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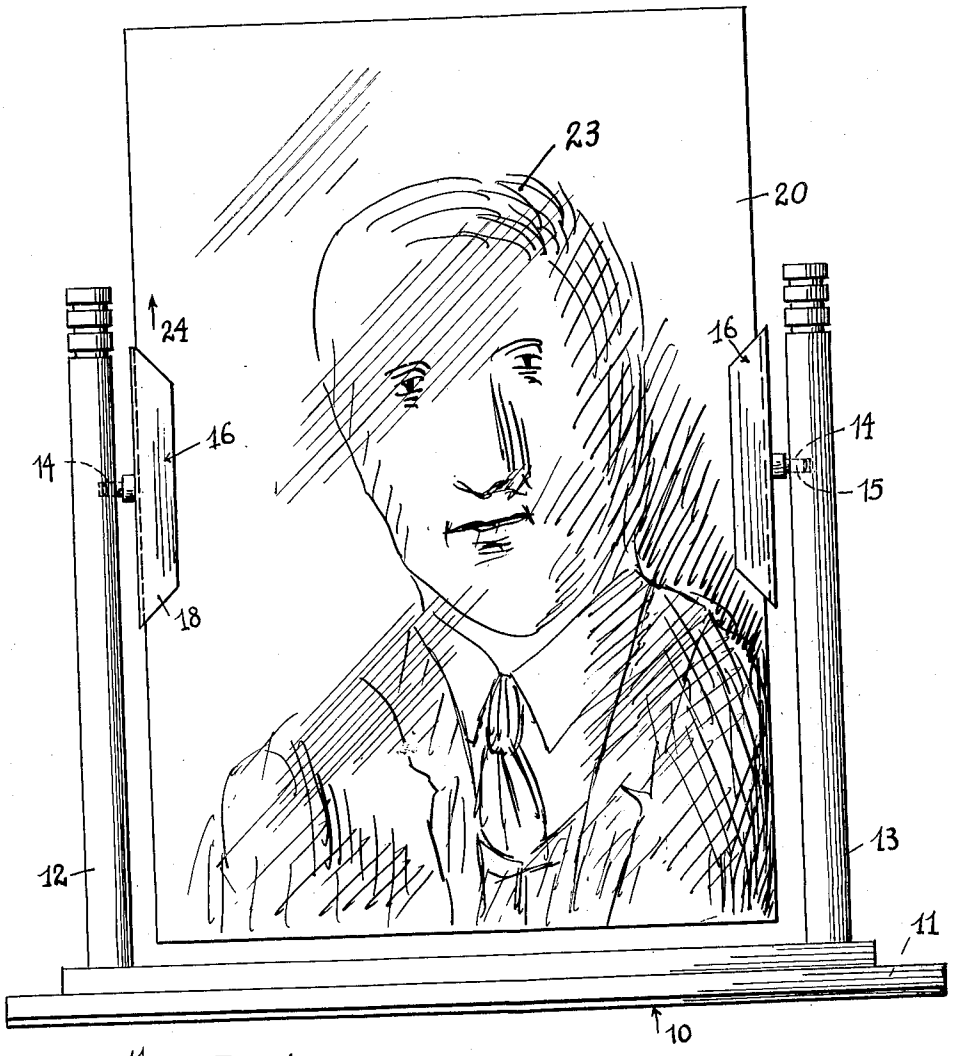


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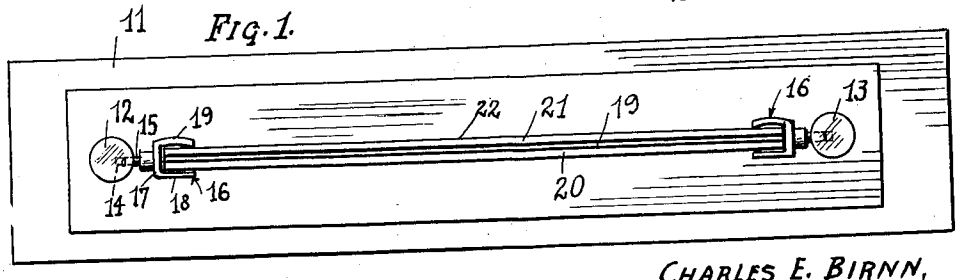


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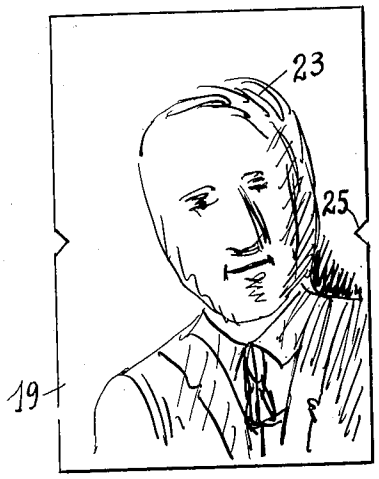


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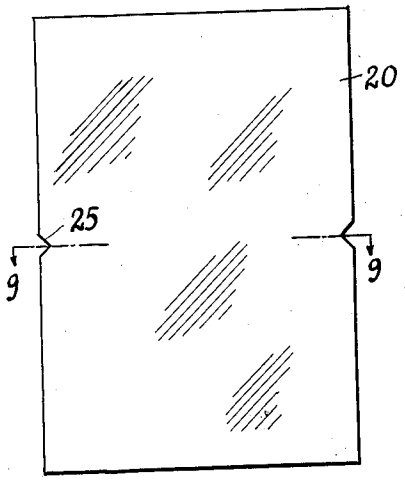


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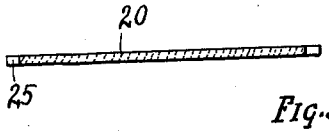


