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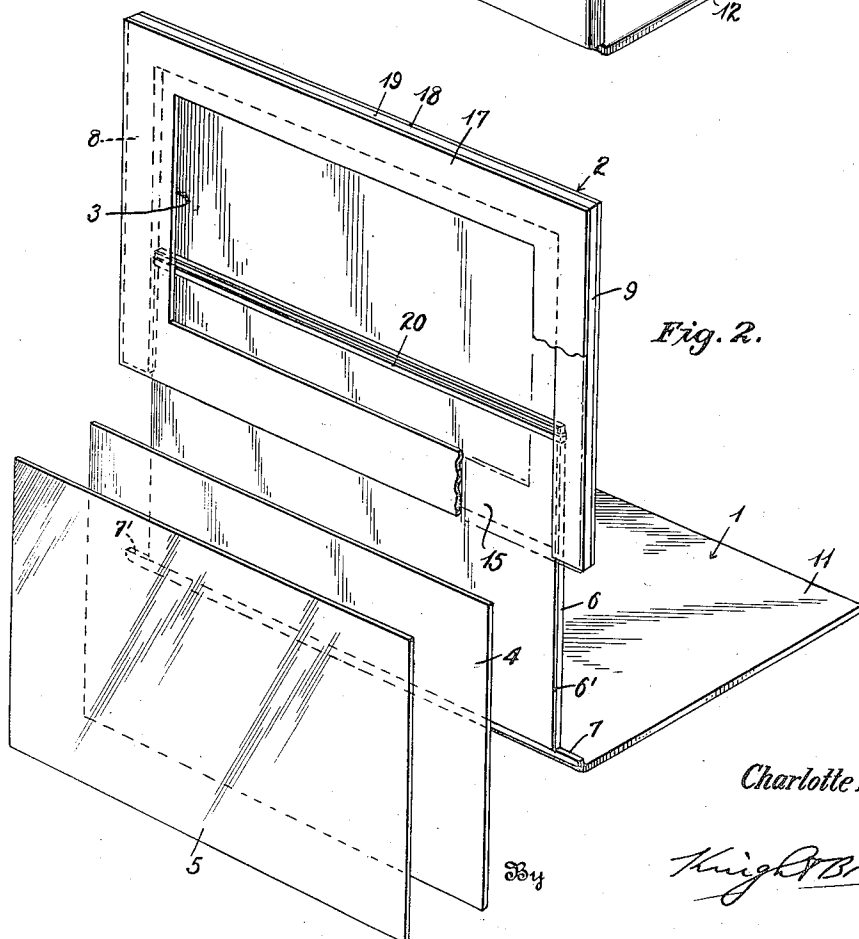
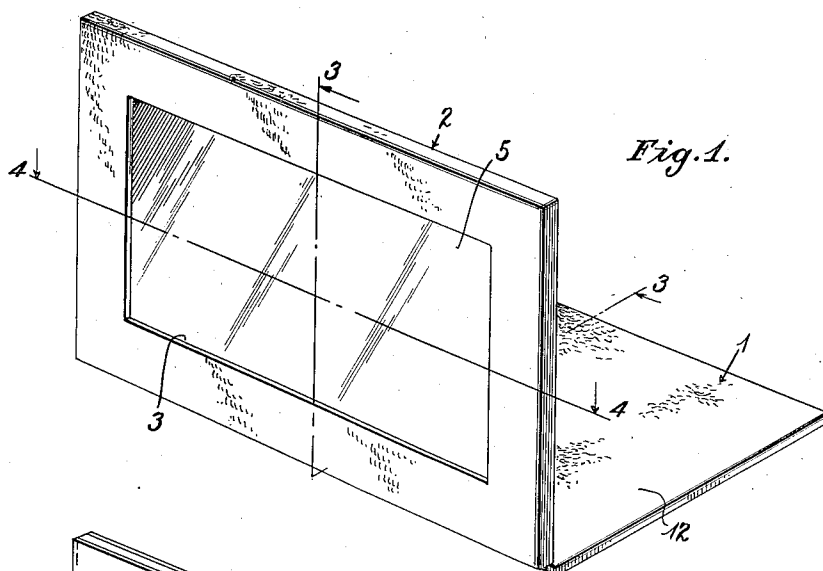
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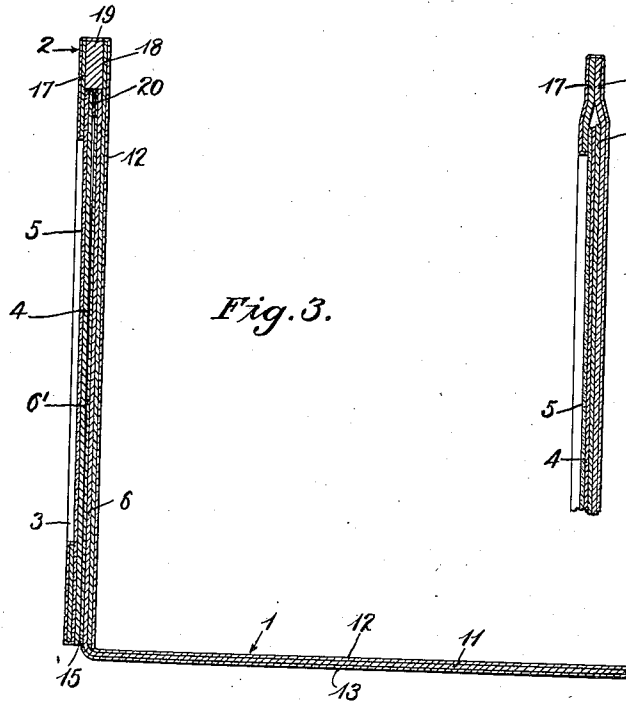


