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CHAIR BACK AND PICTURE FRAME THEREFOR.

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Fig. 1.

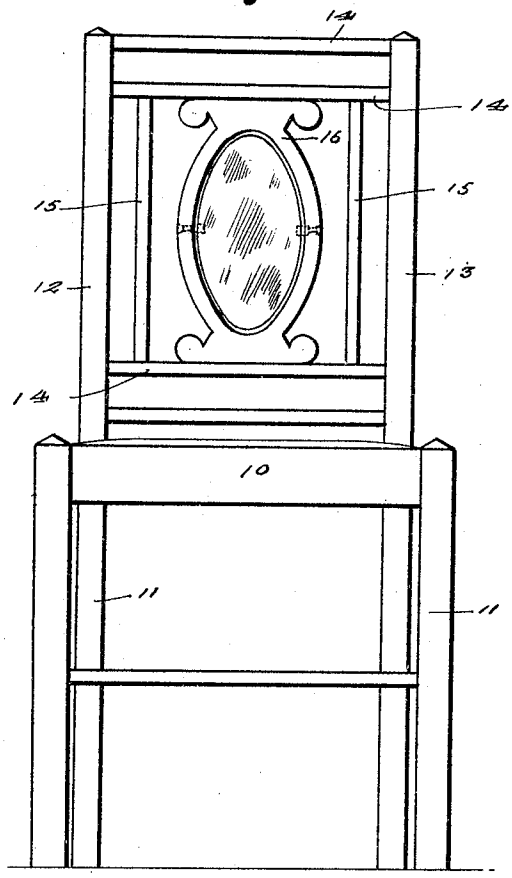


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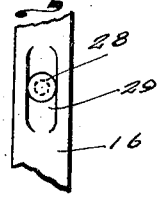
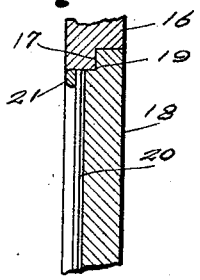


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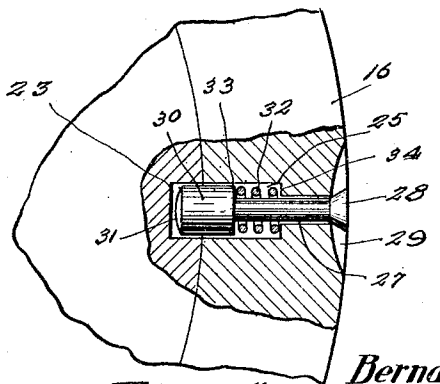


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BERNARD G. SCHOMACKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Glendorf, in the county of Putnam and State of Ohio, have invented new and useful Improvements in Chair-Backs and Picture-Frames Therefor, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a chair back and picture frame therefor, and the object is to provide a chair back one element of which shall serve as a frame, and particular means for mounting a panel or backing board within the frame.

Another object is to provide a chair back with an element of ornamental configuration and constituting a picture frame and a plurality of spring held pins for engaging the panel backing board of the picture and permitting of its release when it is desired to renew the picture.

A still further object is to provide engaging devices for the purpose indicated which will permit of mounting the panel and securing the latter in position by merely pressing it into place, the retaining devices moving automatically to engaging position.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists in the novel construction and arrangement of elements, described and claimed, it being understood that modifications may be made within the scope of the claim, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1 is a view of a chair in front elevation, with my improvement applied thereto.

Fig. 2 is a detail view showing the outer end of one of the pins described below, the end projecting through a slot in the side of the frame.

Fig. 3 is a detail view showing the manner in which the panel or backing board is mounted, and showing the relative position of the elements exclusive of the pins.

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary view, partly in section, showing one of the spring held pins for retaining the panel or backing board in position in the frame.

The chair includes the seat portion 10, the legs 11, and the back comprising uprights 12 and 13 and transverse elements 14. Two of the transverse elements are connected by uprights 15.

The central portion of the back includes an ornamental element of the form shown and designated 16, this element having an oval shaped opening centrally thereof and the edge portion adjacent to the opening being rabbeted as shown at 17.

A panel or backing board 18 includes a rabbeted portion 19 complementary to the portion 17, and the picture 20 is held beneath the element 18 and the bead 21. The inner surfaces of the elements 16 and 18 are preferably in the same plane.

In order that the panel 18 may be retained when pressed into position, and may be readily removable when desired, I provide spring held pins which engage recesses 23 in opposite sides of the panel, one of these recesses being shown in Fig. 4 and there illustrated as registering with the recess 25 in the element 16.

The pins each include a shank portion 27, a head 28 countersunk in the slot or groove 29, and the pins further include an engaging element 30 having a rounded end 31. Each pin is provided with a spring 32 encircling the shank portion thereof and engaging the shoulder 33, the springs further engaging the shoulder 34 of recess 25. The pins may therefore be readily withdrawn by means of the projecting head 28, and the panel or backing board withdrawn for replacing the picture when a change of that character is desired. When inserting the panel, a reasonable degree of pressure is sufficient to cause the pins to recede outwardly in view of the rounded end 31, and when the panel assumes the correct position the pins will enter recesses 23, and serve the purpose indicated.

What is claimed is:

The combination with a chair back having a central opening, of an elongated panel of the same size as the opening and received therein, the edges of the panel presenting a continuous curve, registering apertures in the edge of the panel and in the element first named, a spring held pin operating within said apertures and an enlarged head formed on the outer end of the pin and projecting beyond the outer edge of the element first named, said pin moving outwardly to release position, and the frame being cut away for receiving the enlarged head and providing a recessed portion around the head.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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