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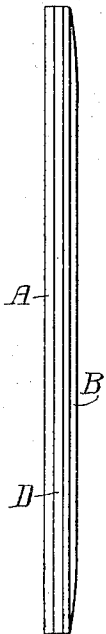


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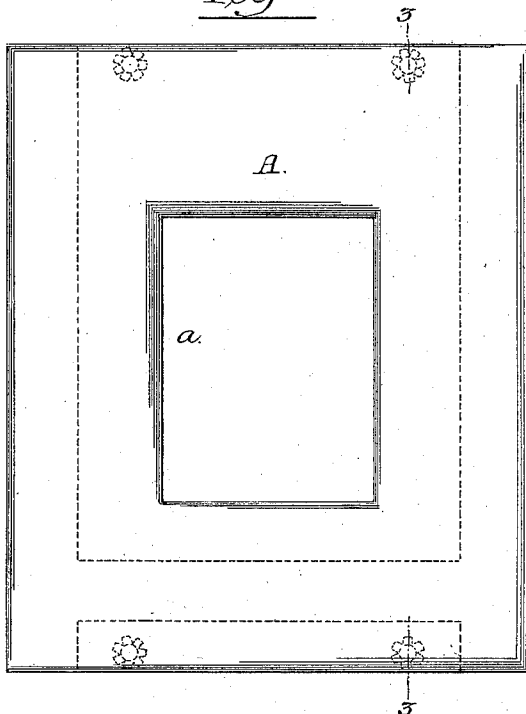


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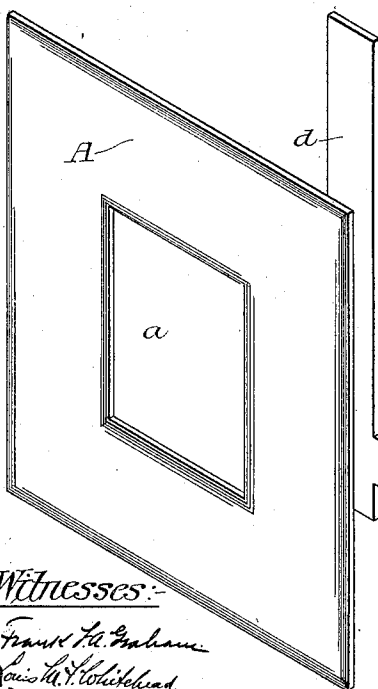
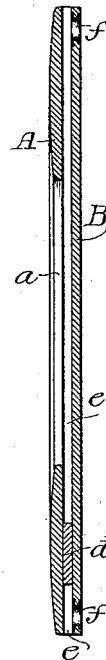
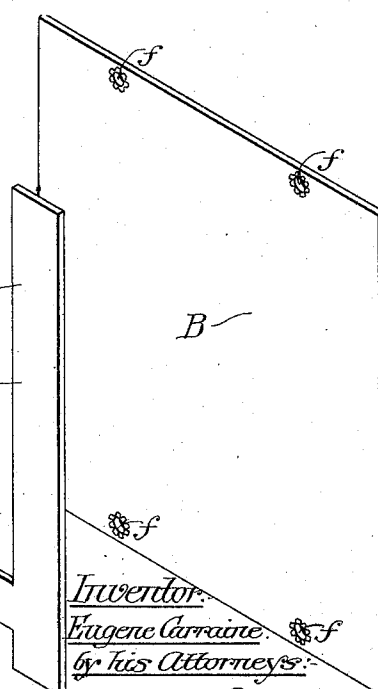


