

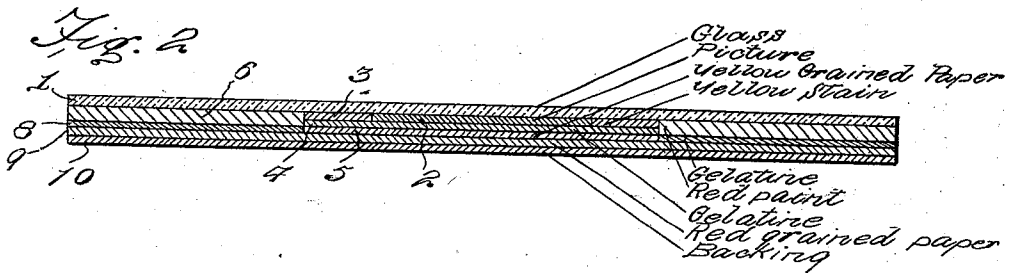
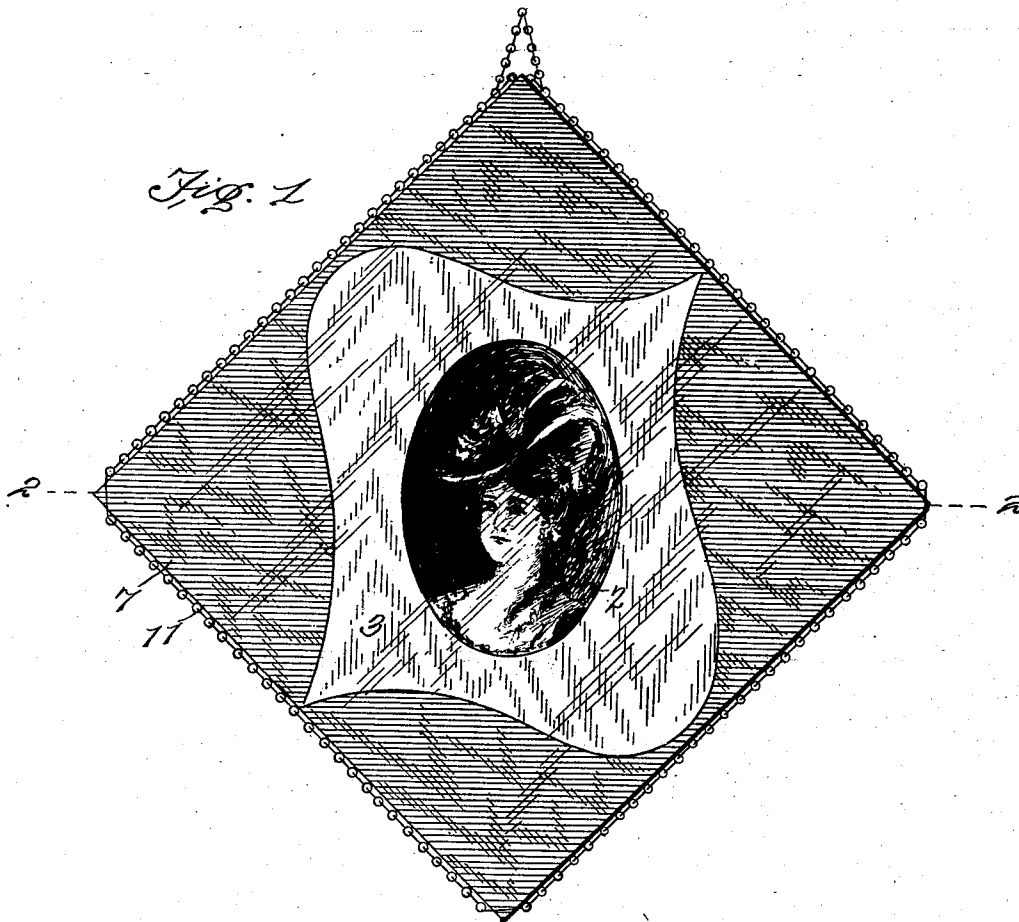
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PICTURE-FRAME.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH R. ROUNTREE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Picture-Frame, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates generally to picture-frames, and particularly to that class wherein the glass plate which serves as a mounting and protector for the picture or photograph constitutes at once a frame and a means for exhibition of ornamental matter adjunctive to the picture to set off the same and to enhance the beauty of the frame as a whole.

