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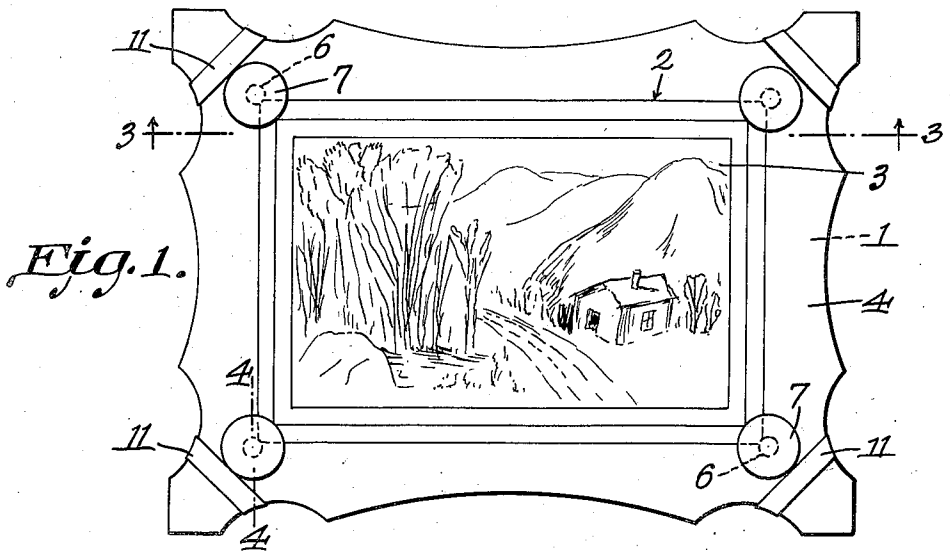


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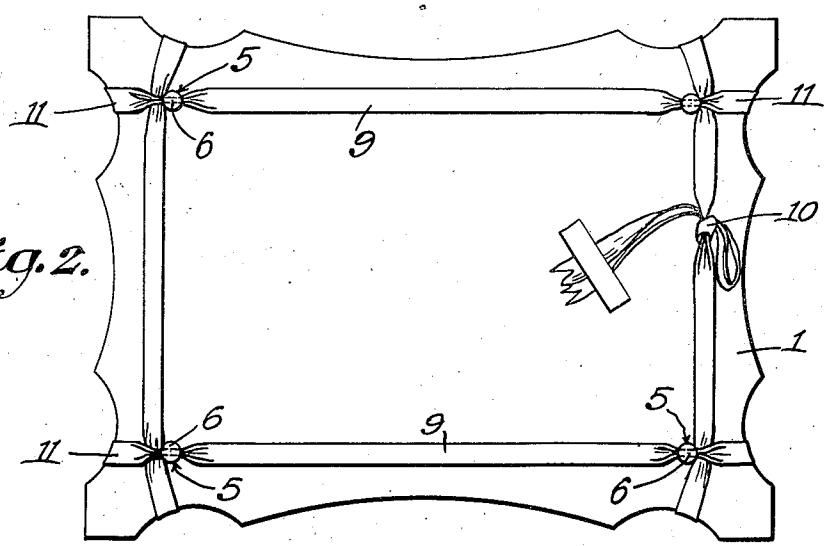


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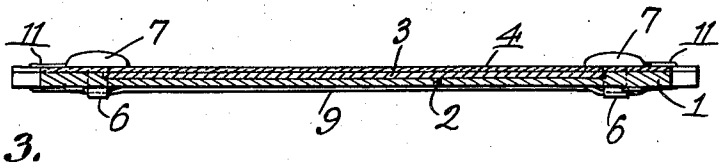


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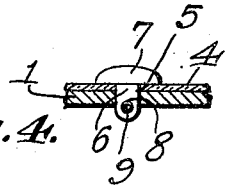


