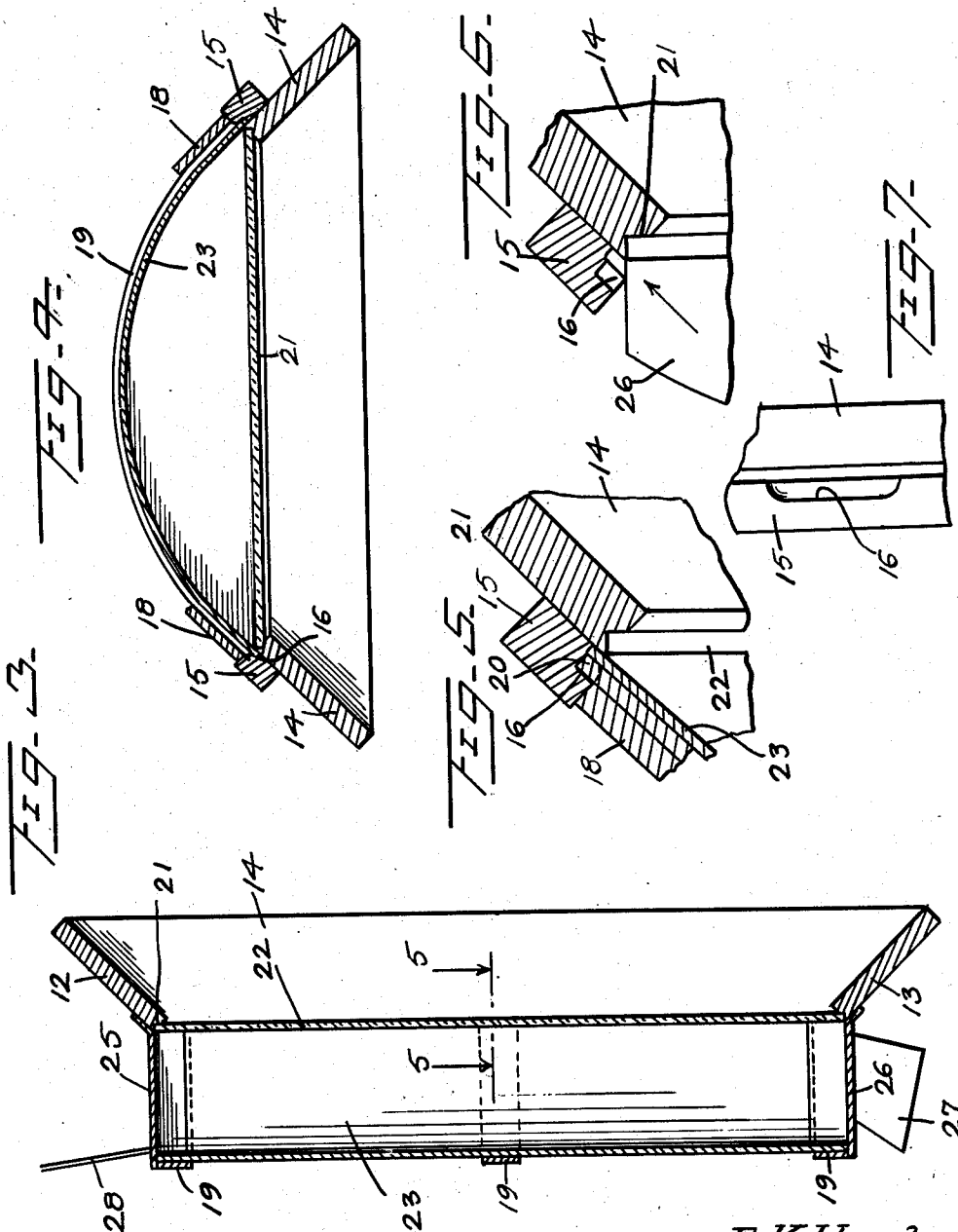
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1 Claim. (Cl. 40—152)

This invention relates to a curved picture frame, and has for its primary object the provision of such a frame including a radius back, for the purpose of giving the picture a three dimensional effect.

