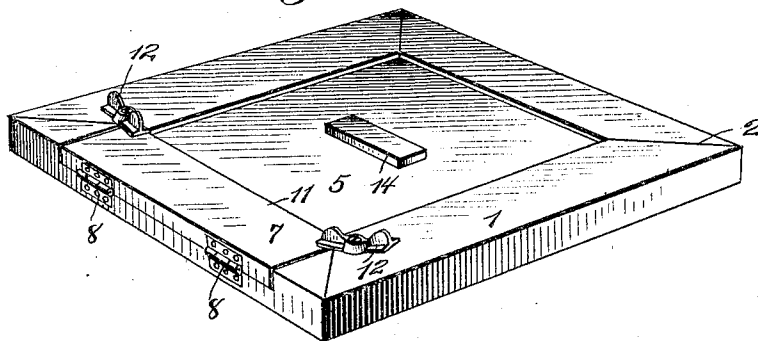


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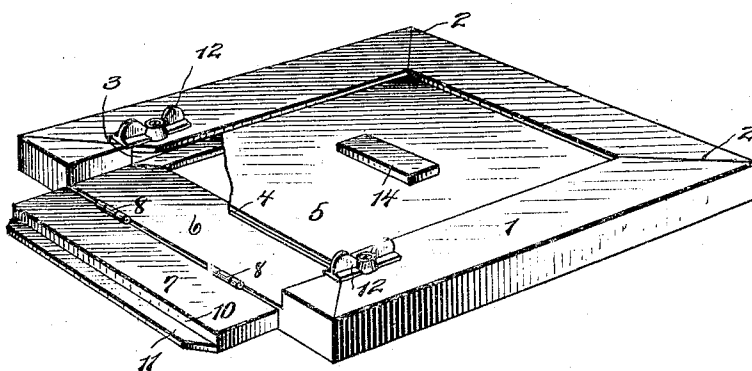
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, AUGUST GUSS SCHRICK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Hennessey, in the county of Kingfisher and Territory of Oklahoma, have invented new and useful Improvements in Picture-Frames, of which the following is a specification.

My invention pertains to improvements in picture-frames, and more particularly to the means for enabling instantaneous removal and insertion of the picture and the backing thereof.

In the accompanying drawings, in which like characters of reference designate similar parts throughout the several views, Figure 1 is a rear view in perspective of a frame formed in accordance with my invention, illustrating the backing locked in position; and Fig. 2 is a like view illustrating the picture and backing in position and the locking means for the latter in open position.

The frame 1 is formed in the usual manner of side and end rails having mitered joints 2. The inner longitudinal sides of one end rail and both side rails of the frame are formed with grooves 3, which are of sufficient width to freely accommodate the picture 4 and the backing 5 thereof. The opposite end rail of the frame has its rear face cut away, as indicated at 6, the cut-away part being bounded by lines which aline with the bottoms of grooves 3 of the side rails and the longitudinal side edges of the said end rail, the top face of the cut-away portion lying in the same plane as the outermost sides of the grooves 3 of the side rails. The said cut-away portion 6 thus constitutes a passage-way which is of the same width as the distance between the bottoms of grooves 3 on opposite sides of the frame, through which the picture and its backing may be freely slid when being placed within or removed from the frame.

For the purpose of locking the picture and the backing within the frame I provide a hinged member 7, which normally closes the passage-way. This member 7 is formed of a section of material of a length and width to freely enter the passage-way and, as illustrated at 8, is hinged to the end rail of the frame bearing cut-away portion 6. The in-

ner side edge of member 7 is formed with a cut-out portion extending throughout the length thereof and which forms a shoulder 10 and a tongue 11, the latter overlying and engaging the backing and the shoulder engaging the end edges of the picture and backing, thereby retaining the same in position and against movement. Pivoted thumb-buttons 12 are provided, one for each end of member 7, which are secured to the side rails at points adjacent the passage-way to allow the buttons to overlie and engage the member 7, and thus prevent movement of the latter. The backing is preferably provided with a hand-grip 14, which may be in the nature of a strip of any suitable material rigidly affixed thereto. By merely releasing the buttons from engagement with member 7 the latter may be turned upon its hinges to become free of the passage-way, thus enabling the picture and its backing to be positioned with respect to or removed from the frame.

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

1. A picture-frame formed of end and side rails, one of said end rails and both of said side rails being formed with grooves extending throughout their inner sides, the opposite end rail having its rear face cut away, the cut-away portion being bounded by lines alining with the bottoms of said grooves of the side rails and the longitudinal side edges of the last-named end rail, the top face of said cut-away portion lying in the same plane as the outermost sides of said grooves of the side rails, a hinged member occupying said cut-away portion and formed with a tongue and a shoulder, and means for engagement with said hinged member to retain the same against movement.

2. A picture-frame formed of end and side rails, one of said end rails and both of said side rails being formed with grooves extending throughout their inner sides, the opposite end rail having its rear face cut away to constitute an extension of the passage-way formed by said grooves of the side rails, means for closing said passage-way consisting of a member hinged at its outer end to said

last-named end rail, and provided on its opposite end with a shoulder which terminates at points below the inner longitudinal side edge of said last-named rail, and a tongue  
5 which extends beyond said shoulder, and means for retaining said member against movement.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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