

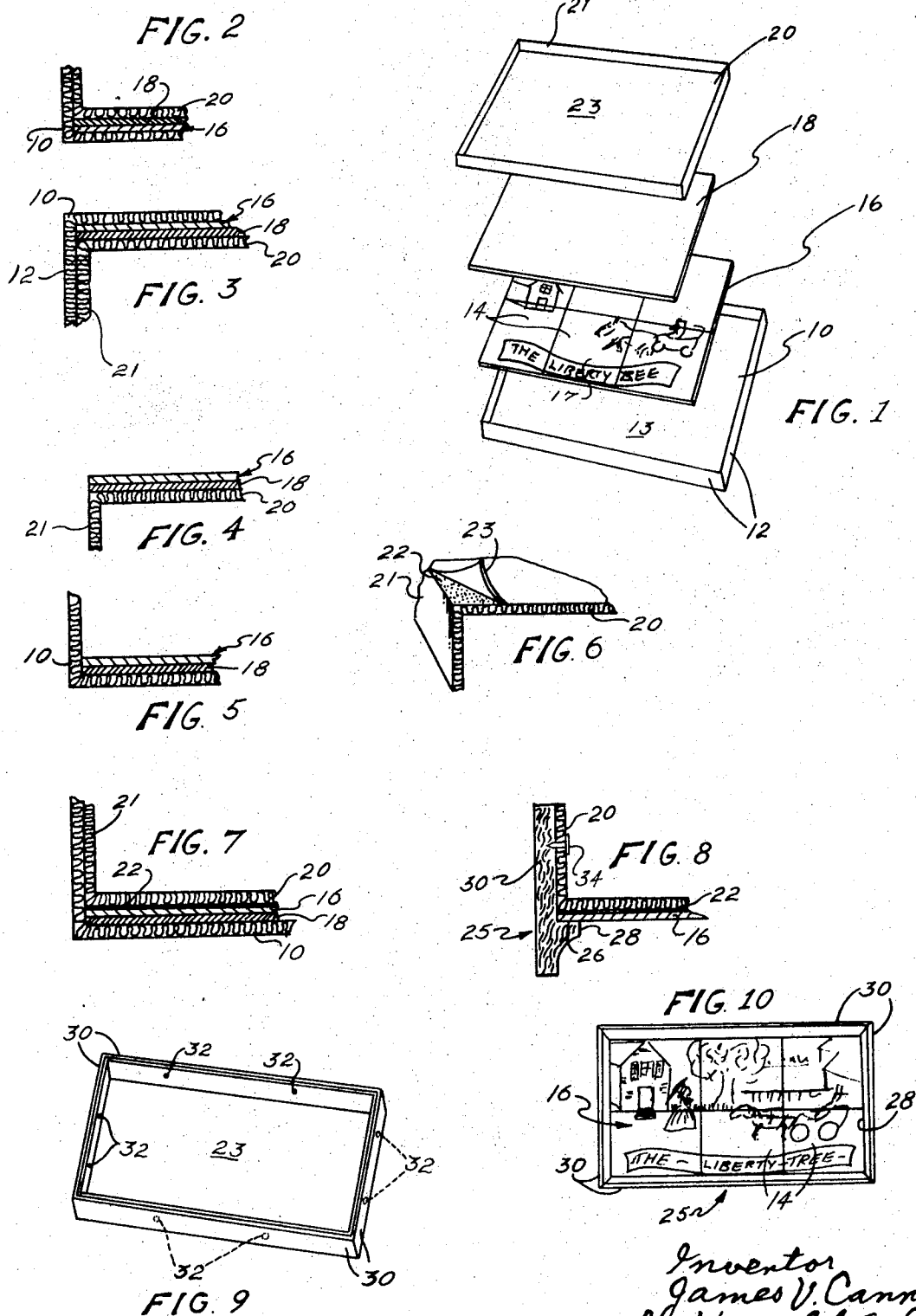
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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A completed jig-saw puzzle in a first receptacle having sides, receives a flat support plate on its picture face surface, another receptacle having sides is placed on said plate, the assembly is turned upside down, and said first receptacle is removed. The support plate with the puzzle on it, picture-face down, is placed in the first receptacle, an adhesive is provided on the face surface of said other receptacle and the latter is pressed onto the back surface of the puzzle, thus uniting the two, which are then ready for transfer to a picture frame.

The principal object of my invention is to enable a person who has assembled a jig-saw puzzle and wishes to frame it, to use a method that keeps the assembled puzzle intact while being made ready for framing.

The foregoing and other objects which will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, may be accomplished by a method of assembly and arrangement of parts such as is disclosed by the drawing. The nature of the invention is such as to render it susceptible to various changes and modifications, and, therefore, I am not to be limited to the construction disclosed by the drawing, nor to the particular arrangement described in the specification; but am entitled to all such changes therefrom as fall within the scope of my invention.

