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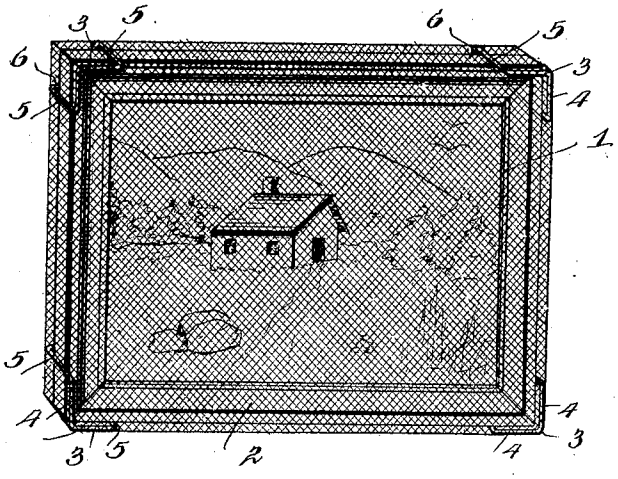


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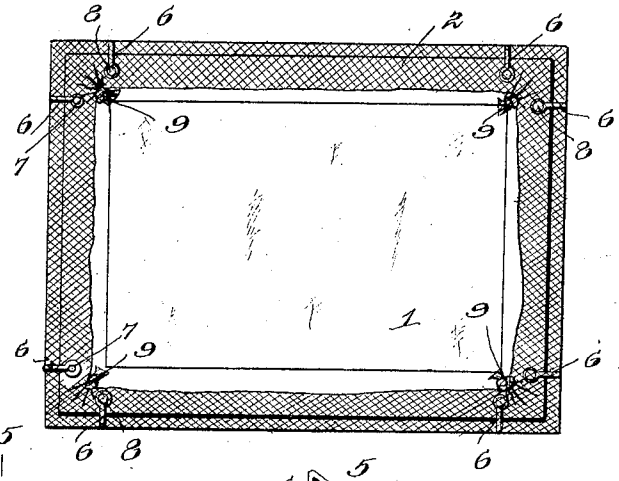


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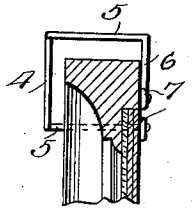


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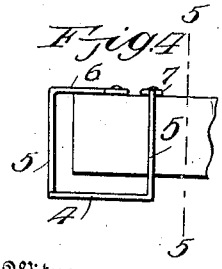
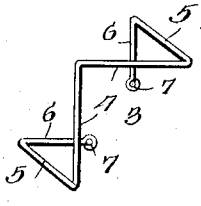


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FLORENCE L. BROWN, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Chandler, in the county of Lincoln and Territory of Oklahoma, have invented new and useful Improvements in Protective Covers for Picture-Frames, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to protective covers for picture-frames, the object of the invention being to provide an improved mode of application and means for supporting a protective cover of gauze, netting, or other suitable material so that the cover when applied will be held out of contact with the frame, so as to prevent the surface of the latter from being marred.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a picture-frame having my improved protector applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a back view of the same. Fig. 3 is a detail view of one of the corner-supports or netting-holders. Fig. 4 is a top plan view, on an enlarged scale, of one of the corner portions of the frame. Fig. 5 is a section on line 5 5 of Fig. 4.

Referring now more particularly to the drawings, the numeral 1 designates a picture-frame of conventional oblong rectangular form, and 2 a protective covering, such as a shield of gauze or netting, applied thereto.

Upon the corner portions of the frame are arranged holders or supporting devices 3, each of which is formed of wire and comprises a substantially V-shaped central or body portion, the arms 4 of which are formed of right-angularly-bent extensions 5, terminating in right-angularly-bent attaching terminals or members 6, each of which is bent or coiled at its free end to form an eye 7 for the passage of a tack, screw, or other suitable fastening device.

The arms 4 of the body portions of the holders or supporters correspond in form, or substantially so, to the corner-angles of the frame and stand outward a short distance from the face of the frame, and the extensions 5 thence project rearwardly over the contiguous sides of the frame and out of contact therewith, while the attaching portions 6 project downward upon the back of the frame and are fastened thereto by tacks or other fastening devices 8, passing through the eyes 7 and into the frame. It will be observed that the attaching portions 6 project inwardly in planes at right angles to each other, one extending horizontally and the other vertically, and support the parts 4 and 5 out of contact with the face of the frame.

In applying the cover 2 a piece of gauze or netting of the required size is cut out and stretched across the front of the frame, thence rearwardly over the sides thereof, and finally over upon the back of the frame, and the corner portions thereof are suitably knotted or tied, as indicated at 9, to hold the cover stretched taut about the frame and in contact with parts of the holding or supporting members 3. The body or front portion of the netting will thus be held spaced from the frame by the body portions of the supporters, while the edges of the netting will be spaced from the sides of the frame by the extensions 5. The covering will thus be held out of contact with all of the ornamental or finished portions of the frame and prevented from adhering thereto or scratching or otherwise marring the finished surface. The supporters are permanently attached to the frame, so that the netting when soiled may be easily and conveniently removed therefrom without interfering with the supporters and a new piece of netting or protective covering applied.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

1. In a protective covering for picture-frames, the combination with a picture-frame, of supporting-pieces applied to the corner portions of the frame and secured to the back thereof, and a covering stretched over the supporting-pieces and held thereby out of contact with the frame and fastened at the back of the frame to hold it stretched to the desired degree of tautness.

2. In a protective covering for picture-frames, the combination with a frame, of a covering enveloping the exposed portion of the frame, and means for holding the same spaced from and out of contact with said portion, said means comprising supporting devices fixed to the back of the frame and projected over upon the front portion thereof.

3. The combination with a picture-frame, of supporting devices arranged at the corners of the frame, each comprising a V-shaped body portion conforming to the corner-angles and having extensions from its arms projecting rearwardly beyond the sides of the frame and terminating in attaching extensions fastened to the back of the frame, the body portions and extensions of the support-

ing devices being held out of contact with the frame, and a gauze covering stretched over the outer faces of the frame and suitably held from disconnection at the back thereof and spaced from the frame by the supporting devices.

4. A corner supporting and spacing device for picture-frames to hold a covering spaced therefrom, the same comprising a piece of wire bent to form a V-shaped body portion having its arms provided with rearwardly-extending extensions bent at their free ends at an angle to form attaching members.

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

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