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Fig. 1

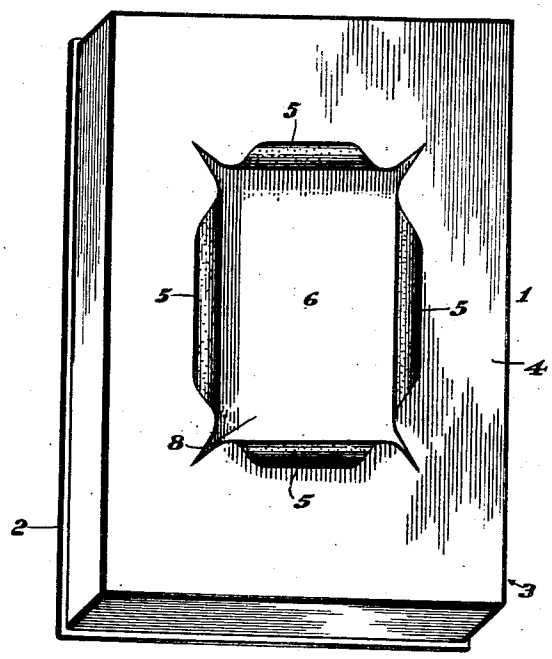


Fig. 2

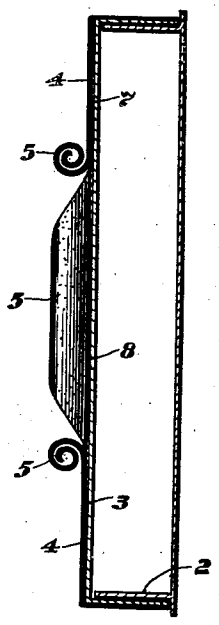


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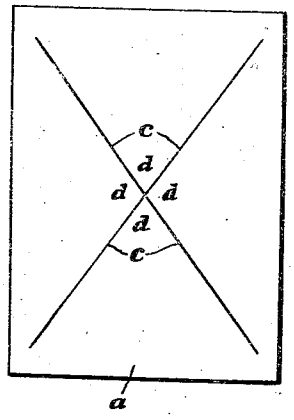


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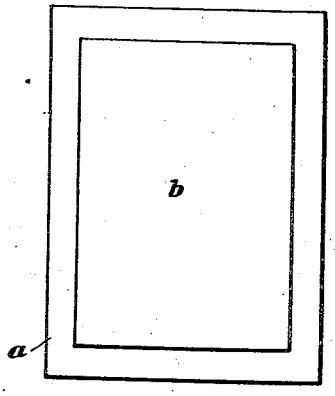
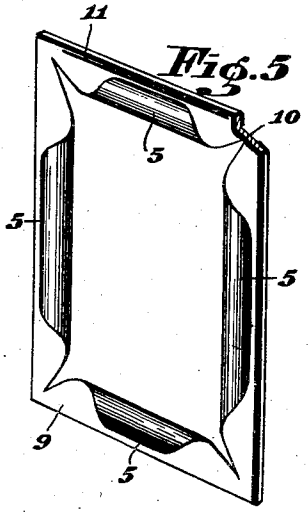


Fig. 5



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The invention relates to an ornamental device applicable to embellishing various objects, including the tops and sides of boxes; for ornamenting display cards, and especially for framing photographs and small pictures.

The object of the invention is to provide an ornamental device in which a relatively thin flexible, and more or less elastic, sheet material such as paper, forming an ornamental ground surfacing, may, by cuttings from the material, be provided with raised elements occupying positions of relief in relation to the sheet material, and which elements will maintain their form and position.

The invention can best be seen and understood by reference to the drawing, in which embodiments thereof are shown.

In Fig. 1 the perspective of a box is shown, the top of which is fitted with an ornamental device embodying the invention.

Fig. 2 is a vertical cross section of the box shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a front elevation of the sheet, or piece, forming one element of the device.

Fig. 4 is a rear elevation of the sheet, or piece, shown in Fig. 3; and showing, also, another element of the device.

Fig. 5 is a perspective of a frame made from parts shown in Figs. 3 and 4, and adaptable for a display card, or mounting for containing a photograph or small picture.

