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PICTURE FRAME.

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Fig. 1

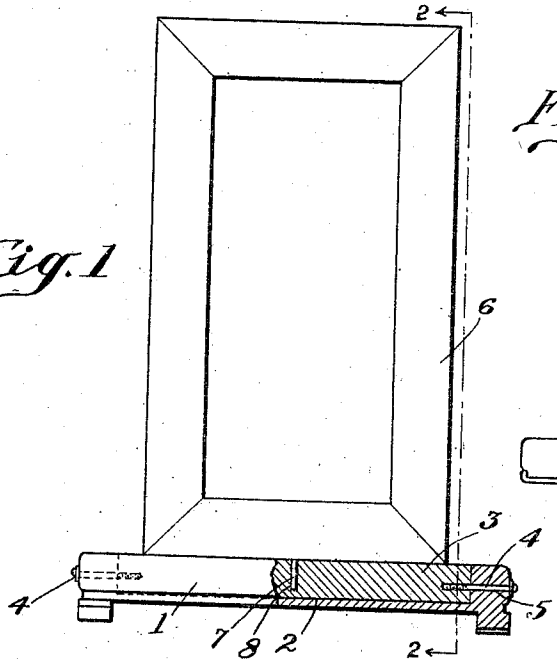


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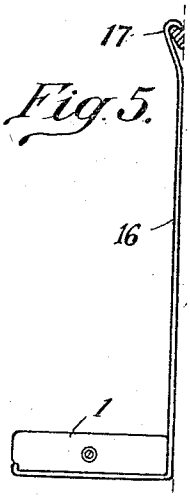


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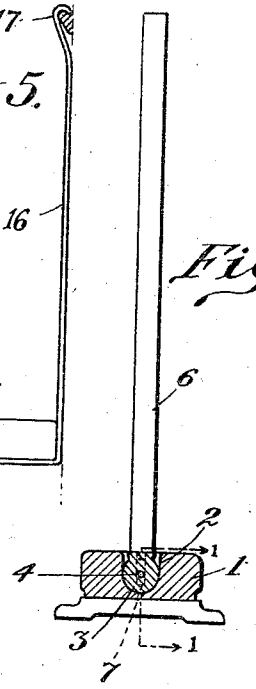
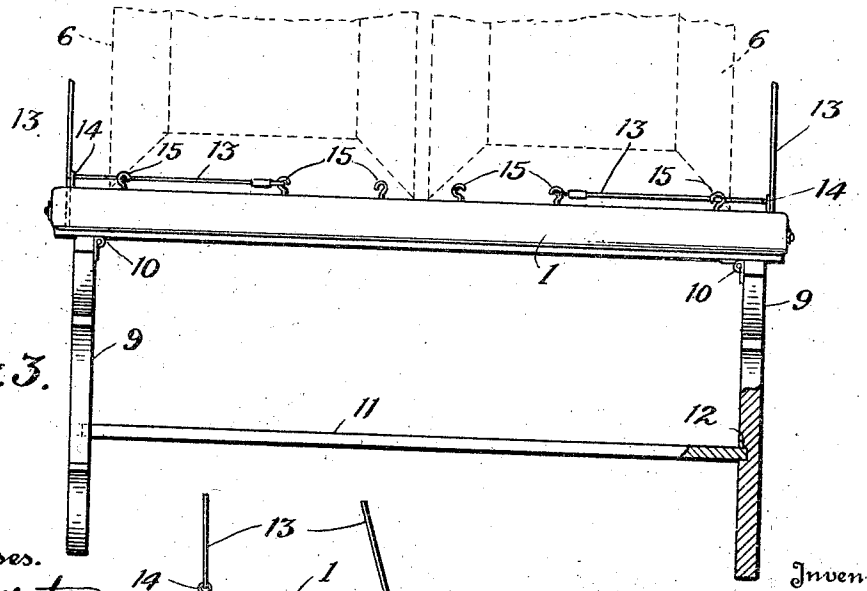


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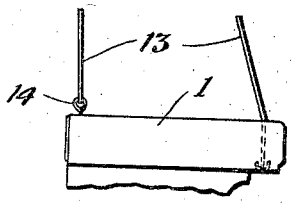


Fig. 4

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, DITRICH SCHAFER and ALBERT KITSCHER, citizens of the United States, and residing at Sacramento, in the county of Sacramento and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Picture-Frames, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to frames and more particularly to ornamental picture frames mounted in bases and has for one of its objects the provision of a device of this character that will be adjustably mounted in its base.

Another object is the provision of a device of the character described that may be adjustably supported from the ordinary picture molding.

A still further object is to provide a device of the class described that will be of knockdown structure.

Other objects such as simplicity, durability, cheapness in manufacture and the general improvement of the art will be brought out in the following specification and illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which:

Figure 1 is a front elevation of our device,

Fig. 2 is a view on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1,

Fig. 3 is a rear elevation of our device having a foldable shelf,

Fig. 4 is a detail end view partly broken away, and Fig. 5 is an end view showing a metal rod for supporting the device.

Referring more particularly to the drawings the numeral 1 designates the base having an aperture 2 formed therein, the aperture 2 having a concave bottom surface.

A revoluble bearing member 3 is mounted in the aperture 2 and is held therein by pivots 4 passing through apertures 5 in the ends of the base member 1.

Frames 6 have pivot lugs 7 mounted in their lower ends. The lugs 7 are adapted to be inserted in apertures 8 in member 3, thus giving the frames a double pivotal mounting.

In Fig. 3 we have shown our invention with a foldable shelf or book rack mounted on the under side. This rack comprises side pieces 9 hingedly mounted at 10 and a shelf 11 mounted in slots 12 in the side pieces 9. In this figure we have also shown the means for adjustably supporting the frames from an ordinary picture molding, which comprises flexible cords 13 having one of their ends secured adjacent the forward corners of the base 1 and having their other ends passing through guide members 14 and secured on one of the hooks 15.

In Fig. 5 we have shown another means of supporting our frames from picture molding. It consists of a metal rod 16 bent to engage and support the base 1 and having its free end bent to form a hook 17 which is adapted to engage ordinary picture molding. This rod 16 may be of polished metal or may be colored to match the wall against which it rests.

Having thus described our invention what we claim is:

1. In combination with a picture frame, a supporting base provided in its top with a longitudinal recess having a curved bottom and terminating short of the ends of the base, a bearing member partially revoluble within said recess, pivot members extending through the ends of said base and into said bearing member, and a trunnion extending from the bottom edge of said frame and disposed in a socket in said bearing member whereby said frame may be horizontally rotated, said frame and bearing member being vertically tiltable.

2. In combination with a picture frame, a horizontal base provided in its top with a longitudinal recess terminating short of the ends thereof and having a semi-cylindrical bottom and vertical side and end walls, a bearing member disposed in said recess and comprising a cylindrical lower portion fitting within the semi-cylindrical bottom of said recess and a reduced upper portion spaced from the vertical sides of said recess, pivot pins extending through the ends of said base and centrally into the ends of said bearing member, and a trunnion extending downwardly from the center of the bottom edge of said frame and disposed in a vertical socket in the center of said bearing member, said frame being horizontally rotatable and said frame and bearing member together being vertically tiltable upon said pivots.

In testimony whereof we hereto affix our signatures.

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