

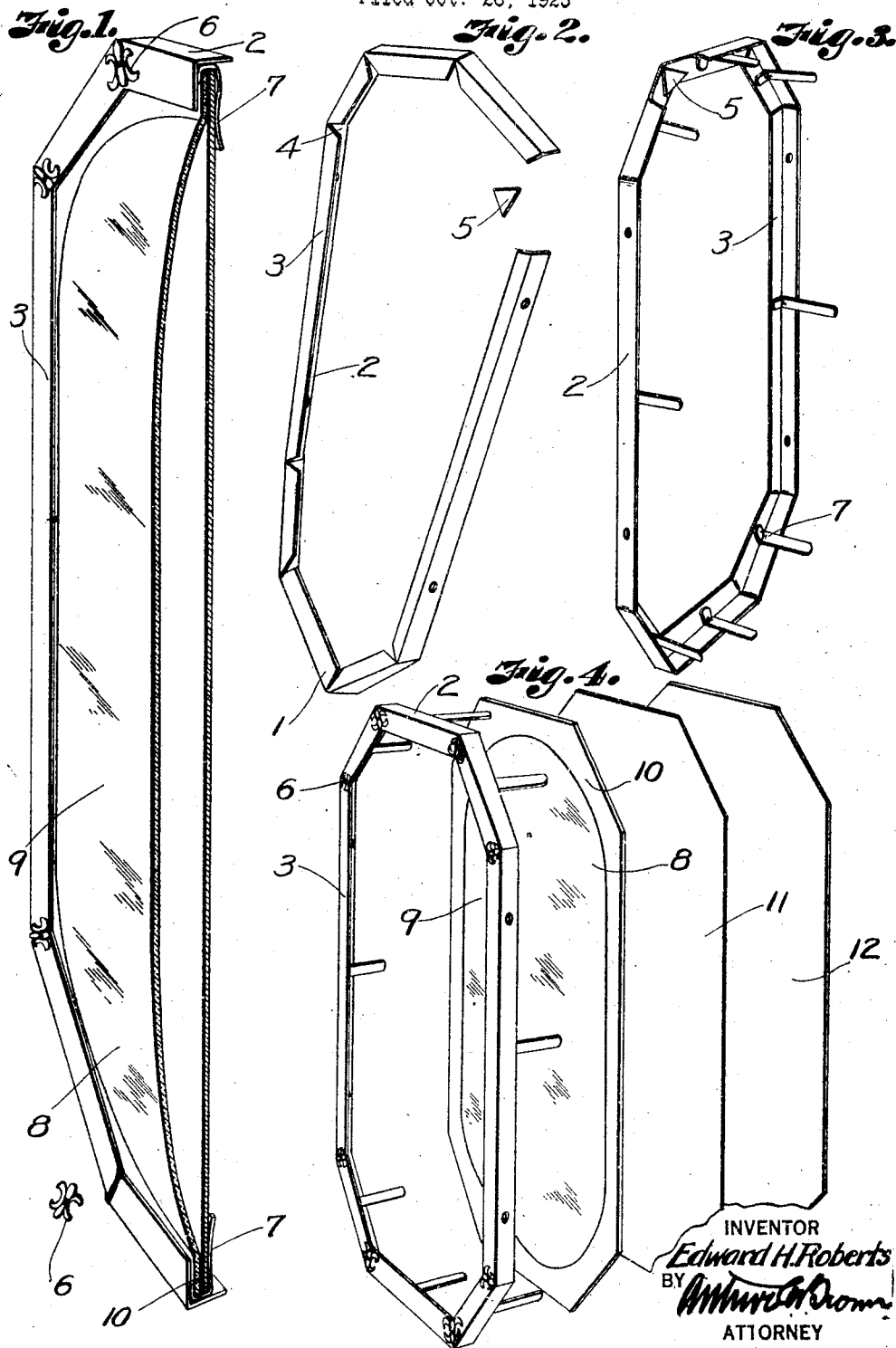
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My invention relates to picture frames and has for its principal object to provide a device of that character embodying means integral with the frame proper for holding the glass, the picture and the mat in place.

In accomplishing this object I have provided improved details of structure, the preferred forms of which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a longitudinal, sectional perspective of a portion of a picture frame constructed in accordance with my invention.

Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view of the frame element prior to complete assembly.

Fig. 3 is a rear perspective view of the frame element assembled.

Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of the several elements including the frame proper, the glass, the picture element and the mat, shown in spaced but relative relation.

Referring more in detail to the drawings:

1 designates the frame proper which is preferably constructed from a single strip of sheet metal, bent to form a side rail 2 having a front keeper flange 3, the strip being bent at the top and bottom to give it an ornamental formation and the keeper flange being notched as at 4 to permit the rail to be bent as described.

When the frame is bent to the ornamental formation, the free ends meet and are connected by a welded patch 5 laid across the meeting edges of the joint and on the rear surface of the frame, the joints at the bends being covered with ornamental patches 6 that may be welded or otherwise connected with the keeper flange.

Also connected with the frame member, preferably by welding the same to the rear face of the keeper flange and to the inner face of the rail are straps 7 of pliable metal of such length that originally they project beyond the confines of the frame and may be bent back over the mat when the picture elements are assembled to hold the glass, the picture and the mat in place.

Fitting within the frame is a glass 8, having a central, forwardly bent panel 9 and a flat edge flange 10, the flange lying along the rear surface of the frame element within the rail and the bent portion projecting through the frame to impart an attractive and ornamental appearance to the picture when the parts are assembled. Lying back of the glass 10 is the picture element 11, here indicated by a blank panel, and lying back of the panel 11 is a mat 12 of usual construction.

In assembling the elements of the picture in the frame after the frame proper has been formed, the glass is first dropped into the frame, the picture element applied back of the glass and the mat applied back of the picture element. The straps 7 are then bent over back of the mat to press the elements together and hold them in close assembly.

It is apparent that this construction provides a neat, attractive and inexpensive frame in which the elements may be held with more than ordinary security and in which the elements may be easily and quickly disassembled if desired, without destroying or impairing any of the parts of the structure.

What I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

In a device for holding picture elements, a frame element comprising a strip of sheet metal bent longitudinally to form a side rail and a keeper flange and bent transversely to shape the frame, straps having flanges and adapted for seating in the angles formed by rail and keeper flange of the frame, said strap flanges welded to the keeper flange, the straps welded to a limited portion of the side rail that they contact, said straps being adapted for adjustable bending over the said picture elements to hold the same in the device.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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