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Fig. 1.

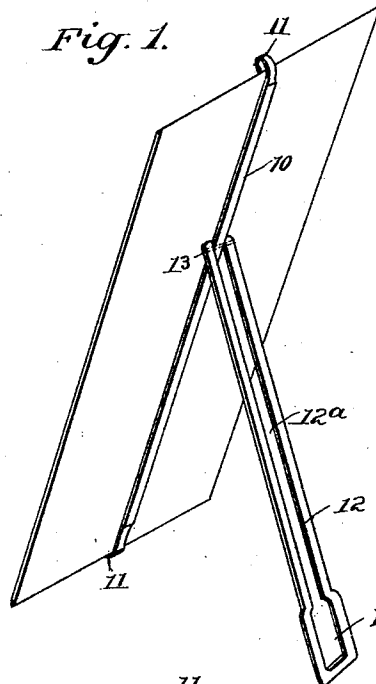


Fig. 3.

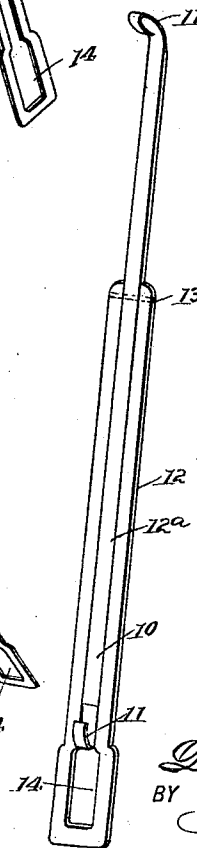
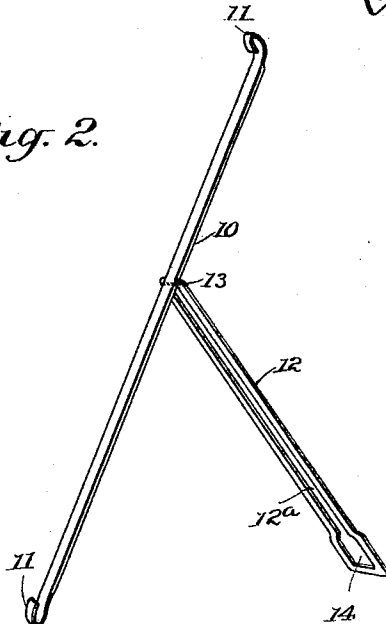


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DION THEODORE ELMER, of Monroe, in the county of Monroe and State of Michigan, have invented a new and Improved
5 Photograph-Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to improvements in photograph holders; and the object of my invention is to produce an extremely cheap and
10 simple device which is adapted to hold and conveniently and advantageously display a photograph or other card, which may be used as an easel, which also may be used to hang a card or photograph upon the wall, which is
15 adapted to assist in the safe removal of a photograph from an album, and which when not in use may be folded into a perfectly flat and compact shape, so that it will occupy but very little space and may be sent safely and
20 conveniently through the mail.

To these ends my invention consists in a photograph holder, the construction of which will be hereinafter described and claimed.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying
25 drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar figures of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a rear perspective view of the holder as applied to a photograph. Fig. 2 is
30 a perspective view of the holder with the photograph removed; and Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the holder when folded into its most compact shape.

The holder has a rod 10 which is preferably flat, and the length of which corresponds to the length of a photograph or other article to be held by it. The rod is adapted to extend lengthwise of the photograph or other
35 article, and it should be of spring material so that it may be rapidly attached, as described below. The rod terminates at its ends in forwardly extending retaining hooks 11 which are adapted to be sprung over the upper and lower edges of the card or photograph, as
40 shown in Fig. 1. The rod 10 is pivoted at or a little above the center, between the ends of a brace 12 which is slotted longitudinally as shown at 12^a, this slot being of a size to permit the rod to lie within it and between the
45 opposite members of the brace. The brace is preferably of flat material, corresponding in thickness to the thickness of the rod, and the rod is preferably held to the brace by a

pin 13 which extends through both members of the brace and through the rod. The free
55 end of the brace 12 is formed into an eyelet 14 which enables the device to be hung upon a nail or hook when desired.

To fasten a photograph in the holder, the photograph is buckled slightly and the opposite ends of the card are held in the hooks
60 11. If the holder is to be used as an easel, the card is permitted to incline backward slightly, and the brace 12 has its free end arranged to rest upon the table, shelf or other
65 support, as shown in Fig. 1.

If the holder is to be suspended so as to hang the picture from the wall or other desired place, the brace 12 is turned up and the eyelet 14 hung upon a convenient support.
70 When the holder is to be used for removing the photograph it is folded up, as shown in Fig. 3, the upper hook may be pushed upward over the top of the photograph card, and the lower portion used as a handle. The
75 card may thus be pulled out without injury or without tearing the album. It will be noticed that when the holder is folded, as in Fig. 3, it is perfectly flat and consequently it may be easily and safely mailed.
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Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A photograph or card holder, consisting in a single rod having hooks at its upper and
85 lower ends and a brace pivoted to the said bar, the said bar and brace being constructed to fold one within the other, substantially as set forth.

2. A photograph holder, comprising a longitudinally slotted brace, and a rod pivoted between the members of the brace and adapted to lie lengthwise in the slot, said rod having retaining hooks at its ends to engage a card,
90 substantially as described.

3. A photograph holder, comprising a flat longitudinally slotted brace having one end formed into an eyelet, and a rod pivoted between the members of the brace and adapted to lie within the slot, said rod having hooks
95 at its opposite ends to engage a card, substantially as described.

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