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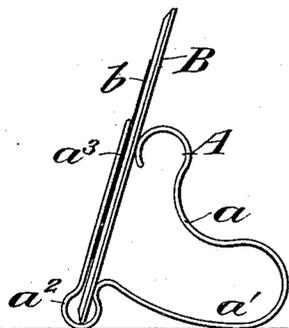


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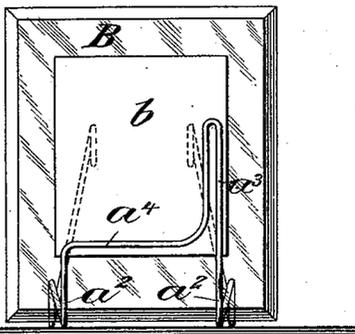


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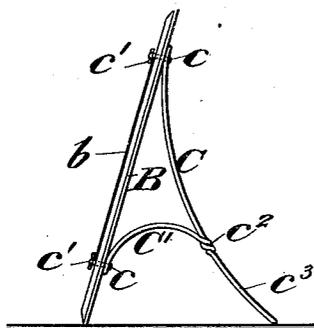


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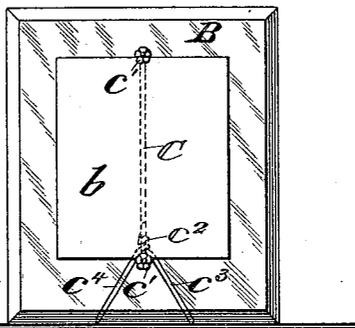


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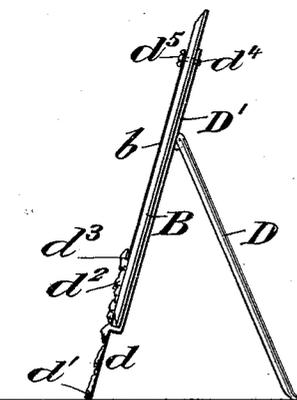
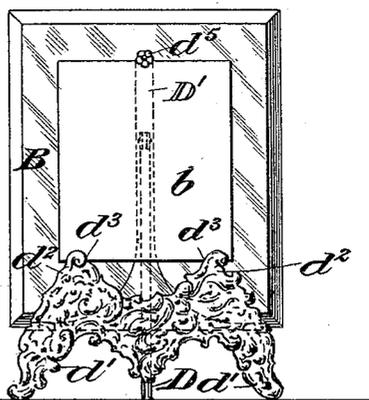


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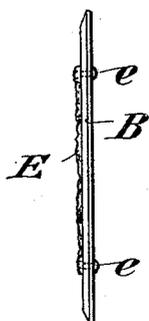


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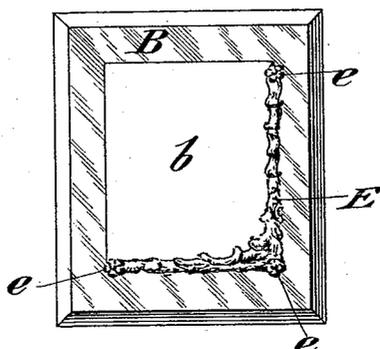


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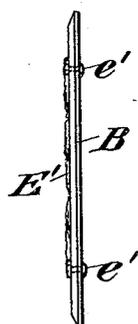
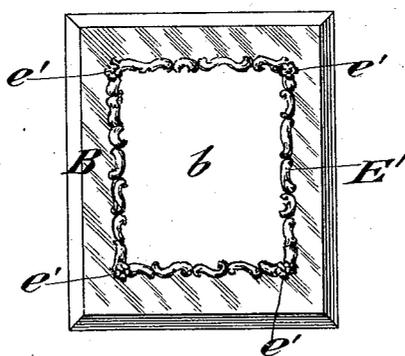


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAURICE WIRTHS, of New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Settings for Cards or Pictures, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in settings for cards or pictures in which the card or picture is removably secured to the front of a transparent or translucent plate, which projects beyond the margin of the card or plate and forms a transparent or translucent border around it.

A practical embodiment of my invention is represented in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figures 1 and 2 represent, respectively, in edge and front elevation a card and its setting, the card being here shown as secured to the plate by a holder, which at the same time forms a support for the plate. Figs. 3 and 4 represent similar views showing a second form of holder. Figs. 5 and 6 represent similar views showing a third form of holder. Figs. 7 and 8 represent similar views showing a fourth form of holder. Figs. 9 and 10 represent similar views showing a fifth form of holder.

In each of the forms shown the card or picture is removably held at the front of a transparent or translucent plate, the outer portion of which forms a transparent or translucent border around the margin of the card or picture.