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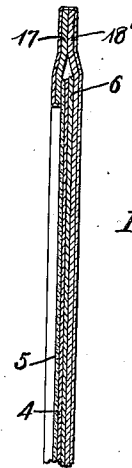


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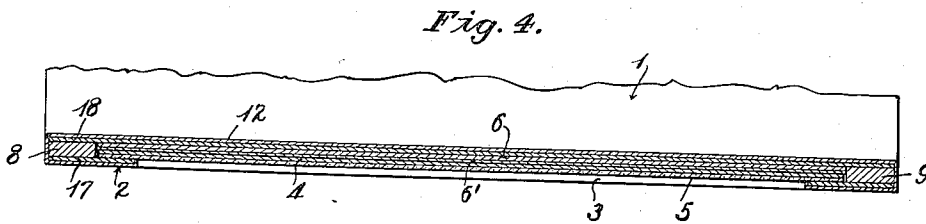


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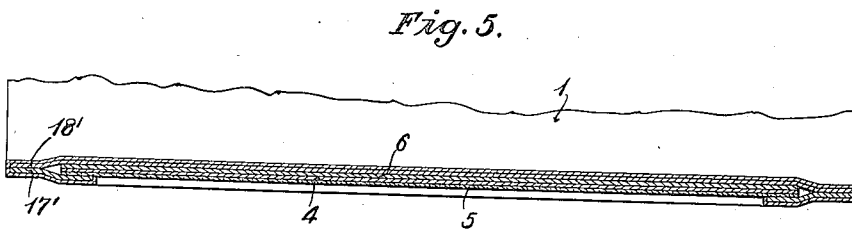


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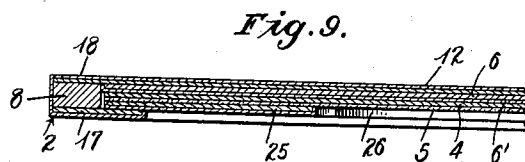
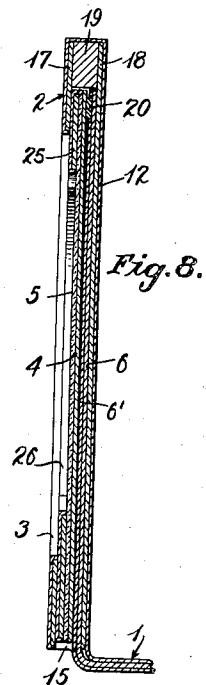
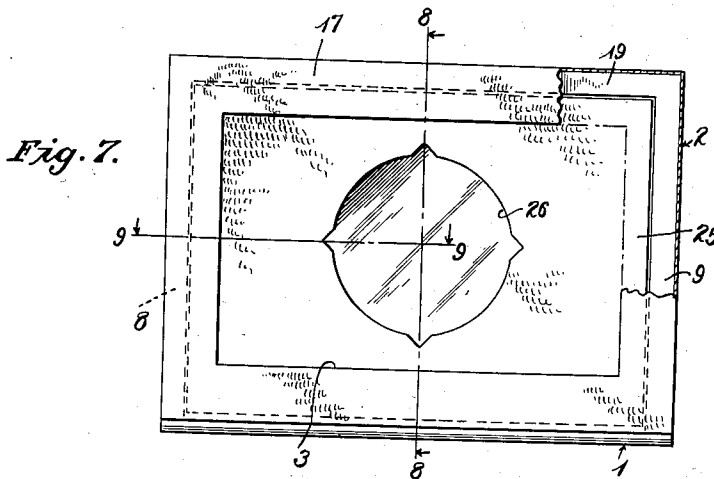
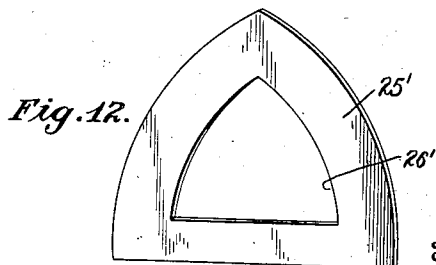
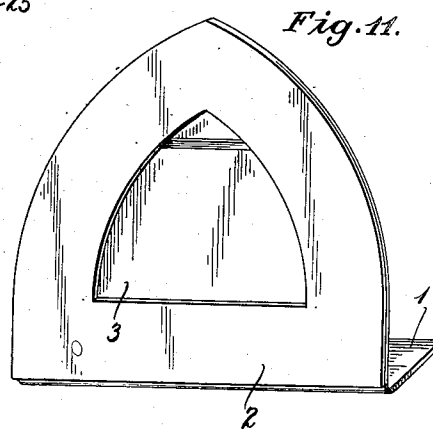
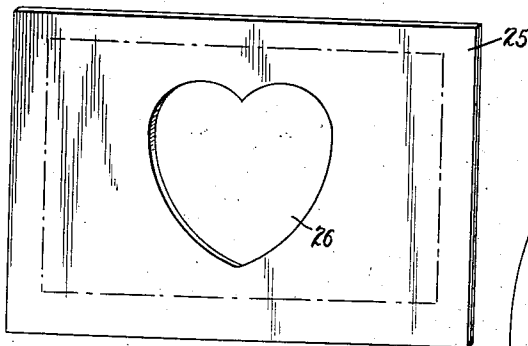