The object of the invention is in a ready, cheap, and feasible manner to mount a photograph or picture upon a plate of glass and to ornament the glass by imparting thereto a unique finish operating to give a varied wood-
ed effect to the frame, the ornamentation subserving the added function of a protector to shield the photograph or picture applied to the glass from the destructive action of dampness and of dust.

With these and other objects in view, as will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel picture-frame and method of ornamenting the same, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which like numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts, there is illustrated one form of embodiment of the invention capable of carrying the same into practical operation, it being understood that the elements therein exhibited may be varied or changed as to shape, proportion, and exact manner of arrangement without departing from the spirit of the invention, and in these drawings—

Figure 1 is a view in elevation of a picture-frame characterizing this invention. Fig. 2 is a horizontal sectional view, on an enlarged scale, taken on the line 2 2, Fig. 1, and exhibiting the disposition or order of arrangement of the elements constituting the frame.

In carrying the invention into effect a plate of glass 1, which may be of any preferred shape, is taken and thoroughly cleansed in

warm water and then dried. The picture 2 to be applied to the glass, and which may be a photograph, colored or otherwise, a painting, or an etching or engraving, the term "picture" herein employed being generic to include either of these, is wetted with water, preferably warm, and applied to the glass and pressed down smoothly thereon, water being preferred as a dampening agent, as it contains nothing that would tend to discolor the picture or cause it to fade. After the picture is *in situ* an oak stain is applied to the glass around the photograph in the form of an ornamental panel, (designated by 3,) which may be of the shape shown or otherwise, and is allowed to dry. The panel then has applied to it a thin coat 4 of melted gelatin or other suitable adhesive, transparent in character, to which is applied a sheet 5 of yellow paper grained to represent oak and to constitute an ornamental background, the paper being held in position upon the panel by the gelatin and being smoothed down thereon in any preferred manner, as by a roller. A coat 6 of transparent red paint is then applied to the glass around the panel to present a field 7, and when dry has applied to it a thin coat 8 of melted gelatin or other transparent adhesive. To this coat is applied a sheet 9 of red paper grained to represent, say, rosewood, which extends entirely across the frame and constitutes a second ornamental background, and over this is placed a backing 10 of paper which has applied to it a thin coat of glue or other suitable adhesive for holding it in position. Both the oak stain and the red stain or paint are to be transparent, so that the grained paper will show therethrough, giving to the glass from the front the appearance of a highly-polished piece of inlaid wood or buhlwork. A frame constructed as described will have a panel of oak and a field of rosewood, and as the contrast between these two colors is striking, one helping to define the other, the product will be unique and highly ornamental in character. It is to be understood, of course, that woods other than oak and rosewood may be imitated, or the ideas may be carried into effect by having an ornamental panel and field representing a substance other than wood, and as this will be readily apparent detailed

illustration is deemed unnecessary. A picture mounted in the manner described will be positively shielded against intrusion of moisture and of dust. As a means for suspending the frame thus constructed a chain 11 may be secured around the edge of the glass plate, or any other form of suspending means is employed that may be preferred in lieu thereof.

- 10 While the procedure herein described is stated as for ornamenting picture-frames, it is to be understood that the same may be readily applied for ornamenting panels or tiles to present a cheap substitute for woodwork or
15 for use in any other art where its employment would be advantageous.

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

- 20 1. As a new article of manufacture, a plate of glass having applied to one side thereof a transparent stain or paint, and a background placed over the stain and bearing a design to show therethrough.
25 2. As a new article of manufacture, a plate of glass having applied to one side thereof a transparent stain, and a flexible background placed over the stain and bearing a design to show therethrough.
30 3. As a new article of manufacture, a plate of glass having applied to one side thereof a transparent stain, and a paper background

placed over the stain and bearing a design to show therethrough.

4. As a new article of manufacture, a plate 35 of glass having applied to one side thereof transparent varicolored stains, and backgrounds placed over the stains and bearing designs to show therethrough.

5. As a new article of manufacture, a picture-frame having a picture applied to one 40 side thereof, a transparent stain applied to the glass around the picture, and a background placed over the stain and bearing a design to show therethrough. 45

6. As a new article of manufacture, a picture-frame comprising a plate of glass having a picture applied to one side thereof, a transparent stain applied to the glass around the picture, an ornamental background secured 50 by a suitable adhesive upon the stain, a second transparent stain applied around the said background, a second ornamental background secured to the second stain by a suitable adhesive, and a protecting-backing secured over 55 the second background.

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

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