(Model.)

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PICTURE FRAME.

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FIG. 1.

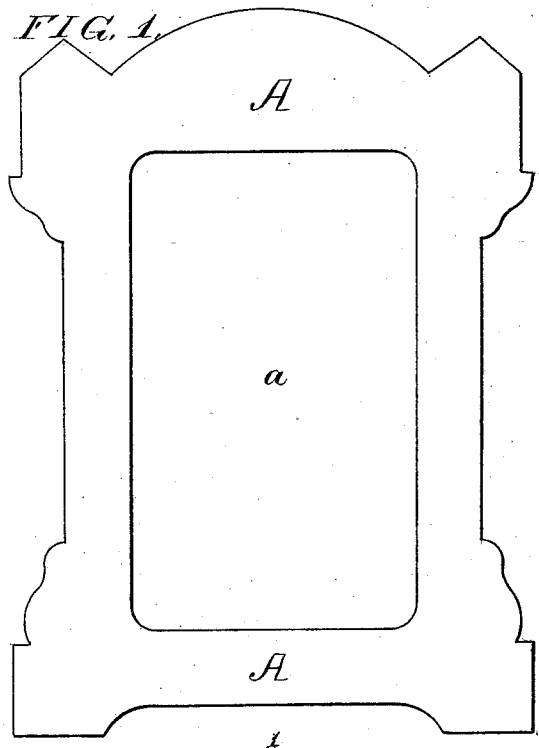


FIG. 2.

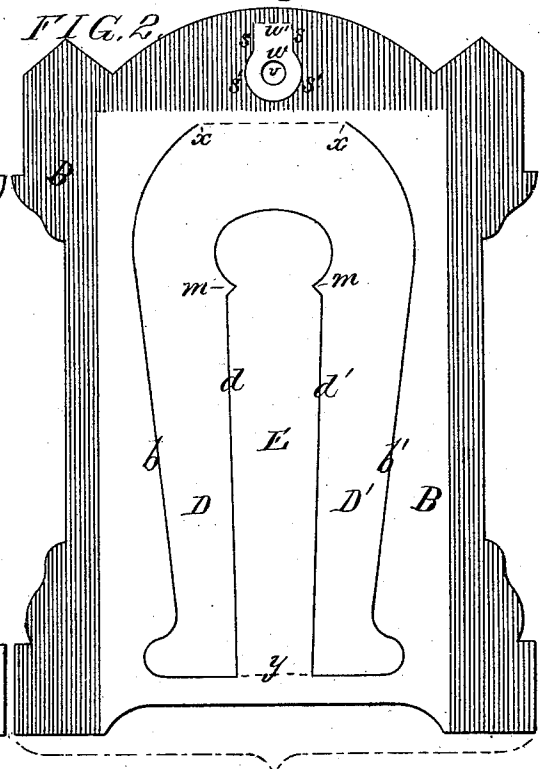


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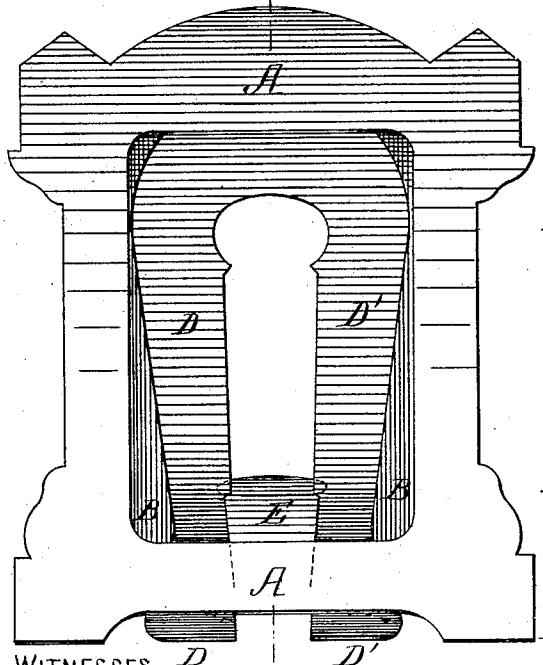


