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Fig. 1.

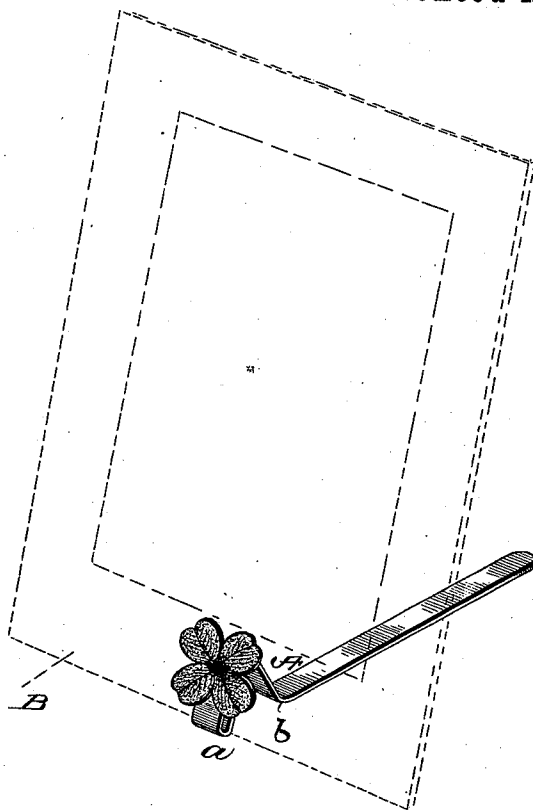
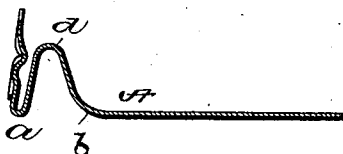


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR B. BOSTWICK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improved Picture-Support or Card-Holder; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention consists in a new and useful picture-support or card-holder, hereinafter described and claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved picture-support or card-holder, showing a card or photograph in position. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the same.

In the drawings, A represents my photograph-support, which may be made of sheet metal or any other suitable substance which can be bent to the shape desired. One end is bent back upon itself, as shown at *a*, forming a recess for receiving and holding a photograph or other object B. The holder is again bent back upon itself, as shown at *d*, and then bent outward horizontally, as at *b*, the bends *a* and *b* being in the same horizontal line with the extended end, which rests upon the table or other surface upon which the card or photograph is to be supported. It will be seen that by this construction I secure a large supporting-base. The holder being of sheet metal can be made thin enough for a card to rest on one corner without tipping appreciably, and that my holders act as extensions of the cards and not as props, making it possible to

hold a large card with a small holder without danger of its falling over, and that by slightly bending the support at *b* the card can be tilted to any desired angle. It will be noticed that I so regulate the position of the bend *b* that the entire length of the support rests upon the table instead of the end only, and that thereby the card is held without vibration due to the spring of the metal.

Any desired ornament may be cut, stamped, painted, or attached in any desired manner to the part of the support which is in view when in use; also, if desired, at that point or at any other point desired the sheet metal may be formed into a disk, or may be cut to any other desired shape, either for the purpose of ornament or to carry an advertisement.

Minor changes in form may also be made without departing from the spirit of my invention.

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

A picture-support comprising a strip of thin, flexible material A, bent abruptly upward, as at *b*, then abruptly downward, as at *d*, and then again abruptly upward, as at *a*, the bends *a* and *b* being in the same, or in substantially the same horizontal plane with the extended end of the holder, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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