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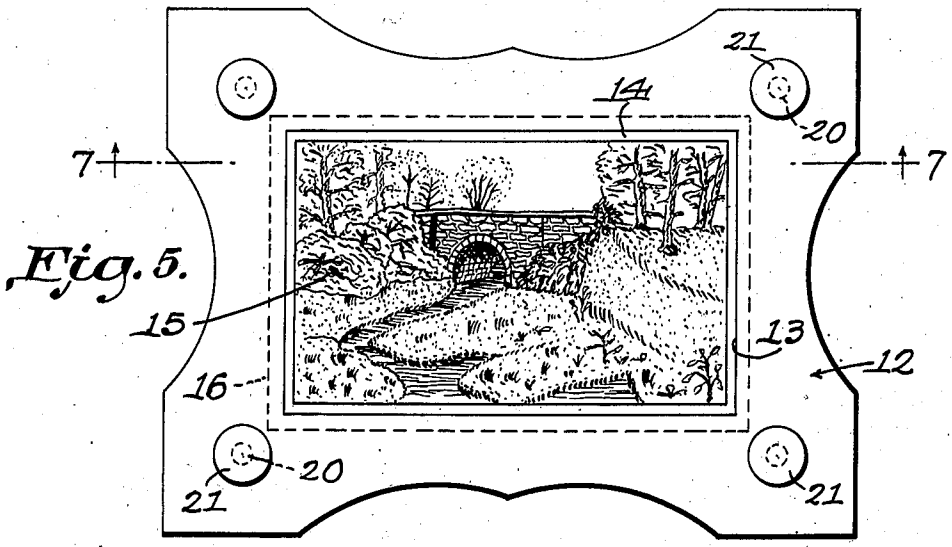


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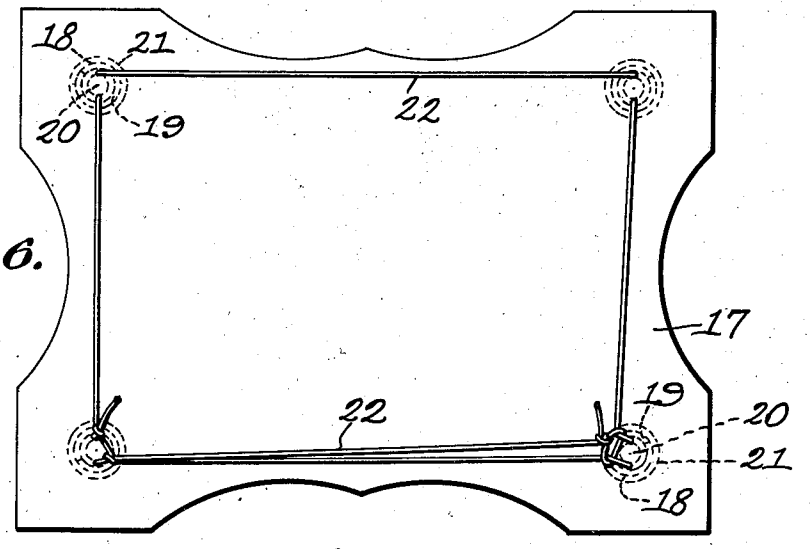


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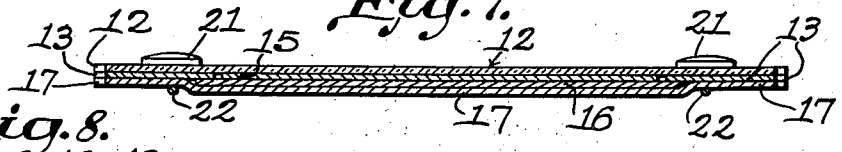


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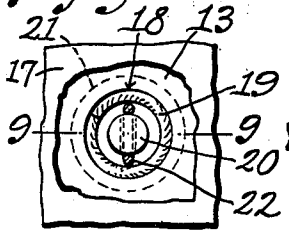
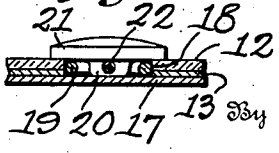


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This invention relates to containers or frames for use in holding and displaying pictures.

It is an object of the invention to provide a simple, efficient and attractive device of this character in which a picture can be mounted and held securely in a new and novel manner.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists of certain novel details of construction and combinations of parts hereinafter more fully described and pointed out in the claims, it being understood that changes may be made in the construction and arrangement of parts without departing from the spirit of the invention as claimed.

In the accompanying drawings the preferred form of the invention has been shown.

In said drawings

Figure 1 is a plan view of the device showing one face thereof.

Figure 2 is a plan view showing the opposite or back face.

Figure 3 is a section on line 3—3, Figure 1.

Figure 4 is an enlarged section through a portion of the container showing one of the holding buttons in elevation.

Figure 5 is a plan view of a slightly modified construction.

Figure 6 is a view of the opposite side thereof.

Figure 7 is a section on line 7—7, Figure 5.

Figure 8 is a plan view of a portion of the structure, parts being broken away to show the stem of one of the buttons seated in its opening.

Figure 9 is a section on line 9—9, Figure 8.

