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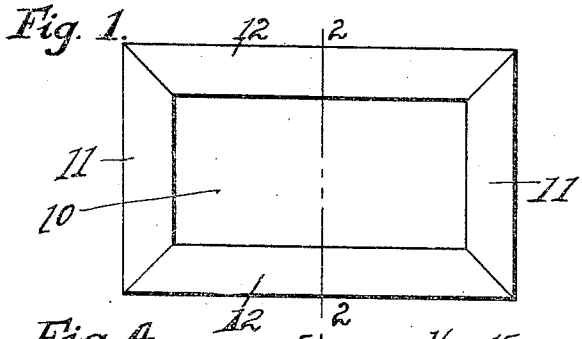


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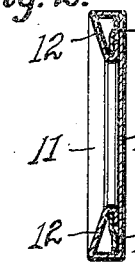


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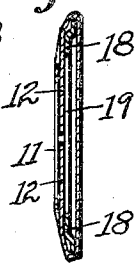


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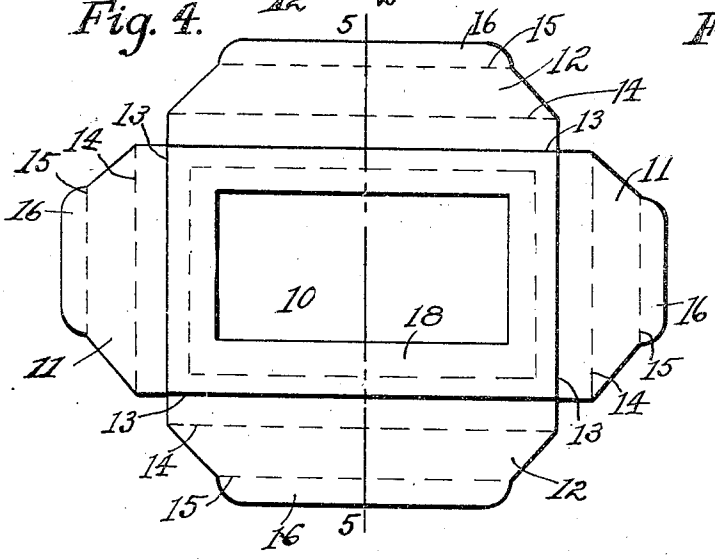
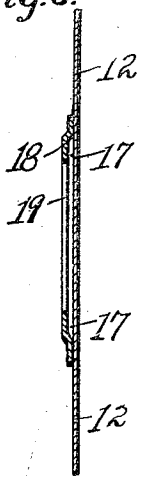


Fig. 5.



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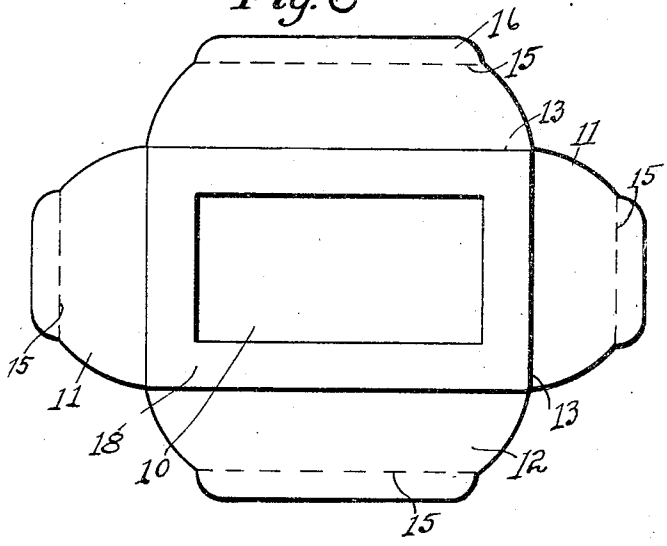


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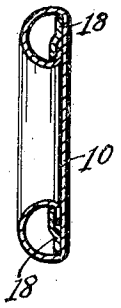