Referring to the drawing: 1 represents a common type of cardboard box, of which 2 is the body of the box, and 3 the cover. The cover has applied to it a surfacing sheet 4 of ornamental paper which extends over the top and around the sides of the box, and is secured to the sides in the usual manner.

For the purpose of embellishing the box top the surfacing sheet 4 is provided with curlings 5 which combine to frame an opening 6 in the sheet. The curlings 5, while formed integral with the surfacing sheet, are backed with a pliable but inelastic element, or material, 7. This backing element can best be seen, and the manner in which the curlings are formed best understood, by reference to Figs. 3 and 4, where *a* represents the sheet covering 4 in the blank. Pasted to the back of this blank sheet is a sheet of metal foil paper *b*. After the metal foil paper has been pasted to the back of the blank sheet, the sheet and applied foil are incised by cuts *c* to form flaps *d*. These flaps backed with the metal foil are rolled to form the respective curlings, the metal foil operating to give form and rigidity to the curlings, and to maintain them in form and place. This is due to the fact that the metal foil is both pliable and inelastic. Owing to its pliability it will curl as the paper flap in the surfacing sheet is curled, but its inelasticity predominates, overcoming the elasticity in the paper, on which account the curled flap will remain in place, unaffected by any tendency in the paper to uncurl. The metal paper foil backing need only be sufficiently large to cover the space or area within which the cuts *c* are made.

In the curlings it is the metal foil which lies exposed and, accordingly, a foil of attractive color is employed. In the opening 6 framed by the curlings the top of the cover 3 is left exposed, and for the purpose of embellishment, to give an ornamental back to the opening, the top of the cover may have pasted to it a piece of any suitable paper 8 which, if desired, may be a metal foil paper like that pasted to the back of the surfacing sheet 5, although any ornamental paper may be employed as a backing to the opening. Any suitable object (not shown) may be placed in the opening 6 for purpose of further ornamentation.

The curlings thus provided make an attractive frame for a photograph, or small picture. In such case the blank sheet *a* shown in Fig. 3 with backing of metal foil, as shown in Fig. 4, is applied as a surfacing sheet 9 to a cardboard body 10, as shown in Fig. 5, and secured in any suitable manner, leaving preferably, a slot, or opening 11, in the end, or side, through which a photograph, or picture, may be inserted to cover the opening framed by the curlings.

The metal foil which is applied to the sheet covering, or surfacing sheet, may be applied directly to the sheet, or, in other words, the sheet may be formed with such backing of metal foil. In practice, however, the ordinary metal foil paper of commerce is used, in which the metal foil is applied to a paper backing, and it is this paper backing which is pasted to the back of the surfacing sheet.

The device is one which permits of easy assemblage of parts for mounting. It may be shipped, or sold, flat, the cut flaps being afterwards easily rolled to form the curlings.

I claim:

1. An ornamental device comprising a base member, a paper covering for said base member, a pliable but inelastic metal foil applied as a backing to said paper covering, an element cut from said paper covering and foil integrally con-

necting therewith and turned to occupy a position in relief to said paper covering.

2. An ornamental device comprising a base member, a paper covering for said base member, a pliable but inelastic metal foil applied as a backing to a portion of said covering, an element cut from that portion of said paper covering backed by said foil integrally connecting therewith and turned to occupy a position in relief to said paper covering.

3. An ornamental device comprising a base member, a paper covering for said base member, a pliable but inelastic metal foil applied as a backing to said paper covering, an element cut from said paper covering and foil integrally connecting therewith and turned to occupy a position in relief to said paper covering framing an opening therein, said element consisting of a flap turned up from said paper covering and formed by cuttings in said paper covering, said cuttings being in that portion of said sheet to which said foil backing is applied.

4. An ornamental device comprising a base member, a paper covering for said base member, a pliable but inelastic metal foil applied as a backing to said paper covering, said metal foil having a distinctive color, an element cut from said covering and foil integrally connected therewith and turned to occupy a position in relief to said paper covering, whereby contrasting color effects may be provided.

5. An ornamental article of manufacture comprising a box lid, a paper covering for said box lid, a pliable but inelastic metal foil applied as a backing to said paper covering, an element cut from said paper covering and foil integrally connecting therewith and turned to occupy a position in relief to said paper covering.

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