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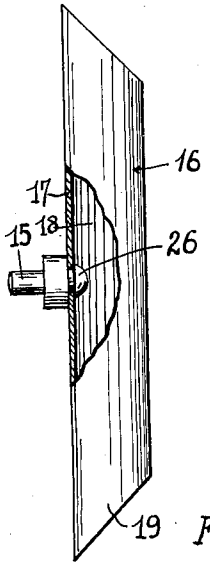


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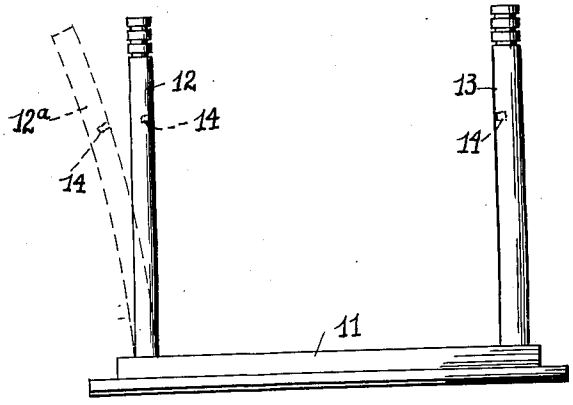


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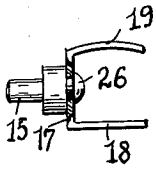


Fig. 5.

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This invention relates to picture stands and has for its main object to provide a picture frame and stand which may receive two pictures, mirrors, or the like at the same time and into which the individual pictures or the like may be easily set and conveniently and quickly exchanged.

Another object of my invention is to provide a device as characterized hereinbefore, which may be rotatable so that either side thereof may be turned for inspection.

Still further objects of this invention will be apparent as the specification of the same proceeds, and among others, the following may be mentioned: to provide a device of the character described which will be simple in construction, inexpensive to manufacture, and adapted for mass manufacturing, and which will be novel and attractive in appearance.

In the drawings forming a part of this specification and accompanying the same:

Fig. 1 is a front elevation of my device in a fully assembled position showing a picture therein, while

Fig. 2 is a plan view thereof;

Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the basic plan or structure of my device, while

Figs. 4 and 5 are side and end elevations, respectively, of a pivoted frame or clamp member used in my device;

Figs. 6 and 7 are front and end views respectively, of a picture adapted to be inserted into my device, and

Figs. 8 and 9 are front and central sectional elevations, respectively, of a glass plate or mirror, adapted to be used in my device, the section of Fig. 9 being taken on the line 9—9 of Fig. 8.

Referring now more closely to the drawings, by characters of reference, the numeral 10 indicates the basic structure of my picture stand in general, consisting of an ornamented step base 11 and two preferaby circular posts 12 and 13 secured thereinto.

At an appropriate distance below its upper end, each post shows a circular hole or recess 14 into which rotatably fits a pin 15 of the respective clamp or frame member 16. Said clamp or frame member is of channel formation having a base 17 and two upstanding branches 18 and 19, the pin 15 being secured into the center of the base 17, in the manner shown in Figs. 4 and 5 or by any other appropriate method.

In the drawings, a picture or photograph sheet 19 is shown, as inserted in my device, having a glass plate 20 secured thereon to protect and cover the same, while the reverse side of said photograph or picture is covered by a second glass plate 21, the exposed surface 22 of which is formed into a mirror. The picture 19 and the glass plates 20 and 21 are of identical size and they may be together inserted into the clamps or frame elements 16, as shown in the drawings, and held there by resilient and frictional actions.

In the arrangement shown and here described, one side of the assembled picture stand will show the picture or photograph 23, printed on the paper or other similar sheet 19, while the reverse side thereof will be the mirror 22. It is obvious that in case it is desired to inspect either side of the assembled device, it may be done in a simple and quick manner by turning the assembled plates around on their pivots 15. It is also obvious that instead of the mirror 22, a second transparent glass plate may be used and two pictures or photographs placed between the two plates of glass with their backs towards each other so that upon turning the assembled plates, two different pictures may be inspected.

The change of the pictures or other elements in my picture stand may preferably be executed by bending the posts 12 and 13 outwardly as indicated by the dotted lines 14*a*, the resiliency of the material of said posts permitting this operation, after which the clamp 16 may be freed from the holes 14 and the assembled plates, with their clamps, removed from the device. Thereupon clamps 16 will be pulled off in a longitudinal direction, as indicated by the arrow 24 from the assembled plates, the plates exchanged and again put together, whereupon the clamps 16 may be slipped thereon in a reverse direction, as that indicated by the arrow 24.

In order to insure a better grip and resilient action for the clamps 16, one or both

of the upstanding branches of their channels may be formed as shown in the branch 19, that is, in a curved manner.

The edges of the plates may show registering incisions or slots 25 opposite to the pins 15 and the clamps 16 may have buttons 26 in the center of their channels adapted to engage said slots 25 and so better secure the various plates against longitudinal sliding.

It will be understood that changes and variations may be made in the parts and combinations of my device and I hereby reserve all my rights to any and all such changes as are within the spirit of the invention and scope of the appended claim.

What I claim as new, is:

In a multiple picture stand, a base; two upstanding posts secured into said base; a rotatable frame between said posts, and a plurality of sheet elements secured into said frame member, rotatable therewith so as to expose either side thereof, said frame consisting of two individual places pivoted in said posts, said individual places being channel formed and adapted to embrace the opposite edges of said sheet elements, said sheet elements having registering recesses in their margins embraced by said frames, and a projection inside of each channel adapted to engage said recesses in said sheet elements in order to fix their position.

Signed at New York city, in the county of New York, and State of New York, this 18th day of February, 1932.

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