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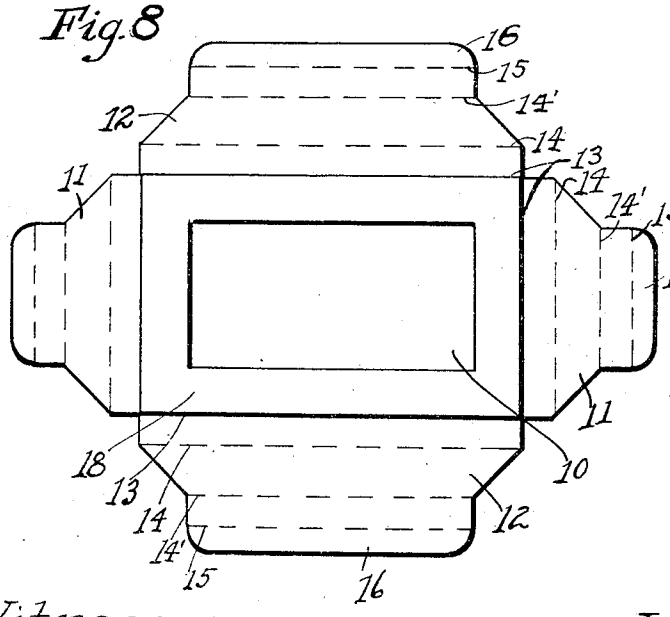
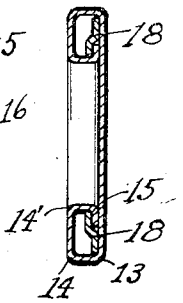


Fig. 9



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES McLELLAN, a subject of the King of England, and a resident of the city of Kanakee, county of Kankakee, and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Picture-Frames, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to picture frames and more particularly to collapsible picture frames.

The object of this improvement is to provide a simple and effective frame constructed of thick paper, card-board, leather, celluloid or like material and which is adapted to be folded into collapsing position and erected position as often as desired.

Other objects will appear hereinafter.

The invention consists in the combinations and arrangements of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

The invention will be best understood by reference to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of a frame embodying my invention, Fig. 2 is a section of the same taken on line 2—2 of Fig. 1, Fig. 3 is a section taken through the frame in the same position when such frame is collapsed, Fig. 4 is a front view of the frame with the flaps turned out flat, Fig. 5 is a section of the same taken on line 5—5 of Fig. 4, Fig. 6 is a front view of a frame with the flaps turned out flat and adapted to form a frame with semi-circular cross-section, Fig. 7 is a central section of such frame erected, Fig. 8 is a front view of a frame with the flaps turned out flat and adapted when folded to form a frame with rectangular cross section, and Fig. 9 is a central section of such frame erected.

The preferred form of construction as illustrated in the drawings comprises a main blank 10 having flaps 11 at its ends and flaps 12 at its sides. The flaps 11 and 12, see Figs. 1 to 5, are scored or creased and folded on lines 13 forming the perpendicular outer edges of the frame proper. Said flaps are again folded on lines 14 and 15, the portions between lines 14 and 15 forming the face of the frame proper, then tongues 16, being the portions between the lines 15 and the edges of the flaps are inserted in pockets 17. Said pockets 17 are formed by means of an offset sheet 18 which is secured at its edges to the blank 10 and having its central portion 19 cut out to form the opening in the frame as is clearly shown in Figs. 1 to 5 inclusive. This arrangement places the frame in erected position. When it is desired to collapse the frame the tongues 16 are removed from the pockets 17 and the flaps 11 and 12 folded on lines 13 overlapping each other over the face of sheets 10 and 18, see Fig. 3.

The flaps 11 and 12 of the forms already described may be made in shapes to form frames of any desired cross section. Two of such variations are shown in Figs. 6 to 9 inclusive. In Figs. 6 and 7 the flaps 11 and 12 are folded on lines 13, as in Figs. 1 to 5, and again on lines 15 but lines 14 are eliminated. Also the end edges of said flaps are curved so that when said flaps are folded into the positions indicated in Fig. 7 the junctures between the flaps will fit and form a finished joint. In Figs 8 and 9 a variation is shown in which the flaps form frames having rectangular cross sections. In this form the flaps 11 and 12 are folded as in Figs. 1 to 5 and in addition are again folded on lines 14′ to provide a vertical inner side of the frame proper as clearly indicated in Fig. 9.

The picture is held under the offset portion of the sheet 18 in a manner to expose such picture through the opening 19.

The frame may be mailed through the ordinary mails by placing an address and proper stamps on the backing sheet 10.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred form of construction for carrying my invention into effect, this is capable of variation and modification without departing from the spirit of the invention. I, therefore, do not wish to be limited to the precise details of construction set forth, but desire to avail myself of such variations and modifications as come within the scope of the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A picture frame comprising a backing sheet; a locking sheet secured to said backing sheet and providing pockets therebetween; and flaps formed integrally with said backing sheet, folded over said locking sheet and having their edges remov-

ably secured in said pockets, substantially as described.

2. A picture frame comprising a backing sheet; a locking sheet secured to said backing sheet and providing pockets therebetween; and flaps formed integrally with said locking sheet, and adapted to be folded to form the frame proper with their free edges frictionally engaging said pockets when in erected position and being adapted to be folded flat in collapsed position, substantially as described.

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

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