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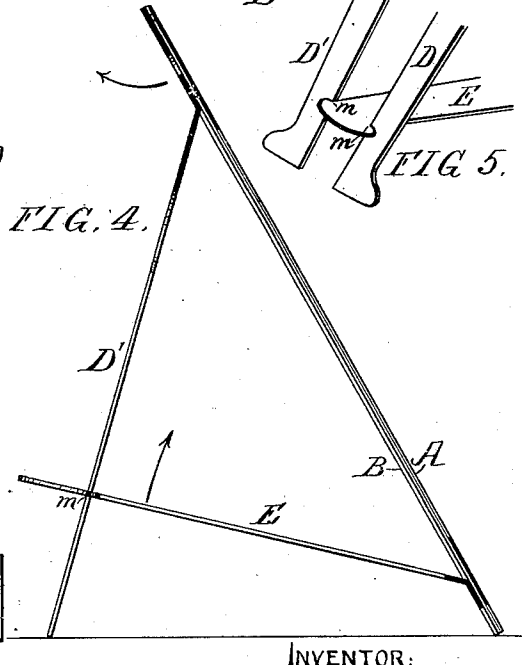


FIG. 5.

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PICTURE-FRAME.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES H. CATERSON, a citizen of the United States, residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented an Improvement in Picture-Frames, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists of a cheap picture-frame for the displaying of a photographic or other picture, the frame being constructed in the manner fully described hereinafter, so as to be supported in a proper position to display the picture, the supports admitting of being folded against the frame when it has to be packed in small compass for transportation.

Another feature of the invention is a provision for hanging the picture-frame to a nail or hook when that method of support is preferred.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents the front part of the picture-frame; Fig. 2, the rear part; Fig. 3, a front view of the complete picture-frame; Fig. 4, a section on the line 1 2 of Fig. 3, and Fig. 5, a perspective view illustrating the connection of the brace with the legs of the frame.

The front part, A, of the picture-frame consists of card-board having an opening, *a*, of proper dimensions for displaying the picture, the edges of the board being cut to any shape which the taste of the manufacturer may suggest.

The back of the frame consists of card-board B, pasted to the board A in the manner described hereinafter, and which is preferably of the same general shape as the front board, but without the opening *a*, this back board being cut on the lines *b b'* and *d d'*, so as to form two legs, D D', united above and connected to the board at one part only—that is, between the points *x x*—this connection (indicated by the dotted line, Fig. 2) constituting the hinge of the legs D D', which can be moved outward to the position shown in Fig. 4, that part E of the board between the legs forming a brace which is connected to the said board at *y* where the brace can be bent and locked between the legs in the position shown in Fig. 4.

It will be observed that the brace E is enlarged at the end and notched at *m m*, so that when the legs and brace have been turned outward one leg, D, will fit into one notch and the other leg, D', into the other notch, and the legs will be so retained by the brace as to support the frame in the manner observed in the perspective view, Fig. 5. The brace, however, can be readily folded against the back of the frame by turning it upward in the direction of the arrow, Fig. 4, and the legs can also be as readily folded down against the frame.

The two boards A and B are united by applying paste to either board to the extent indicated by the shaded portion of Fig. 2 and then placing one board on the top of the other and subjecting them to pressure, the limit of the paste being determined by the size of the picture, which is introduced between the two boards from below. In the upper portion of the back board, B, is formed an incision, comprising two vertical portions, *s*, and a segmental portion, *s'*, connecting the two vertical portions, so as to form a flap, *w*, of which the line *w'* is the hinge, this flap being free to be turned up in the direction of the arrow, Fig. 4, and having an opening, *v*, for adaptation to a nail or hook when it is desired to hang the picture-frame thereon.

I claim as my invention—

1. A picture-frame in which a card-board, A, having an opening, *a*, is combined with and united to a card-board, B, cut on the lines *b b'* and *d d'*, so as to form legs D D', connected to the board B at the top, and a notched brace, E, connected to said board B at the bottom, and adapted to lock between the legs, all substantially as described.

2. In a picture-frame, the combination of the card-board A, having an opening, *a*, with the backing-board B, having legs D D' and brace E, said board B being secured to the board A at the top and at each side, thereby forming the entrance for the picture at the bottom, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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