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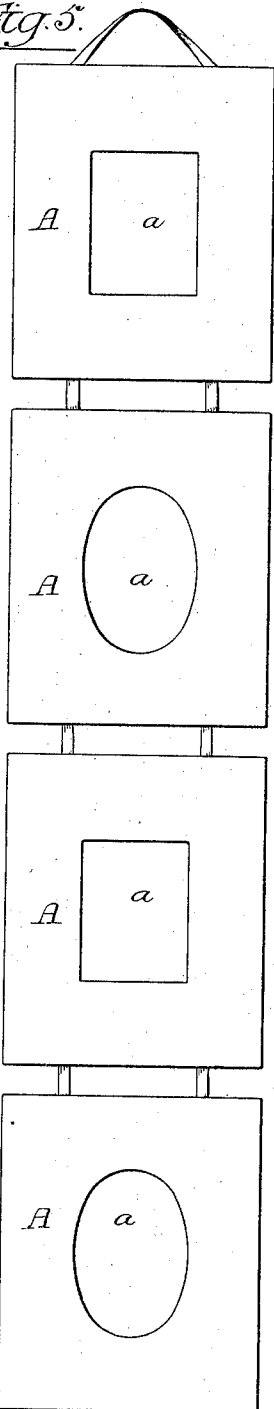
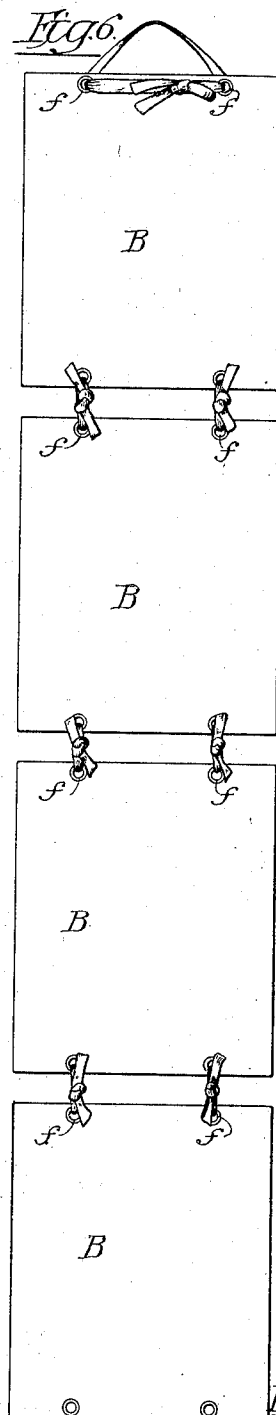


Fig. 7.



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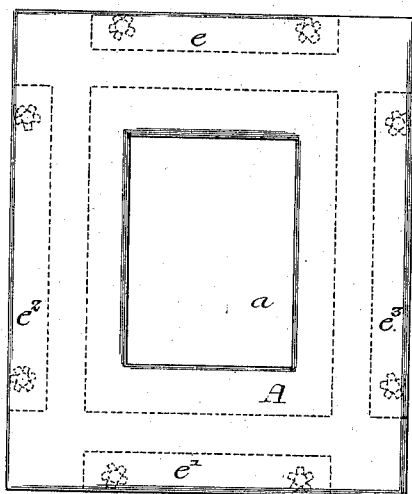


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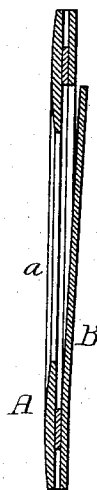


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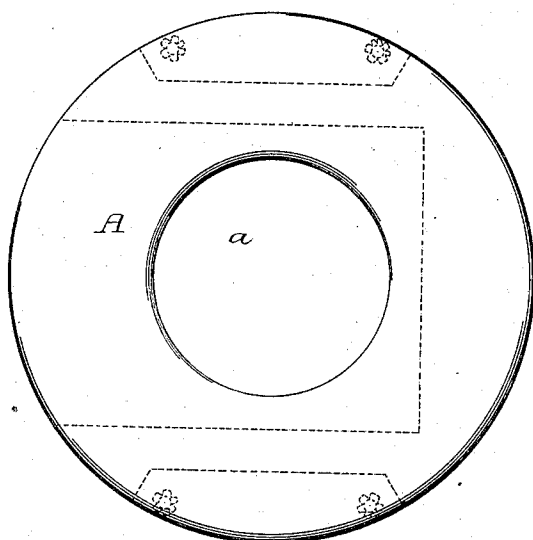
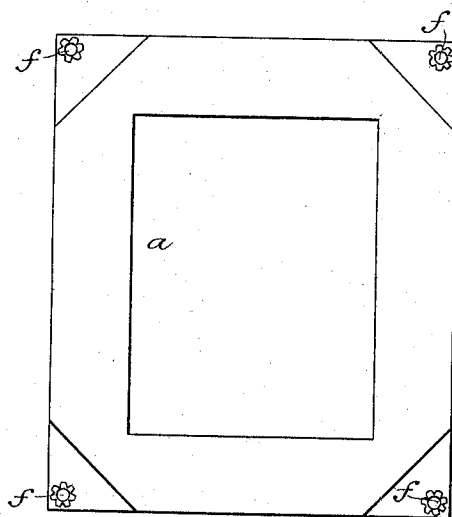


Fig. 11.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EUGENE CARRAINE, a citizen of the United States, residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented certain
5 Improvements in Picture-Frames, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to certain improvements in frames especially adapted for holding photographs and other small pictures.

