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PICTURE FRAME

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Fig. 1.

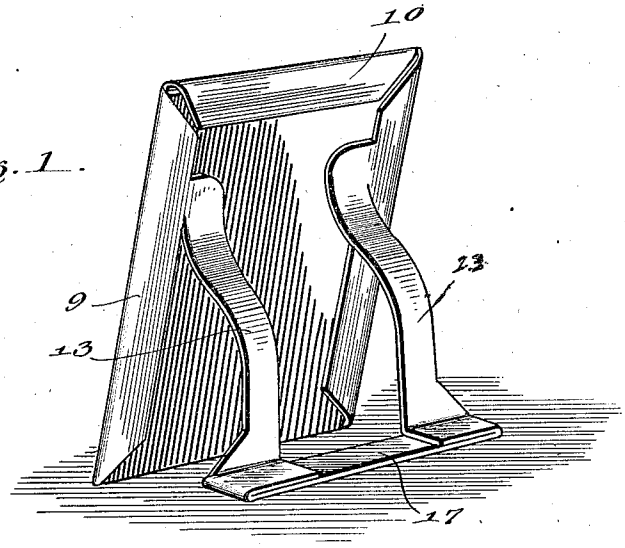


Fig. 2.

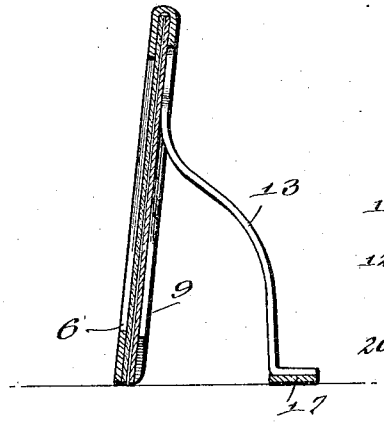
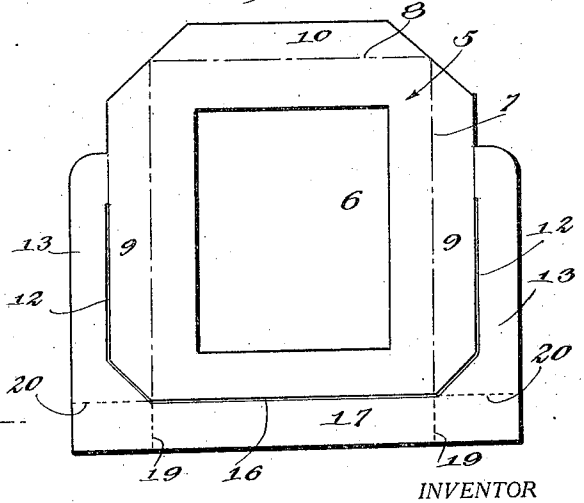


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, TOY M. BRIDGES, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Nashville, in the county of Davidson and State of Tennessee, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Picture Frames, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to frames especially adapted for displaying pictures.

Briefly stated an important object of this invention is to provide a picture frame formed entirely of one sheet of metal or other material and so constructed that the same when completed is unusually artistic and durable.

A further object is to provide a picture frame which is of highly simplified construction, which can be manufactured without any rivets or other fastening devices and which is cheap to manufacture.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent during the course of the following description.

In the accompanying drawing forming a part of this application and in which like numerals are employed to designate like parts throughout the same,

Figure 1 is a perspective of the picture frame.

Figure 2 is a central vertical longitudinal sectional view through the same.

Figure 3 is a plan view of a blank from which the improved picture frame is manufactured.

In the drawing wherein for the purpose of illustration is shown a preferred embodiment of the invention the numeral 5 designates a blank from which the improved frame is manufactured. It will be understood that any material such as metal, card board or the like may be employed.

In carrying out the invention the blank 5 is provided with an opening 6 of any desired shape and the blank is bent along the longitudinal and transverse lines 7 and 8 respectively to provide guide and stop flanges 9 and 10 respectively. Of course the flanges 9 and 10 cooperate with the front portion of the frame in the formation of grooves or channels for the reception of the edge and upper portions of the picture and a backing for the same. Also a glass may be employed in front of the picture if desired.

It will be observed that the side flanges 9 are spaced inwardly from the longitudinal edges of the blank and the longitudinal edge portions of the blank are severed along the line 12 so as to define legs 13. Figure 1 illustrates that the incisions 12 terminate at a point spaced from the upper end of the legs 13 so that the legs will not be entirely severed from the picture. Also the device is formed with a transverse incision 16 which joins the incisions 12 so as to provide a base 17 which connects the legs 13. In other words the blank is formed with a substantially U-shaped incision which defines an easel for supporting the picture and of course the legs are bent outwardly as illustrated in Figure 2 so as to support the frame in a slightly inclined position.

In shaping the frame and more particularly the easel of the same the partly severed portion of the metal is bent along the longitudinal and transverse lines 19 and 20 respectively so as to provide double thicknesses at the end of the base 17.

In manufacture the improved frame may be made of hammered copper or any other suitable material and almost any shape desired may be obtained.

Attention is directed to the fact that no riveting, soldering, or stretching of the metal is necessary and this permits the frame to be manufactured at an extremely low cost.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is:

1. A picture frame formed from a single length of material having longitudinal and top flanges extending inwardly to form a picture retaining means, said piece of material being formed with a U-shaped incision defining an easel having legs and a base, the upper portions of the legs being extended from and formed integral with said side flanges.

2. A picture frame formed from a single blank of material, the blank of material being formed with longitudinal and transverse bends defining side and top flanges, the blank of material also being formed with a substantially U-shaped incision defining a pair of parallel supporting legs and a base connecting the legs, the juncture between the legs and base being of a double thickness.

3. A picture frame formed from a single blank of material, the blank of material being formed with longitudinal and transverse bends defining side and top flanges,

the blank of material also being formed with a substantially U-shaped incision defining a pair of parallel supporting legs and a base connecting the legs, the juncture between the legs and base being of a double thickness, said legs being curved longitudinally.

4. A frame comprising a blank of material having return bends defining retaining flanges, the blank being formed adjacent certain edges thereof with incisions defining an easel having legs, said legs being formed integral with and extending from the edges of said retaining flanges.

5. A picture frame comprising a blank of sheet metal having one end and each of its sides extended and said extended end portion and part of the side extended portions being severed from the blank of sheet metal and bent to form a supporting easel for said frame.

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