Referring to the figures by characters of reference, 1 designates a body member which can be formed of any suitable material such as thick paper board, glass, metal, etc. A recess 2 can be provided in one face of the body for receiving the photograph 3 or other object to be displayed, it being understood that the recess is of a depth substantially equal to the thickness of the displayed device and that it coincides with the area and configuration thereof. Overlying the body 1 is a cover sheet 4 of glass or any other suitable transparent material which, when in proper position, serves to hold the member 3 within the recess 2.

Adjacent to the corners of the recess there are provided openings 5 which extend through both the body 1 and the cover sheet 4. These openings are adapted to receive stems 6 extending from the heads of retaining buttons 7. Each stem projects beyond the body 1 and its projecting portion has an opening 8. A cord, ribbon, or other suitable flexible strip 9 is adapted to be threaded through the openings in all of the stems 6 and, as shown in Figures 1 and 2 this cord can be looped about the corner portions of the body and its ends can be tied or otherwise fastened together as shown at 10.

Obviously the body and cover sheet can be made of attractive outlines, their edges being flush so that the entire device, when completed, will present an ornamental appearance with the corner loops 11 of the strip 9 extending across the front of the container adjacent to the heads of the buttons 7. These parts can be colored so as to enhance the appearance of the article and it will be noted that the heads 7 are so located that portions of them lap the corner portions of the picture or other member 3 being displayed.

Obviously if desired the cover sheet 4 can be dispensed with in which event the member 3 would be retained by the heads of the buttons. Furthermore if desired the recess 2 can be dispensed with and the corner portions of the member 3 clamped upon the adjacent face of body 1 by the heads of the buttons.

In Figures 5 to 9 one of the modified forms of the device has been illustrated. In this structure the cover member 12 comprises a sheet of glass cut to any design desired and the back surface of this glass can be provided with a coating of paint or the like to provide an opaque border 13 surrounding a transparent area 14. In this transparent area may be displayed a picture or the like indicated generally at 15, the same being mounted on a mat 16 which extends beyond the transparent area 14 and under the opaque border 13. The mat is held firmly against the cover member 12 by a backing sheet or body 17 which can be of paper, paper board or the like.

Adjacent to the corners of the cover member 14 there are provided circular openings 18 each of which is lined with a circular packing 19 formed preferably of a length of cord. Into the area defined by this packing is extended the stem 20 of a button the edge 21 of which is adapted to bear upon the cover member 12 and conceal the openings therein. The stems of the several buttons are held in place by threading a cord 22 or the like through the stems and along the exposed surface of the body or backing sheet 17 as shown particularly in Figure 6, the ends of the cord being tied in any suitable manner. With the cord thus positioned all of the buttons are held firmly in place and serve not only to hold the parts assembled but also to provide ornamentations.

Under any conditions the device constitutes an efficient as well as attractive means for holding a picture or the like to be displayed and is advantageous not only because of its ornamental nature but also because of the ease with which the parts can be assembled and held.

What is claimed is:

1. A device of the class described including a body having holes therein, buttons having apertured stems seated in the holes, there being a button on one end of each stem for holding a member to be displayed on the body, there being an aperture in that portion of each stem projecting from one face of the body, and a flexible strip threaded through the openings and fastened at its ends to hold all of the stems against displacement from the body.

2. A device of the class described including a body having a recess, a member seated in said recess for display, buttons having heads lapping portions of the member to hold it in the recess and having stems extending through the body, said stems projecting beyond one face of the body and having openings, and a flexible strip threaded through the openings for holding the buttons against withdrawal from the body.

3. A device of the class described including a body having a recess in one face for holding a member to be displayed, a transparent cover sheet overlying the body and member, buttons having heads bearing upon the cover sheet and overlying the member, there being apertured stems on the buttons projecting through the cover sheet and body, and a flexible strip threaded through the apertured stems for holding the buttons with their heads in tight engagement with the cover sheet.

4. A device of the class described including a cover member having a transparent area, there being openings in the cover member, a mat held against one face of the cover member and carrying a picture or the like for display through the transparent portion of the cover member, a body member for holding the mat to the cover member, buttons having heads bearing against the cover member and stems seated in the openings, and a flexible strip threaded through the stems and extending along the body member holding the buttons assembled with the cover member.

5. A device of the class described including a cover member having a transparent area, there being openings in the cover member, a mat held against one face of the cover member and carrying a picture or the like for display through the transparent portion of the cover member, a body member for holding the mat to the cover member, buttons having heads bearing against the cover member and stems seated in the openings, a flexible strip threaded through the stems and extending along the body member holding the buttons assembled with the cover member, and packing rings seated in the openings and extending around the stem.

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