In the form of holder shown in Fig. 1 a wire or metallic strip has its ends A in position to bear against the rear of the plate B, preferably at a point above the center of the plate, and the two branches extend thence downwardly and rearwardly in graceful curved form, as shown at a , and curve around toward the front, as shown at a' , to form the rear treads of the holder. The two parts extend thence forwardly and upwardly and curve again into loop form, as shown at a^2 , to form the front treads of the holder, the necks of the loops a^2 being preferably contracted, so as to form a spring-clamp for holding the plate B between them. From the loop portion a^2 one of the parts extends upwardly along the front of the plate and thence

returns alongside of its upward extension, forming a narrow upwardly-extending loop a^3 , (represented clearly in Fig. 2,) while the other part extends up to a position slightly above that which the bottom of the card b is to occupy, and thence extends horizontally, as shown at a^4 , to meet and form one integral portion with the downwardly-extending part of the loop a^3 . The narrow loop portion a^3 and the horizontal portion a^4 are intended to rest with spring-pressure against the front of the plate B, and when the card b is forced into position between the plates and the said parts of the holder the said parts a^3 and a^4 are intended to engage the side and bottom edge of the card and hold it securely in position against the front of the plate, thereby leaving a surrounding portion of the transparent plate B as a setting for the card. The loop a^3 and horizontal portion a^4 may be ornamented to cover the edge of the card or picture, as may be desired.

In the form shown in Figs. 3 and 4 the rear brace C has its upper end secured by a rivet, bolt, or screw c , which extends through the transparent plate B and is provided on its front side with a head c' , preferably of ornamental fashion, which is adapted to lie over the upper end of the card b when the latter is in position on the front of the plate. The connection C' has its front end secured by a second fastening c , provided with a head c' , the fastening c extending through the transparent plate B and its head c' being adapted to lie over the bottom edge of the card b , and, together with the head of the upper fastening, serving to hold the card in position on the front of the plate, so as to present a surrounding transparent border. The parts C C' of the holder may be twisted together, as shown at c^2 , and their lower ends c^3 and c^4 may be spread apart, as clearly shown in Fig. 4, to form the rear treads of the holder. The heads c' may be extended along the edge of the card or picture to conceal more or less of it, as may be desired.

In the form shown in Figs. 5 and 6 a rear brace D is pivotally secured at its upper end to a narrow strip D', the latter being fixed to or formed integral with a base-piece d , which may be of suitable thin metal having an em-

bellished front face, as shown in Fig. 6, and extended downwardly in the form of legs d' at the opposite corners of the front and provided with the upward extension d^2 , spaced 5 from the strip D' sufficiently to admit the plate B between them. The upper ends of the projections d^2 are further provided with seats d^3 for the reception of the lower end of the card b , the upper end of the strip D' being secured by a fastening d^4 , which extends 10 through the transparent plate and is provided on the front with a head d^5 , adapted to lie over the upper end of the card b when the latter is in position on the front of the plate. 15 The extensions d^2 may be one or both continued along the edge of the card or picture to conceal it, as may be desired.

In the form shown in Figs. 7 and 8 the holder consists of a frame E, extending along 20 one side edge and across the lower end of the card or picture and secured to the front of the plate by screws or rivets e , extending through it and the plate, or it might be cemented to the front of the plate, a space being left between it and the plate for the insertion and 25 removal of the card. The frame is preferably of some ornamental design.

In the form shown in Figs. 9 and 10 the holder consists of a frame E' , adapted to surround 30 the margin of the card or picture. It may be secured to the plate by screws or rivets e' , or it may be cemented to the plate. A space is left between one of the sides or ends of the frame and the plate for the insertion and removal of a card, and when the card is 35 adjusted the frame will conceal its margin.

It is obvious that other forms of holders than these here presented might be adopted without departing from the spirit and scope 40 of my invention. Hence I do not wish to limit myself strictly to the shapes and structures herein shown; but

What I claim is—

1. The setting for a card or picture, comprising a transparent or translucent plate and 45 a holder, said holder being adapted to confine the card or picture at the front of the plate, a margin being preserved on the plate, which presents a transparent or translucent border around the card or picture, substantially as 50 set forth.

2. The setting for a card or picture, comprising a plate and a holder, said holder being adapted to confine the card or picture at the 55 front of the plate, a margin being preserved on the plate, which presents a transparent or

translucent border around the card or picture, substantially as set forth.

3. The setting for a card or picture, comprising a plate and a holder, said holder being 60 adapted to confine the card or picture at the front of the plate, a margin being preserved on the plate, which presents a transparent or translucent border around the card or picture, the holder being further constructed to 65 extend over the edge of the card or picture to be held and conceal its edge, substantially as set forth.

4. The combination, with the plate, of the card or picture holder, said holder being 70 adapted to confine the card or picture at the front of the plate, a margin being preserved on the plate, forming a border around the card or picture, and a support for the plate, located at the rear of the plate and connected with 75 the holder at the front of the plate, substantially as set forth.

5. The combination, with a transparent or translucent plate, of a plate-support having an upwardly-projecting portion at the front 80 of the plate, adapted to hold a card in position against the front of the plate, so as to leave a transparent or translucent border surrounding the card, substantially as set forth.

6. The combination, with a transparent or 85 translucent plate, of a plate-support having a rearwardly-extending brace and an upwardly-extending portion adapted to receive a card between it and the front of the plate and hold the latter in position thereon, leaving 90 a surrounding transparent or translucent border, substantially as set forth.

7. The plate-support comprising a rearward brace portion, and a plate and card holding 95 portion connected with the brace and adapted to engage both the front and rear faces of the plate when the latter is in position, substantially as set forth.

8. The plate-support comprising a wire or strip of metal having its ends in position to 100 engage the rear of the plate to be held and extending from the ends downwardly and rearwardly to form rear treads, thence forwardly to form plate-holding loops and treads, and thence upwardly in position to engage a 105 card at the front of the plate, substantially as set forth.

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