In the drawing:

FIG. 1 is a perspective, exploded view showing the parts used in my invention.

FIG. 2 is a corner, sectional view showing an assembled jig-saw puzzle with parts in position ready to commence the steps of my method.

FIG. 3 is a view similar to FIG. 2, showing the next step in my method.

FIG. 4 is a view similar to FIG. 2, showing a further step in my method.

FIG. 5 is a view similar to FIG. 2, showing a further step in my method.

FIG. 6 is a corner, sectional view showing a receptacle provided with an adhesive on its outer face surface normally protected by a removable cover, the latter being shown partly withdrawn to expose the adhesive.

FIG. 7 is a view similar to FIG. 2, showing completion of the final step that makes the jig-saw puzzle ready to be removed for insertion into a picture frame.

FIG. 8 is a view similar to FIG. 2 showing the jig-saw puzzle and receptacle united thereto, in place in a picture frame.

FIG. 9 is a perspective view of a picture frame after having received the assembled puzzle.

FIG. 10 is a front elevational view showing a picture puzzle mounted on a picture frame.

As illustrated, a receptacle 10 such as a box cover having sides 12 with an integral flat surface sheet 13 or

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face between them, and which may be made of cardboard, receives the parts 14 of a completed jig-saw puzzle 16 which desirably forms an attractive picture design or the like when the parts 14 are assembled. Said sides 12 of the box cover 10 may be broken over and laid flat before assembling the puzzle parts for convenience, since later they are stood up again and fastened, as by tape, vertically in place.

A flat support plate 18, which is made of a firm material such as pressboard, is placed on the picture face surface of the assembled puzzle parts. Then a smaller receptacle 20 lesser in area, having sides 21 with a flat surface sheet or face 23 between, which may be the lower part of a cardboard box, is placed in said receptacle 10 and on said support plate 18 face surface down. The assembly is then turned upside down. Said receptacle 20 preferably fits into said receptacle 10. The latter, being on top, is then removed from the assembly and placed on its face surface 13 ready for further use.

Said support plate 18 with assembled puzzle 16 on it, picture-face down, is then placed into receptacle 10. Said receptacle 20 requires an adhesive 22 on its face, so a protective strip 23, shown in said FIG. 6, on a said adhesive is removed and the face surface of sheet 20 is placed on the puzzle on the back surface thereof. In the alternative an adhesive may be applied to said receptacle 20 on said face surface just before placing it on said puzzle. Pressure is then applied to the entire face surface 23 of said receptacle 20 forcing said adhesive onto the puzzle back surface to cause puzzle parts to adhere to this receptacle 20.

A picture frame 25 is placed in position front face down, and with an inner lip or flat retainer rim 26 extending around an opening 28 in said frame. Said frame has sides 30, four being shown, bordering outside of said rim 26 joined at their corners in the usual way. This unitary assembly of puzzle 16 and receptacle 20 is then removed from said receptacle 10 and placed into said picture frame at the rear thereof with border portions of said puzzle 16 contacting said retainer rim 26 and with substantially the whole puzzle picture showing through said frame opening 28.

This assembly of puzzle and receptacle 20 is fastened to said frame sides 30 by driving tacks or other pin members 34 through holes 32, said receptacle sides 21 and into frame sides 30, or by adhesively joining them.

Said receptacles 20 and 10 may serve as the box in which the puzzle parts are packed and sold. Receptacle 20 may serve as the case or lower part of the box, and receptacle 10 serves as the cover therefor.

What I claim is:

1. The method of preparing a completed jig-saw puzzle ready for framing, the latter being in a first receptacle having sides and a flat face between them, comprising placing a firm support plate onto the picture of a completed puzzle, placing a second receptacle, having sides and a flat face between them, into said first receptacle with its said flat face resting on said support plate, turning the aforesaid assembly upside down and removing said first receptacle therefrom, removing said support plate and puzzle on it from said second receptacle and placing into said first receptacle, providing said second receptacle with an adhesive on its face and placing said latter face with adhesive onto the back surface of said puzzle and pressing said adhesive onto said puzzle back surface thereby uniting said latter face and puzzle.

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2. The method of preparing a completed jig-saw puzzle ready for framing as set forth in claim 1, said second receptacle having a removable covering on said adhesive and stripping said covering from said adhesive prior to placing said second receptacle onto back surface of said puzzle.

3. The method of preparing a completed jig-saw puzzle ready for framing as set forth in claim 1, in combination with a picture frame having sides, a rim inwardly of said sides and an opening defined by said rim, and removing said united puzzle and second receptacle from said first receptacle and placing them at the rear of said picture frame with said receptacle sides parallel with said picture frame sides, and attaching said receptacle and frame sides together.

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