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Fig. 3.

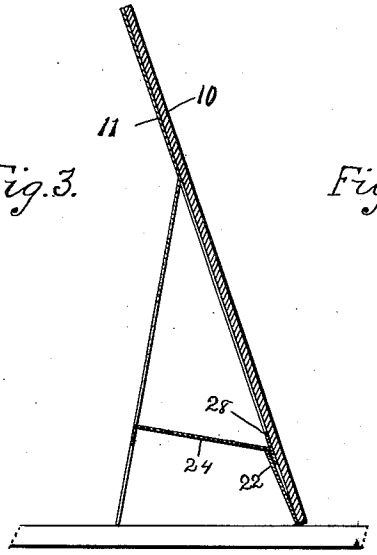


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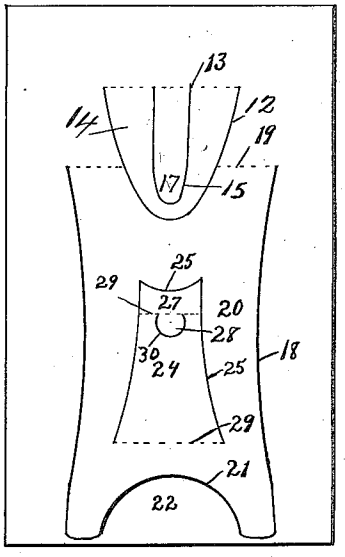
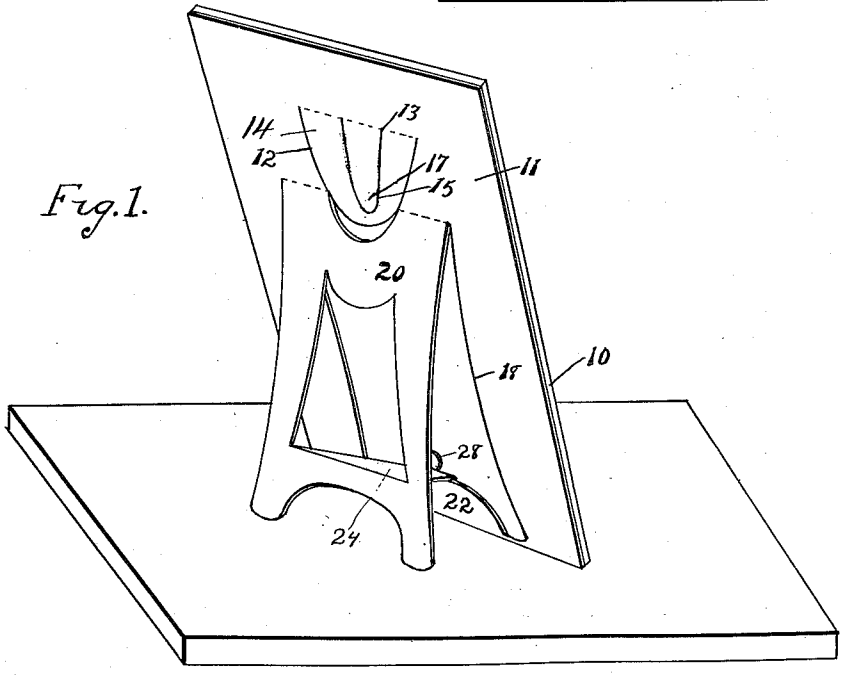


Fig. 1.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHRISTOPHER C. HARPER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Audubon, in the county of Audubon and State of Iowa, have invented a certain new and useful Card-Mounting, of which the following is a specification.

The objects of my invention are to provide a card-mounting especially designed for use in displaying photographs, articles of merchandise, &c., to be formed complete of a face-card and a back-card, the said back-card so arranged that a portion of it may be inclined away from the face-card to form a supporting-standard for the face-card, and, further, to provide said standard with a locking-tongue arranged to be conveniently and easily inserted between a portion of the face-card and the back-card to firmly lock the supporting-standard in position relative to the face-card, as required for providing a firm substantial support therefor; and my object is further to provide a back-card of this class so arranged that when in its folded position all of its parts will lie perfectly flat against the face-card to occupy a minimum of space in packing and shipping.

