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Fig. 1.

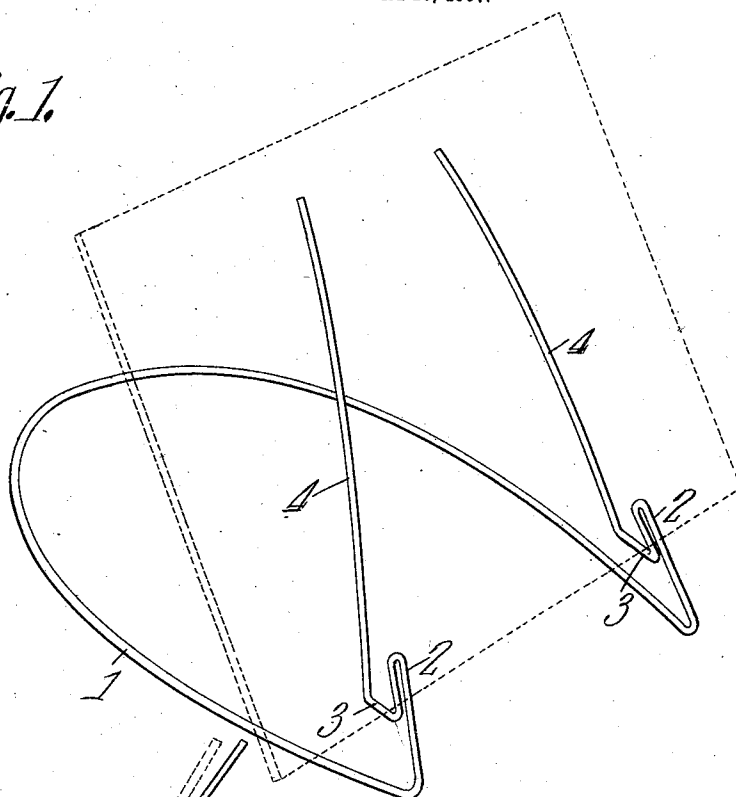
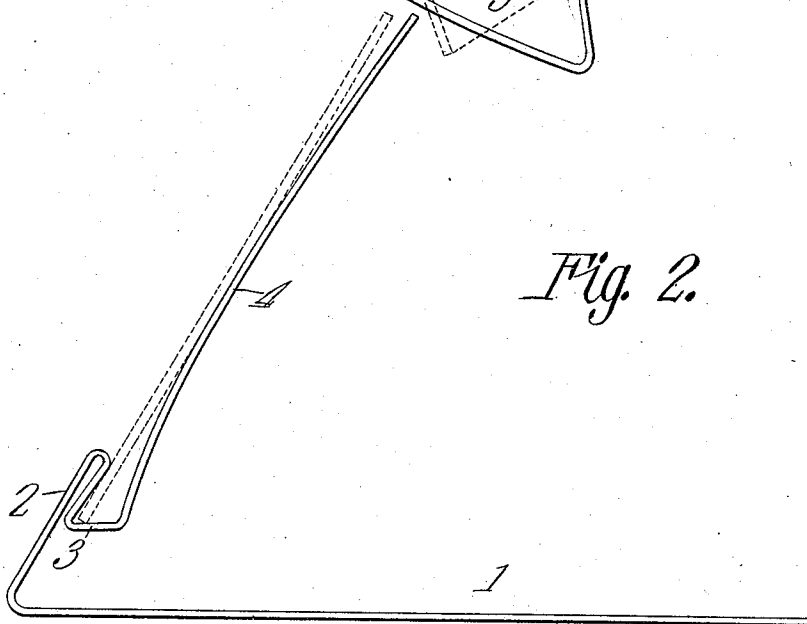


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CYRUS ROSELL TIBBETTS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Sacramento, in the county of Sacramento and State of California, have invented a new and useful Photograph-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to picture holders.

The objects of the invention are to provide a holder of this character in which space that might otherwise be utilized is not occupied; that will not mar or in any way disfigure the surface on which it rests; that shall be thoroughly effective in retaining a picture or other object in exhibitiv position; and that shall be capable of yielding to pictures of different weights, thereby to insure under all conditions the retention of the picture at such angle to the supporting surface as to prevent forward tilting due to overbalancing.

With the above and other objects in view as will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists, generally stated, in a picture holder embodying a flat base and a pair of supporting arms including picture rests, the arms being disposed at such angle relatively to the base, that when a picture is placed in position, their upper ends will occupy points approximately over the center of the base, thereby obviating any tendency on the part of the picture to tilt forward, and thus securing the greatest stability.

The invention consists further in a picture holder embodying the above features, and in addition, the provision of supporting arms that are yieldable independently of each other thereby to adapt the arms readily to adapt themselves to the object being supported.

The invention consists further in the various novel details of construction of a picture holder that will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification and in which like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts, Figure 1 is a view in perspective of the holder, exhibiting in dotted lines an object supported thereby. Fig. 2 is a view in side elevation of the holder.

The holder is constructed preferably of a single piece of resilient wire of any suitable gage and comprises a base 1, a pair of guards 2, a pair of rests 3 and a pair of supporting arms 4.

The base 1 is herein shown as curvilinear in form, and while this contour will generally be preferred, other shapes may be adopted, if desired, the essential feature being that it shall be flat, whereby there will be no sharp points or projections presented that would tend to mar the surfaces upon which it rests, and further that no available space, that might otherwise be utilized, will be occupied. The terminals of the wire are bent at a rearward inclined angle to the base and thence downward to form the guards 2, thence in a direction approximately parallel with the base to form the rests of crotches 3, and thence upward and slightly rearward on a curve to form the arms 4, which are shown in Fig. 1 converged towards each other. Normally the upper terminals of the arms 4 occupy a position over the center of the base, whereby when a picture or other object is positioned upon the support, as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 2, the free ends of the arms will occupy points that will be at the center of gravity, thus to insure stability in the supporting of the object.

As stated, the arms are yieldable, and this feature is of importance inasmuch as if a relatively heavy object, such as a framed picture be placed upon the holder, the arms will flex backward a sufficient distance to prevent any possibility of the object tilting forward due to overbalancing.

The arms 4 will generally be curved, as shown, but this is not essential as they may be made straight if preferred.

The device as a whole, is of simple construction, may be manufactured without the employment of any particular form of machine for the purpose, and when in use will be found to secure all of the objects stated in a thoroughly feasible and practical manner.

What is claimed is:—

A picture holder comprising a flat base and a pair of independently-yielding supporting arms rearwardly-inclined over the base and including picture rests.

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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