An additional object of the invention is the provision of a device so arranged that the pictures in the frame may be readily interchanged as desired with a minimum of effort and difficulty.

Still another object of the invention is the provision of a frame of this character which may be readily mounted on a flat surface, or suspended, or alternatively positioned in a corner, the conformation of the figure readily lending itself to such positioning.

Still other objects reside in the combinations of elements, arrangements of parts, and features of construction, all as will be more fully pointed out hereinafter, and disclosed in the accompanying drawings wherein there is shown a preferred embodiment of this inventive concept.

Having reference now to the drawings in detail:

Figure 1 is a front elevational view of one form of frame embodying features of the instant invention.

Figure 2 is a rear elevational view of the construction of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken substantially along the line 3—3 of Figure 1 as viewed in the direction indicated by the arrows.

Figure 4 is a sectional view taken substantially along the line 4—4 of Figure 1 as viewed in the direction indicated by the arrows.

Figure 5 is an enlarged sectional view taken substantially along the line 55 of Figure 3 as viewed in the direction indicated by the arrows.

Figure 6 is a fragmentary sectional view taken substantially along the line 6—6 of Figure 3 as viewed in the direction indicated by the arrows.

Figure 7 is an enlarged elevational view of a detail of construction.

Similar reference characters refer to similar parts throughout the several views of the drawings.

Having reference now to the drawings in detail, the frame of the instant invention is generally indicated at 10, and includes a front portion, including an outwardly flared top, and a correspondingly flared bottom 13 with correspondingly outwardly flared side walls 14. The entire assembly is mitered at the corners, and presents with a central opening a shading for a picture mounted rearwardly of the frame. Positioned along each of the side walls 14 is an elongated strip 15, which is longi-

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tudinally cut away as at 16, for the reception of the marginal strips 18 of the rear backing member of the frame. This rear backing member is comprised of upper, lower and intermediate arcuate flexible resilient slats 19, which are adapted to be curved as necessary to conform to the side portions 18, to which they are secured, in such manner as to permit the end portions 20 thereof (see Fig. 5) to engage under the cutaway portions of the side strips 15. The side members 14 are bevelled as at 21 for the reception of a straight glass pane 22, and the picture 23 is adapted to conform to the curvature of the arcuate members 18, and be positioned so as to fit within the cutaway portion 16 of the members 15. Arcuate top and bottom strips 25 and 26 respectively are provided and a stand 27 is secured to the under side of the bottom strip, for the purpose of supporting the picture on a flat surface.

A wire 28 is suitably secured to the sides of the frame, for the purpose of suspending the same.

As best shown in Figure 2 the top portions of the strips 15 are bevelled or cutaway as at 30, in order to facilitate insertion of the side members 18 and 19 thereunder.

Figure 7 discloses a detail of the under cut 16, which it will be seen is provided only at those portions of the members 15 adapted to receive the end portions 20.

From the foregoing it will now be seen that there is herein provided an improved arcuate picture frame, which provides for a three dimensional effect, which accomplishes all of the objects of this invention, and others, including many advantages of great practical utility and commercial importance.

As many embodiments may be made of this inventive concept, and as many modifications may be made in the embodiments hereinbefore shown and described, it is to be understood that all matter herein is to be interpreted merely as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

What I claim is:

In a picture frame, the combination of outwardly flared top, bottom, side and front portions outlining a rectangular sight opening, rear side strips secured along the rear marginal edges of said opening, said side strips having undercut inner edges, an arcuate picture supporting frame member embodying rigid side strips and resilient transverse slats connecting said rigid side strips, the ends of said resilient arcuate transverse slats extending beyond said rigid side strips of said picture supporting frame for positioning within the undercut edges of said rear side strips, removably securing said picture support on said side portions of the picture frame, against which a picture is held in curved position against wrinkling, and means for closing the spaces between the upper and lower ends of said supporting frame and the top and bottom members of said picture frame.

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