10 The object of my invention is to so construct the frame that a series of them can be attached one below another or side by side or used singly or in groups, the means of attaching the frames being obscured from view from
15 the front, at the same time allowing for the insertion or removal of the picture, as desired.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of my photographic frame. Fig. 2 is an edge view. Fig. 3 is a section on the
20 line 3 3, Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a detached perspective view showing the three sections of the frame. Fig. 5 is a front view showing a series of the frames attached one below another. Fig. 6 is a rear view of Fig. 5. Fig.
25 7 is an edge view of Fig. 5. Figs. 8 and 9 are views of a frame having the attaching means at the sides as well as at the top and bottom. Fig. 10 is a view of a round frame, and Fig. 11 is a view of a modification of my invention.

30 A is the facing of the frame, made in the present instance of cardboard. This facing is cut out at *a*, so as to expose the picture. The facing A may be covered with any suitable material, either fancy papers or fabric,
35 or may be made of wood, metal, or other material; but I prefer cardboard, as the frames are particularly adapted to be strung in series and must be made light and inexpensive. The facing may be of any shape desired—
40 quadrangular, as shown in Fig. 1, or circular, as shown in Fig. 10. B is the backing, also preferably made of cardboard, and D is the filling-piece, which in the present instance is made of cardboard and shaped as clearly
45 shown in Fig. 4, having two side sections *d d* and a cross-section *d'* near one end, preferably at the bottom, to form a cavity *e*. The cross-section, however, is not at the extreme lower edge, but some distance from it, so as
50 to form a cavity *e'*. The strip *d'* when near the bottom acts as a support for the photograph or other picture.

While I have shown the filling made of a single piece of cardboard cut to shape, it may be made of a number of strips, if found more
55 economical.

Near the upper and lower edges of the backing B, I secure eyelets *f*, as clearly shown in Fig. 4, and in the present instance I have shown two eyelets at each edge. I preferably place these eyelets as near the edge as possible, so that the connecting-ribbon or other fastening may be readily passed through the eyelet. The recess *e* for the picture, between the back and the facing, and the recess *e'* allow sufficient space for the passage
60 of the ribbon or other fastening.

In manufacturing the frame, the several pieces are made of cardboard or other suitable material, the eyelets being secured in position on the backing. The filling-piece D is secured to the backing by any suitable cementing agent, and the facing after being covered, if desired, is secured to the filling-piece. Thus the frame is completed, leaving sufficient space for the insertion of a picture and also leaving space for the eyelets to be threaded with ribbon or other fastening means.

As shown in Fig. 1, the facing hides the eyelets, so that to all appearances the frame
80 is simply an ordinary frame. A single frame can be hung up by simply passing a ribbon or cord through the upper eyelets, and as the pictures accumulate frames can be purchased and attached one under another, as shown
85 clearly in Figs. 5, 6, and 7, by ribbons or other attaching means.

The frames may be sold singly, or a number of frames may be attached together by ribbons or chains and sold in series, as in
90 Fig. 5.

While I have shown a series of frames all of the same size, it will be understood that by my invention frames differing in size may be coupled together.

95 In Figs. 8 and 9 I have shown a modification in which recesses *e²* *e³* are formed on the side in addition to the recesses *e* *e'* at the upper and lower edges. By this arrangement in a frame having an elongated opening the
100 frame can be used for either an upright or a horizontal picture. In Fig. 8 I have shown the filling-piece inclosing the space for the picture. The backing is slit in this instance,

as indicated in Fig. 9, so as to allow for the insertion of the picture between the backing and the casing.

In Fig. 11 I have shown the eyelets in the backing at the corners instead of at the upper and lower edges, and the filling-piece is cut away at the corners, so as to make the recesses between the backing and the facing. This frame can also be used for either a vertical or horizontal picture.

It will be understood that modifications of the invention will readily suggest themselves, according to the character of the frame used, the object being to provide means of attaching the frames in series without exposing to view the openings or other means of attachment when used as a single picture or in series, as shown in Fig. 5, in which view only the ribbons connecting the pictures are exposed.

The frames in some instances may be arranged side by side or grouped in any arrangement desired.

I claim as my invention—

1. The combination of two or more frames, each frame consisting of a backing, a facing having an opening therein to expose the picture, and a filling-piece shaped to form cavities between the facing and the backing, with means for attaching two or more frames to-

gether, said means being secured to the backing, substantially as described.

2. The combination of the backing, the facing having an opening to expose the picture, a filling-section between the backing and facing cut out to form spaces between the backing and facing, and holes in the opposite edges of the backing, so that two or more frames can be coupled together, substantially as described.

3. The combination of a backing, a facing cut out to expose the picture, a cut-out filling-piece between the facing and backing so as to form cavities between the facing and backing, eyelets near the opposite edges of the backing, substantially as described.

4. The combination of a backing, a facing cut out to expose a picture, a filling-piece with cavities at four sides, and openings in the backing in line with the cavities so that the series of frames can be strung together either in an upright or horizontal 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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