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APPARATUS FOR FRAMING BILLS, SHOW-CARDS, &c.

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Fig. 1.

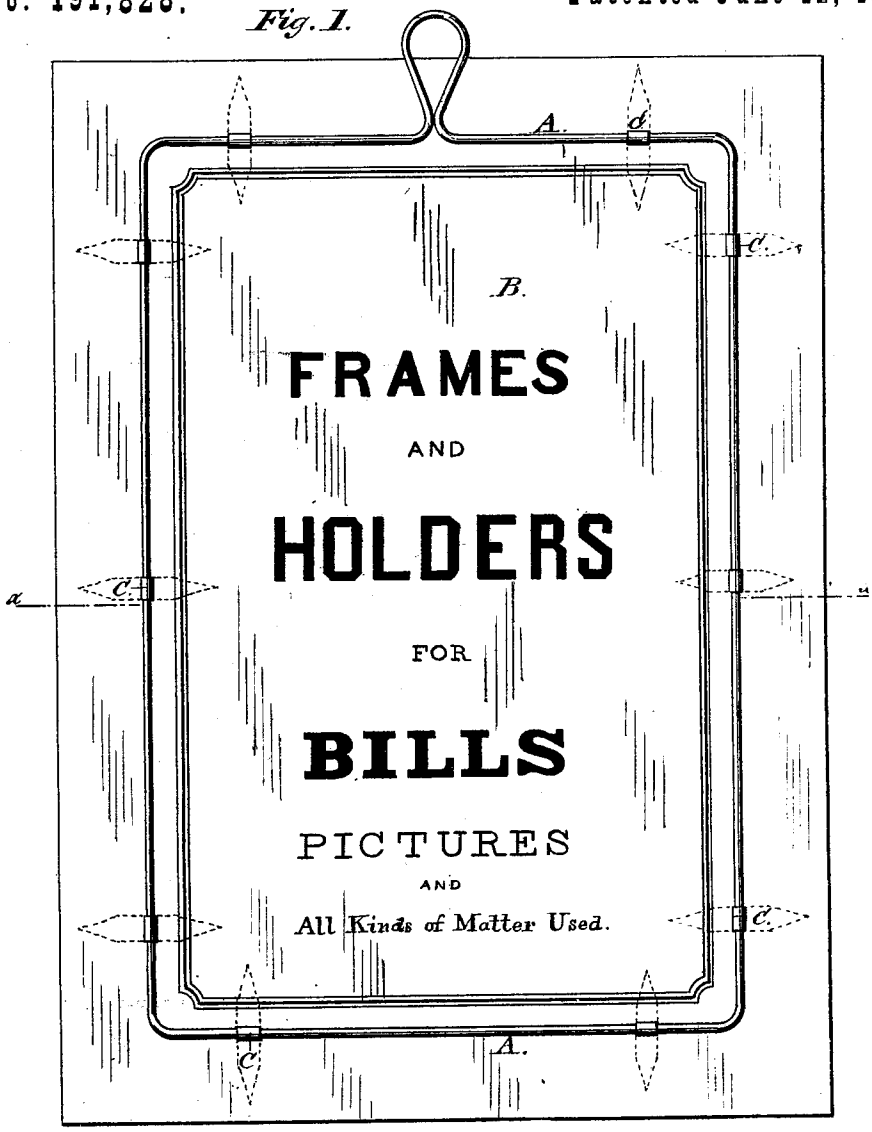

Fig. 2.

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IMPROVEMENT IN APPARATUS FOR FRAMING BILLS, SHOW-CARDS, &c.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ORLANDO C. BROWN, of Cardington, in the county of Morrow and State of Ohio, have invented certain Improvements in Frames and Holders for Bills, Cards, Pictures, and all kinds of matter used for public display, of which the following is a specification:

My invention relates to the method of framing, temporarily for exhibition, show-cards, bills, pictures, &c., by means of a metal frame, ordinarily of wire, to which, by the use of flexible or spring fasteners, the said show-cards, bills, pictures, &c., may be attached or detached at pleasure; and the object of my invention is to obtain a frame or holder for printed or other matter that is cheap, durable, and protective, and which frame, when used once for such purpose, shall not, as is generally the case, be thrown away, but without any additional cost may be used repeatedly, over and over again.

To enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, I will now more definitely describe my invention, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 is a plan view of the device. Fig. 2 is a section on *x x*.

In the drawing, A represents the frame, which may be round, flat, or of other suitable form, and may be a single frame, as herein shown, to hold but one bill, card, or picture; or it may be made in sections, to hold a number of the same. Stay-wires or braces may be used at intermediate places, in case of very large frames, to properly stiffen or brace them. Onto this frame the bill, card, picture B, &c., to be protected, held, and exhibited, is secured or attached by means of the flexible or spring fasteners C, made of any suitable material, and of the ordinary form of paper-fasteners—that is, having two sharp ends, which are passed over the frame and through the bill, card, or picture, &c., the said ends being then spread out or bent at right angles, and thus the bill, card, picture, &c., secured. In case of broad or flat frames being used, they are perforated, at suitable distances apart, with proper openings, through which the ends of the fasteners are passed and spread out on the rear side of the bill, card, picture, &c. If desired, the broad or flat frames may be ornamented in any suitable manner.

The frames may be made of any suitable material other than wire, and of any desired form or configuration, such as square, oval, round, hexagonal, &c.; but I prefer wire as a matter of cheapness.

To change the bill, cards, &c., in the frame it is only necessary to bring the points of the flexible fasteners together and withdraw them, when the frame and bills, cards, &c., are separated, and another card, bill, &c., can be substituted, and secured in the same manner is the first.

If desired, the flexible fasteners may be soldered or otherwise fastened or secured to the frame A, and then passed through the bills, cards, pictures, &c., as in the first place.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The method of framing, temporarily for exhibition, bills, show-cards, or pictures, by means of the frame A and spring-fasteners C, constructed and arranged for operation substantially as described.

2. The combination of the frame A with a bill, card, or picture, B, and the flexible or spring-fasteners C, substantially as and for the purpose hereinbefore set forth.

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