My invention consists in the construction, arrangement, and combination of the various parts of the card-mounting whereby the objects contemplated are attained, as hereinafter more fully set forth, pointed out in my claim, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows a perspective view of the entire card-mounting in its set-up position as required for use. Fig. 2 shows a rear elevation of same in its folded position; and Fig. 3 shows a vertical central sectional view through the card-mounting in its set-up position.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, I have used the reference-numeral 10 to indicate the face-card, which may be of any desirable size or shape intended for use in receiving and supporting photographs, articles of merchandise, or the like. On the rear surface of the face-card I have secured the back-card, which is preferably constructed of cardboard or some similar substance having a certain degree of flexibility. This back-card is provided, as will hereinafter appear, with portions intended to be inclined away from the face-card, and these portions are of course not secured to the face-card. The remainder of the card is secured by gluing or in some other desirable way to the face-card. The body portion of the back-card is indicated by the reference-numeral 11. Near the top of the back-card I have formed a hanger for use in suspending the card-mounting, which hanger is made by cutting the back-card along the line 12 and bending it along the line 13, thus forming the hanger 14. Near the free end of the hanger I form an opening by which the hanger may be placed on a nail or other support by cutting the hanger 14 along the line 15 and folding it along the line 13, thus forming the tongue 17. The hanger lies flat against the face-card when in its folded position, and in use its lower end is moved outwardly and upwardly, hinging at the line 13, until it projects above the face-card, whereupon it may be supported upon a nail or the like by bending the tongue 17 along the line 13 to thus form an opening to receive a nail or other support.

I have provided a standard by which the card may be supported on a horizontal surface, as follows: I cut the back-card along the line 18 and fold it along the line 19 to form the supporting-leg 20, and at the bottom of the back-card I cut along the line 21 to form a locking-lug 22. The tip or upper end thereof is not secured to the face-card and may incline rearwardly a slight distance; but this tip portion is not folded. Hence it cannot incline rearwardly to any material extent. In use the leg 20 may have its lower end inclined rearwardly away from the face-card to serve as a support to hold the face-card on a horizontal surface in an inclined position, as shown in Fig. 1. On account of the flexible connection between the supporting-leg 20 and the back-card the said supporting-leg would not of itself hold the face-card as firmly and substantially as is desirable. For this reason I form in the leg a brace 24, which is made by first cutting through the supporting-leg on the line 25 and folding it along the line 26, and at the free end of the brace I form a locking-tongue 27, provided with a guiding-handle 28. The locking-tongue is formed by folding along the line 29, and the handle is formed by cutting the brace along the line 30. The said locking-tongue and brace are not folded. Hence they always stand in line with each other.

In practical use and assuming the leg to be in its folded position all of its parts will lie flat against the face-card, as shown in Fig. 2. If it is desired to support the face-card on a hori-

zontal table or the like, the operator first inclines the lower end of the leg 20 away from the face-card. He then bends the brace 24 inwardly and downwardly toward the face-card and then inserts a forefinger in the opening in the leg and engages with the tip of the forefinger the handle 28, holding it and the locking-tongue flat against the rear of the face-card. He then moves this locking-tongue downwardly until it enters behind the part 22, where the locking-tongue is held by friction between the part 22 and the face-card 10. In this way the supporting-leg is firmly locked in position spaced apart from the face-card at the angle which is best adapted for supporting the face-card on a table or the like. In this manner a firm lock for the supporting-leg is provided and at the same time the face-card is not cut in any way and the locking-tongue and all of the card-supporting devices are invisible from the front of the face-card.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States therefor, is—

In a card-mounting, a face-card, a flexible back-card having a leg formed therein by cutting through the card, said leg extending from a point near the top to a point near the bottom of the back-card and its lower end capable of swinging outwardly away from the face-card, said leg provided with a brace formed by cutting through the leg, said brace extending from a point near the bottom of the leg to a point near its top, the brace being capable of folding inwardly on a line near its lower end to position approaching a right angle relative to the leg, said brace formed with a tongue at its free end and said tongue formed with a handle, the part comprising said tongue and handle provided with a hinge connection with the brace, said back-card also formed with a locking-lug near its lower end extended upwardly from the bottom of the back-card at the central portion thereof, said locking-lug parallel with and free from the face-card to permit the introduction of the said tongue between it and the face-card and to retain it therein against displacement by pressure tending to move the leg and face-card away from each other, the margins of said front and back cards secured together.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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