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PICTURE SUPPORT.

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Fig. 1.

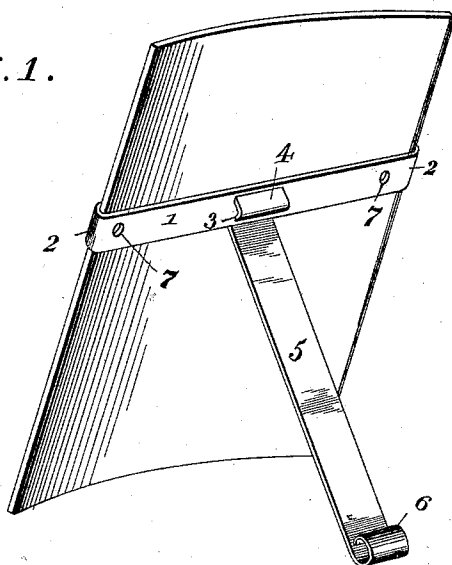


Fig. 2.

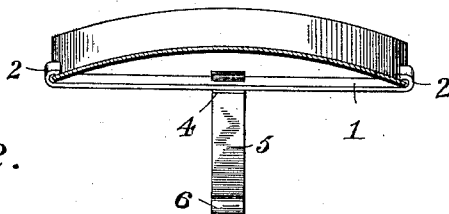


Fig. 3.

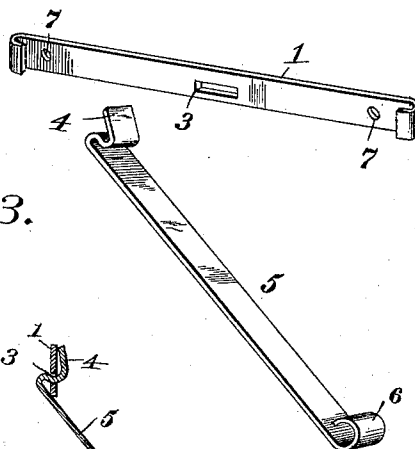
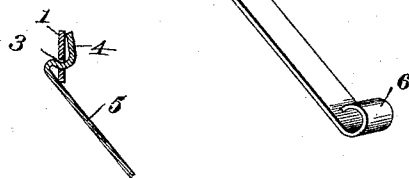


Fig. 4.



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PICTURE-SUPPORT.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BYRON LEE TURNER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pittsford, in the county of Hillsdale and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Picture-Support, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in photograph-exhibitors.

The object of the present invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive device adapted to be readily attached to a photograph, picture, card, or the like, and capable of supporting the same in an inclined position similar to an easel and of enabling the same to be supported in a vertical position against the wall or other supporting-surface when desired.

The invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claim hereto appended.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a photograph-exhibitor constructed in accordance with this invention. Fig. 2 is a horizontal sectional view. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the device detached, the parts being separated. Fig. 4 is a detail sectional view.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, 1 designates a horizontal bar provided at its ends with bends 2, forming grooves or recesses adapted to receive the side edges of a photograph, card, or the like, whereby the bar is secured to the same. The bar is designed to be shorter than the width of the photograph on which it is designed to be employed, and the side edges of the photograph are sprung into the grooves formed by the bends 2, so that the picture or photograph will of its own

spring hold itself in the bends or grooves of the bar, and the said bar is provided intermediate its ends with a slot 3, in which is secured the upper end 4 of an inclined brace 5. The upper end of the inclined brace 5 is provided with an angular bend and is passed through the slot from the inner side of the bar 1, and the end of the brace engages the outer face of the bar and the weight of the picture holds the parts in rigid contact. The lower end 6 of the brace is bent upon itself to form a loop, so as to present a smooth surface and to avoid scratching. Openings 7 are provided in the horizontal bar to receive screws, nails, or the like, whereby the picture may be supported in a vertical position against a wall.

It will be seen that the device is simple and inexpensive in construction, and is adapted to be readily attached to a picture, photograph, or the like, and is capable of supporting the same in an inclined position similar to an easel and in a vertical position.

What is claimed as new is—

A picture-support comprising a horizontal bar provided at its ends with grooves or bends adapted to receive and embrace the side edges of a picture, photograph, or the like and having intermediate its ends a slot, and an inclined brace having its upper end provided with an angular bend engaging the slot and having its lower end bent upon itself, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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