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 DEVICE FOR ATTACHING PICTURES, &c., TO WALLS.  
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Fig. 1.

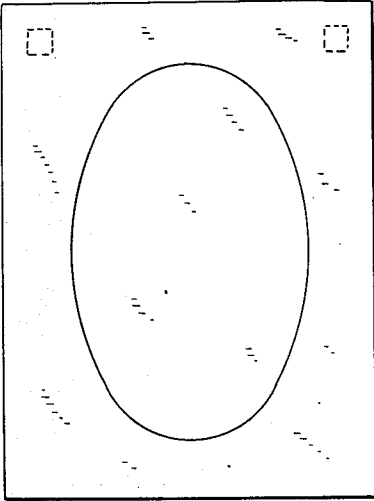


Fig. 2.

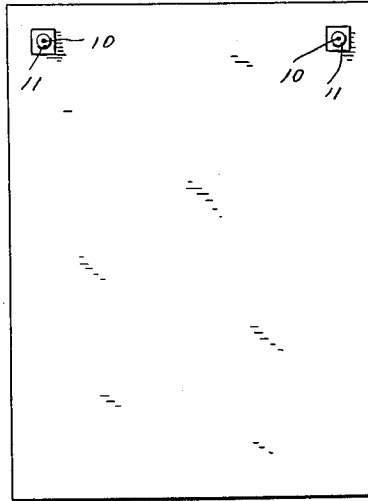


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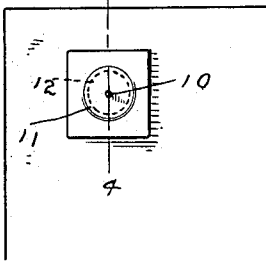


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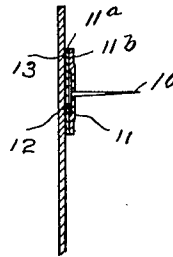


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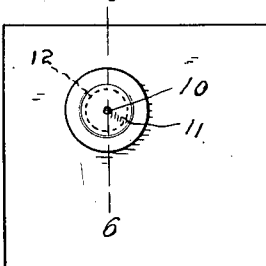
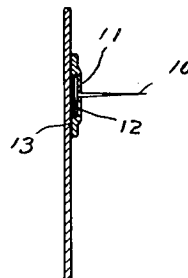


Fig. 6.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ARTHUR E. ALBEE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Torrington, county of Litchfield, State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Device for Attaching Pictures, &c., to Walls, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has for its object to provide a simple, inexpensive and wholly concealed device for attaching photographs, engravings, cards and pictures generally and other light articles in place on a wall or elsewhere.

It is of course well understood that it is often required to display pictures and engravings, either temporarily or permanently, without framing them and that it is seriously objectionable to have the cards or sheets of photographs, engravings and other pictures perforated by tacks. Not only is the use of tacks which pierce a card or sheet objectionable on account of the unsightliness of the head of the tack but it is a still more serious objection that the cards and sheets are permanently injured and their value lessened by passing tacks through them. In order to overcome these objections and to provide means for attaching photographs, pictures and other light articles in place upon walls, I have devised the novel attaching device of which the following description in connection with the accompanying drawing is a specification, reference characters being used to indicate the several parts.

Figure 1 is an elevation of a card, as a photograph, represented as in place upon a wall, the attaching devices being indicated by dotted lines; Fig. 2 a rear view corresponding therewith; Fig. 3 an enlarged detail view corresponding with Fig. 2; Fig. 4 a section on the line 4—4 in Fig. 3; Fig. 5 an enlarged detail view illustrating a slightly variant form of my novel attaching device; and Fig. 6 is a section on the line 6—6 in Fig. 5. My novel invention consists essentially of a sharp prong provided with an enlarged head of relatively stiff paper or pasteboard which is provided on its outer face with adhesive material to adapt it for attachment, upon being moistened, to the back of a card, engraving or any light article.

10 denotes the prong which is of metal and made sharp so that it may be readily pressed into a wall or a board, and 11 a head which is made of a relatively stiff paper, pasteboard or other suitable inexpensive material. In practice the prong is provided at its inner end with a flattened enlargement indicated by 12. To this enlargement the head 11 is secured in any simple and inexpensive manner, it being wholly immaterial so far as the principle of the invention is concerned whether the head is round or angular in configuration.

In Figs. 3 and 4 I have illustrated a form of the invention in which the head is formed from two or more pieces of pasteboard or relatively thick paper which are glued, cemented or otherwise rigidly secured together. For convenience in illustration I have shown a head made from two pieces of paper or pasteboard which are indicated specifically by 11<sup>a</sup> and 11<sup>b</sup>. The prong is passed through the center of part 11<sup>b</sup> and then parts 11<sup>a</sup> and 11<sup>b</sup> are pressed and cemented or glued rigidly together with enlargement 12 between them.

In the form illustrated in Figs. 5 and 6, the head 11 is formed from paper pulp or other suitable plastic material and is molded about enlargement 12.

The essential feature of the invention is that no matter how the head is formed the face of the head is covered with adhesive material, indicated by 13, of a character that becomes adhesive by moistening.

The use of my novel attaching means will be obvious from the drawing. In order to hang an engraving, photograph or any light object to a wall, the adhesive material upon the faces of the heads may be first moistened and then attached to the back of the engraving, photograph or other article, and then the prongs may be forced into the wall or, if preferred, the prongs may be forced into the wall first, then the adhesive material on the outer faces of the heads moistened and then the engraving, photograph or other article pressed into contact therewith. Any number of the attaching devices may be used as preferred. Ordinarily two at the upper corners, as illustrated in the drawing, will be

amply sufficient for photographs but for larger sized engravings or prints more may be used.

Having thus described my invention, I  
5 claim:

An attaching device of the character described, comprising a flat disk having an adhesive face and a straight sharpened prong

projecting from the other face in a direction perpendicular to the plane of the disk. 10

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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