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Paper Picture-Frame.

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Fig. 1.

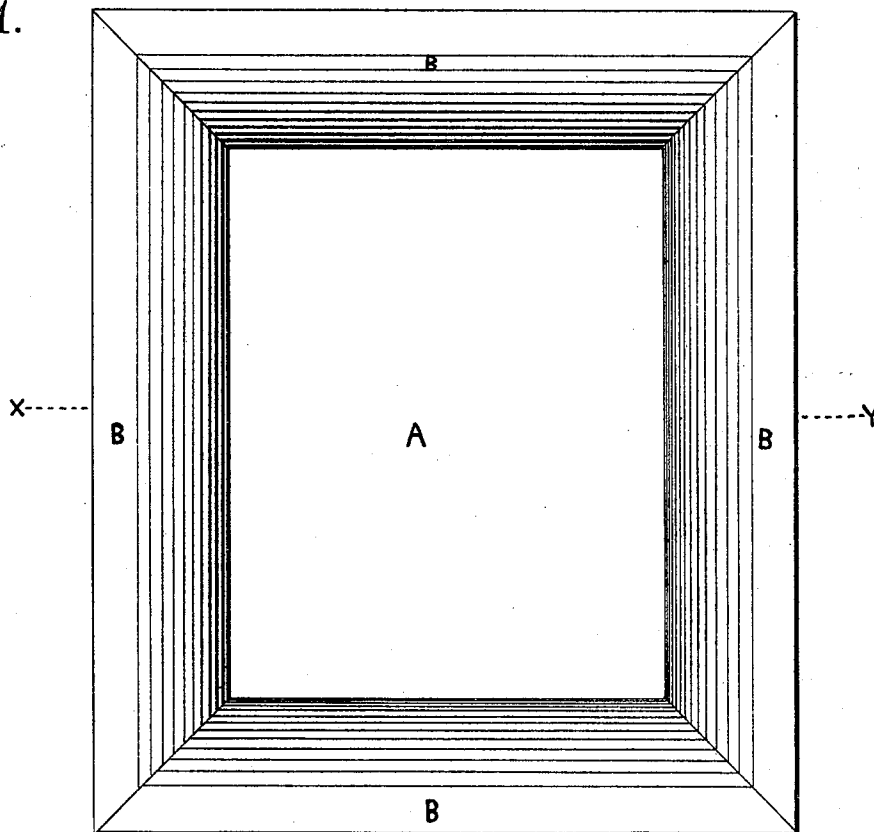
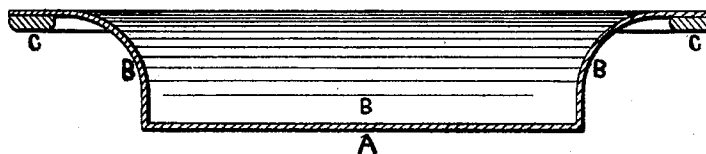


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN PAPER PICTURE-FRAMES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OLIVER K. BRADFORD, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in the Construction of Frames for Pictures, Mirrors, Ornaments, Wax-Work, Artificial and Preserved Flowers, &c., of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is to provide a cheap, simple, and convenient frame, which may be ornamented by hand in various ways; and it consists in constructing the frame and back of one continuous piece of pasteboard or straw-board, papered or painted, or cardboard, which may be ornamented in any desired manner to suit the fancy, or to give the best effect to the picture or article placed within such frame.

Figure 1 is a plan view of my invention. Fig. 2 is a section through Fig. 1 at the point indicated by dotted lines X Y.

A represents the back of the frame, and is made of straw-board or similar material, having suitable openings cut at each corner, allowing the four sides B B B B to be bent up and curved outward, forming the frame B, a small frame, C, of wood or other material being secured to the outer edge of the straw-board frame B to stiffen the same, and likewise receive the screw-eyes for the cord to hang such frame, in the usual manner.

This frame is adapted for cheap oil-paintings, which may be painted directly upon the front of the straw-board back A, thus dispensing with the usual canvas and stretcher frame. This is an advantage. On account of the back being straw-board, it is not affected by moisture, so as to cause it to become slack or loose and wrinkle in places when it is wet weather, it being less expensive than canvas or cloth stretched upon a wood frame, as heretofore; any of the common oil-chromos may be put directly upon this straw-board back A, and secured thereto with a little paste or size, when a small corner bead or frame may be placed in front of the same, thus completing both mounting and framing. Or a glass may be put over an engraving placed on the back A; then the bead, molding, or other finish is secured in place by brads or small nails passing through the sides B into the same.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

As a new article of manufacture, the above-described paper frame, as constructed of one sheet of straw-board or similar material, having wedge-shaped corners cut out and the sides molded to form a flaring frame, as shown.

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