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This invention relates to a book-end or equivalent holder and more particularly to a type of book-end adapted to display an ornamental design which may be interchanged as often as desired.

It is an object of my invention to provide a rugged and economical book-end adapted to display a design in the form of a postcard, photograph, cut, or the like with no additional means other than the book-end itself.

It is a further object of my invention to provide a book-end which is adapted to retain by frictional contact any form and size of design in cooperation with an outline frame other than that normally provided by the open face of the book-end. This outline form of frame is adapted to be retained in the book-end structure in the same manner as is the design.

It is a further object of my invention to provide a protective covering for my design, used in conjunction with or without an outline frame therefor, which is also adapted to be frictionally retained in the same manner as the design.

Other objects and purposes will appear from a more detailed description of the invention as disclosed hereinafter.

In the drawings,

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of one modification of my improved construction,

Fig. 2 is a disassembled view of my improved book-end used in conjunction with a picture or design,

Fig. 3 is a sectional view along line 3—3 of Fig. 1,

Fig. 4 is a sectional view along line 4—4 of Fig. 1,

Fig. 5 is a modified construction of the upright casing shown in Fig. 1, corresponding to the view shown in Fig. 4,

Fig. 6 is a transverse view of this modified construction, corresponding to the view shown in Fig. 3,

Fig. 7 is a front elevation of Fig. 1 showing the adaptation of an outline frame therein,

Fig. 8 is a sectional view along line 8—8 of Fig. 7,

Fig. 9 is a sectional view along line 9—9 of Fig. 7,

Fig. 10 is a perspective view of a different form of outline frame adapted to be used in conjunction with the book-end shown in Fig. 7,

Fig. 11 is a perspective view of a book-end, constructed according to my invention, of different shape, and

Fig. 12 illustrates an outline frame that may be

used in conjunction with the book-end shown in Fig. 11.

Figs. 1 and 2 illustrate the book-end with the horizontal metallic portion 1 adapted to have books set thereupon. Integral with this portion 1 is an upright portion 6 adapted to retain the books in position. A casing 2, made of cardboard, is adapted to be slid over portion 6. Through the slot in the bottom of this casing 2, a picture 4 is adapted to be inserted and frictionally retained between the casing and upright portion. A protective layer for the picture of transparent material, 5, such as isinglass, is adapted to be inserted in the slot and similarly retained in the book-end.

The details of my improved construction are more clearly illustrated in Figs. 3 to 9. Horizontal portion 1 consists of a metal sheet 11 coated upon both its faces at 12 and 13 with an ornamental layer of fabric, which may be fancy paper, chintz, silk, imitation leather, metal, or the like. In forming my upright portion 6, the sides of that member are cut away in order to make room for the sides of the cardboard casing adapted to be slid thereover. The edges formed by this operation are illustrated at 7—7' in Fig. 2. The front face of the upright portion 6 is also adapted to be coated with an ornamental layer of paper 6' which may or may not be a continuation of the layer 13 upon the bottom of horizontal sheet 11. This ornamental layer comes into view when no picture is present in the book-end.

