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PASSE-PARTOUT.

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Fig. 2.

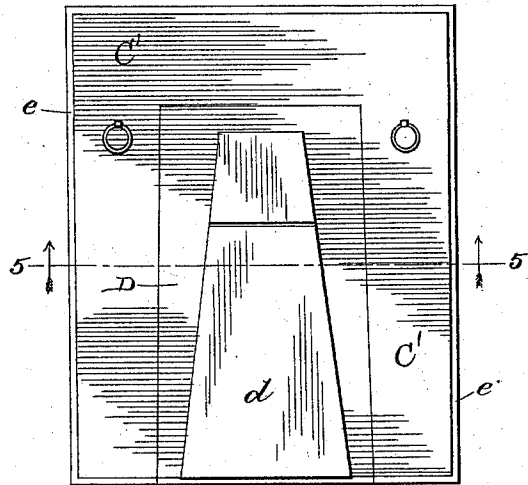
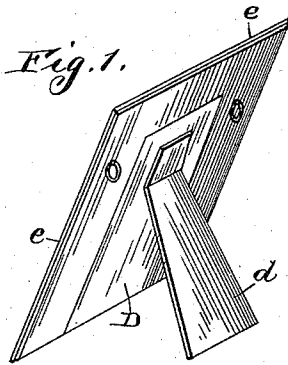


Fig. 3.

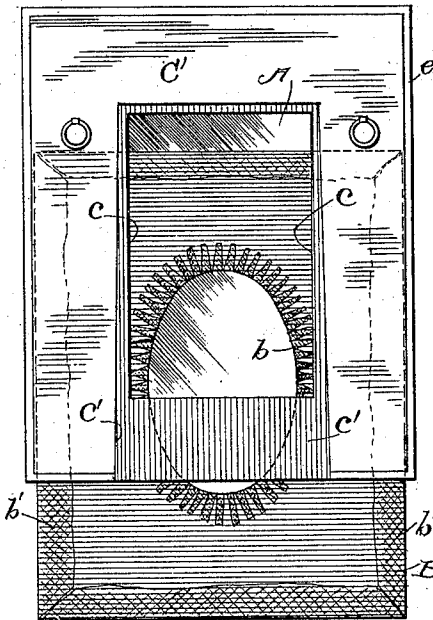


Fig. 4.

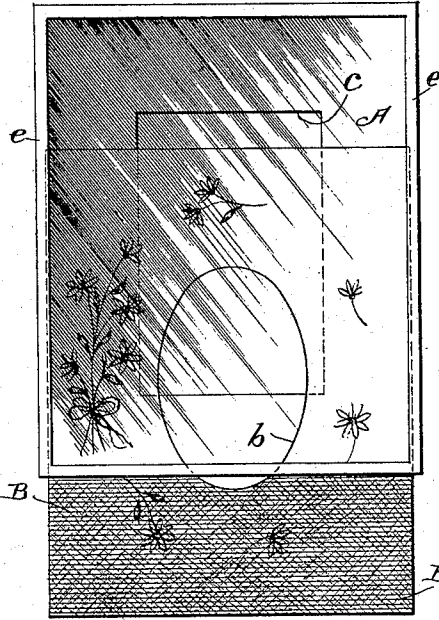


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN A. BARTOSZE-
WICZ and PAUL P. BARTOSZEWICZ, citizens of
the United States, residing at Chicago, in the
county of Cook and State of Illinois, have in-
vented certain new and useful Improvements
in Passe-Partouts, of which the following is
a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in
that class of light picture-frames known as
"passe-partouts;" and it consists in certain
peculiarities of the construction, novel ar-
rangement, and operation of the various parts
thereof, as will be hereinafter more fully set
forth and specifically claimed.

The objects of our invention are, first, to
provide a passe-partout which shall be simple
and inexpensive in construction yet neat and
attractive in appearance, and, second, such a
passe-partout by reason of the peculiar con-
struction of which the mat or frame to be in-
terposed between the picture and glass may
be readily removed or inserted without the
removal or displacement of the back of the
frame.

In order to enable others skilled in the art
to which our invention pertains to make and
use the same, we will now proceed to describe
it, referring to the accompanying drawings,
in which—

Figure 1 is a rear perspective view of our
passe-partout. Fig. 2 is a rear view in ele-
vation thereof. Fig. 3 is a rear view in ele-
vation, showing the mat partly withdrawn
from the frame and the sliding cover of the
back removed. Fig. 4 is a face view in ele-
vation, showing the mat partly withdrawn
from the frame; and Fig. 5 is an enlarged
cross-sectional view taken on line 5 5 of Fig. 5.

Similar letters refer to like parts through-
out the different views of the drawings.

A represents the glass, which may be made
of any suitable size and form, but preferably
rectangular, as shown in the drawings. On
the rear surface of the glass and along three
sides of the perimeter thereof is placed a strip
or strips *a*, of a thickness somewhat greater

than the mat B. On the rear surface of the
strips *a* is placed a board or back C, which
may be reinforced by an additional board or
back C', secured to its rear surface. The
board C is provided with a central opening *c*
for the reception of a photograph or picture,
and the board C' is formed with a like open-
ing *c'*, which is slightly tapering toward its
upper end and is open at its lower portion to
receive the sliding cover D, which is provided
with a hinged support *d* to hold the frame in
an inclined position, as shown in Fig. 1 of the
drawings.

As is clearly seen in Fig. 5, the opening *c'*
in the board C' is formed with angular edges
to receive the correspondingly-shaped edges
of the cover D, which is adapted to be in-
serted in said opening or removed therefrom
when it is desired to place the picture in the
opening *c* and against the mat B, which is
provided with an opening *b* for the exposure
of the photograph or picture. The board C,
strip or strips *a*, and glass A are secured to-
gether by means of suitable strips of mate-
rial *e*, secured on their edges, as is clearly
shown in the different views of the drawings.
The strips *e* extend inwardly on the face of
the glass A beyond the inner surface of the
pieces *a*, thus concealing the crevice between
said pieces and the edges of the mat.

While we have shown the frame open at its
bottom to allow of the insertion or with-
drawal of the mat, yet we may construct the
frame so that the open space thereof may be
located at the sides or top, as may be desired.

By employing our invention it is apparent
that the mat B may be covered with cloth *b'*
or other material, upon which ornamental de-
signs may be embroidered or embellished, and
may be inserted or removed from the frame
at pleasure and without displacing the pic-
ture or removing the back.

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

As an improved article of manufacture, a
passe-partout, consisting of the glass A, the

pieces or strips *a*, secured to its rear surface
at three sides of its perimeter, a board or back
C, having the central opening *c*, secured on
the rear surface of the strips *a*, the reinforcing
5 board or back C', having the opening *c'*,
the sliding cover D, provided with the hinged
support *d*, and adapted to fit in the opening
c', and the securing-strips *e*, uniting the edges

of the glass A, strips *a*, and back C, substantially as described.

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