The cardboard casing generally indicated by 2 in Fig. 1 is adapted to be inserted over the top of portion 6. In the modification illustrated in Figs. 2, 3 and 5, this casing is formed by joining a layer of cardboard 17 with an open face 3 therein onto one face of cardboard frame of three edges, 8 and 9 upon the sides, and 19 at the top, and upon the other face of the frame, a complete cardboard layer 18. The sides of the upright portion 6, which were cut away at 7—7', make room for the sides of the intermediate layer of cardboard 8, 9. The top portion 19 rests upon the upper edge of upright 6. The ornamental layer 12, applied to the top of horizontal portion 11, is continued therefrom and covers the rear face 18 of the cardboard casing after the latter has been mounted upon the portion 6.

In order to positively retain a picture in this assembly without auxiliary attaching means such as tacks, which furthermore harm the picture, a friction device such as an elastic band 20 may be provided upon the upright portion 6. This elastic band may be retained positively upon

element 6 by gluing it to the side edges of 6 with paper, if such is found necessary. A picture may be inserted through the slot 15 between the bottom of casing 2 and the front face of the upright portion 6 and slid up until its upper edge passes between the rubber band 20 and the inner face of the casing, whereupon it will be retained by the frictional contact of the elastic band. Furthermore, a protective transparent layer 5 of isinglass or celluloid may cover the design or picture.

In the showings of Figs. 3 and 4 the thickness of the intermediate layer of cardboard representing the frame portions 8, 19 and 9, has been exaggerated in order to be able to illustrate the many intermediate layers which it covers. In actual practice, this middle layer is of no greater width than the two outside ones.

In the modified showing illustrated in Figs. 5 and 6, I have eliminated the intermediate layer of cardboard of my casing and have joined the front and rear portions 17', 18' in a corresponding border upon the sides and top thereof. This construction further enables me to dispense with the elastic band upon the upright portion 6 since the resulting casing is sufficiently flexible to retain a picture 4 and protective layer 5 therefor between it and the upright portion 6.

In order to make possible the use of any size of design, and furthermore, to lend a variety to the possible adaptations of my improved book-end; I provide outline frames 25 with a suitably designed aperture 26 therein, adapted to be inserted into the book-end similarly to a picture design. I provide several of these of different colors and openings in order to make possible several combinations. These may be of complete ornamental textures or else they may be sheets covered with such. This form of outline frame is illustrated in Figs. 7 to 9 wherein it is shown inserted in the cardboard casing immediately at its foremost portion. If desired the protective layer 5 may be interposed in advance of it to also render protection to the outline frame 25.

Fig. 10 illustrates a modification of the outline frame adapted to be inserted in the book-end with an aperture 26 simulating a heart, which may be used upon propitious occasions for suitable pictures.

It is apparent that the features of my invention may be incorporated in a book-end of vary-

ing shapes and forms. Fig. 11 illustrates a modified form which makes use of an elastic band for the retention of the picture in the book-end holder. The position of the elastic band upon the upright portion 6, in accordance with my invention, may be varied. A suitable outline frame 25' with an aperture 26' therein, adapted to be inserted in the book-end illustrated in Fig. 11, is shown in Fig. 12.

While I have shown and described several preferred embodiments of my invention, nevertheless changes in the detailed construction may be made without departing from the principle of the invention.

I claim:

1. In a combined book-end and picture frame, a horizontal member, an upright member integral therewith, a friction device on the front face of said upright member oppositely disposed to said horizontal member, an open-faced casing adapted to embrace said upright member, and a slot at the bottom of said casing adjacent said front face of said upright member whereby a design may be interposed between said casing and said upright member and be retained therein by said friction device cooperating with the casing adjacent thereto.

2. In a combined book-end and picture frame, a horizontal member, an upright member integral therewith, a resilient friction device on the front face of said upright member oppositely disposed to said horizontal member, an open-faced casing adapted to embrace said upright member, and a slot at the bottom of said casing adjacent said front face of said upright member whereby a design may be interposed between said casing and said upright member and be retained therein by said resilient friction device.

3. In a combined book-end and picture frame, a horizontal member, an upright member integral therewith, an elastic band on said upright member thereby forming a resilient friction device on the front face thereof oppositely disposed to said horizontal member, an open-faced casing adapted to embrace said upright member, and a slot at the bottom of said casing adjacent said front face of said upright member whereby a design may be interposed between said casing and said upright member and be retained therein by said friction device.

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