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PICTURE FRAME.

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Fig. I.

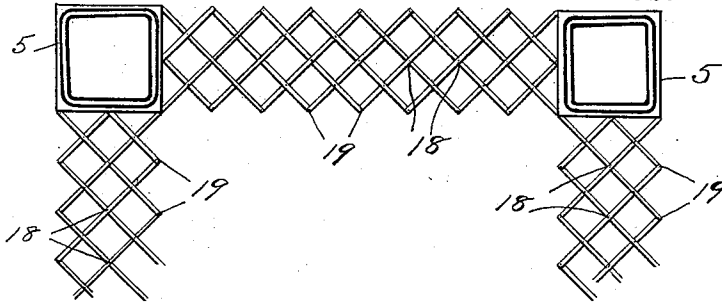
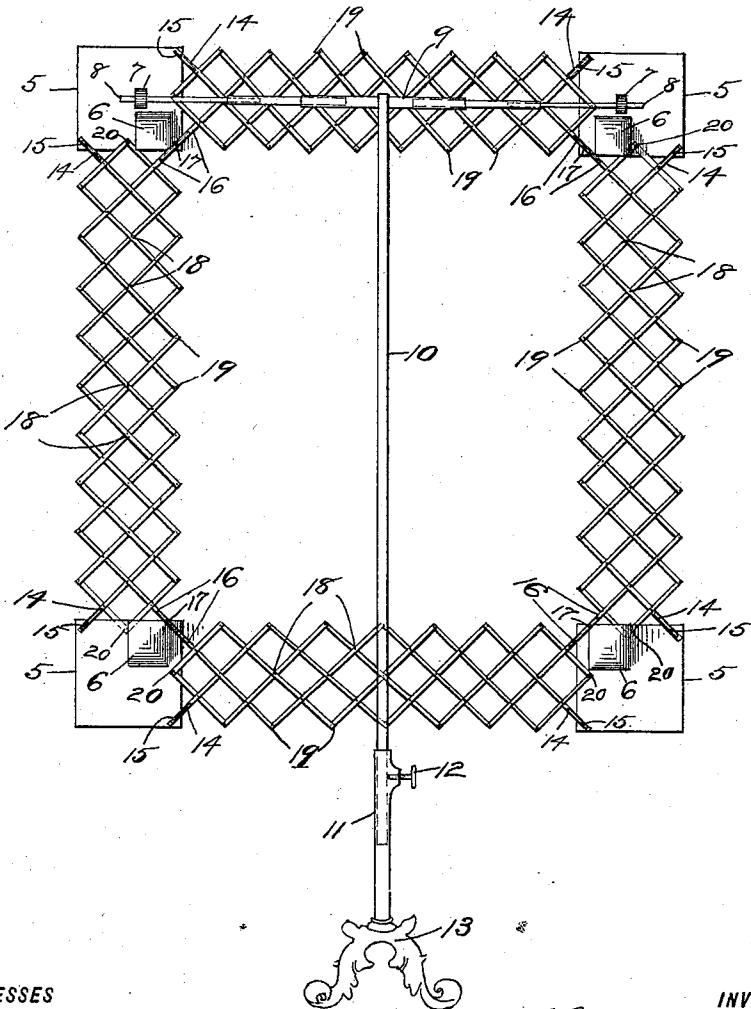


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CAROLINE I. C. LEE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Holland Patent, in the county of Oneida and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Picture-Frames, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof, in which similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts wherever found throughout both views.

The object of this invention is to provide an improved frame for photographs, paintings, engravings, and other pictures which is simple in construction and which is adapted to be adjusted so as to form a frame for pictures of different sizes.

The invention is fully disclosed in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawings form a part, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of a portion of my improved picture-frame; and Fig. 2, a back view of the frame, showing the means by which it is supported.

My improved picture-frame is rectangular in form, and in the practice of my invention I provide four suitable corner-pieces 5, and these corner-pieces 5 are connected by means of sides and ends, which are composed of double lazy-tongs, as clearly shown in Fig. 2. Each of the corner-pieces 5 is provided near its lower inner corner with a pocket 6, which opens inwardly, and in which the corners of the picture are adapted to be placed, and each of the upper corner-pieces is provided with a suitable keeper 7, which is secured to the back thereof, and mounted in each of said keepers is a rod 8, and the inner ends of said rods are connected by a tubular rod 9, and said rods 8 are adapted to be adjusted in said tubular rod 9, and connected with the central portion of the tubular rod 9 is a vertical rod 10, which is supported in a tubular standard 11, which is provided with a set-screw 12, and the rod 10 may be raised and lowered or adjusted in the tubular standard 11, as may be desired, and said tubular standard 11 is supported on a suitable base 13.

The sides and ends of the frame are composed, as hereinbefore stated, of lazy-tongs which are preferably made double, and said

lazy-tongs are connected with the corner-pieces, as shown in Fig. 2, the outer ends of the bars 14 being slotted and the corner-pieces being provided with bolts or pins at 15, which pass therethrough, and the adjoining ends of the bars 16 of the lazy-tongs are slotted and overlap each other, and I also provide pins or bolts at 17, which pass therethrough, whereby said bars are adjustable.

The separate parts of the lazy-tongs are pivotally connected along the center line at 18 in the usual manner, and also at the outer ends thereof at 19, and they are also pivotally connected with the corner-pieces at 20, and by means of this arrangement, as will be readily understood, the size of the frame may be adjusted to any desired extent, or so as to correspond with almost any-sized picture, and it will thus be seen that I provide an improved frame of the class herein described which may be made as ornamental as desired, and which is well adapted to accomplish the result for which it is intended, and my invention is not limited to the use of double lazy-tongs in forming the sides and ends of the frame, as it will be apparent that single lazy-tongs of the usual construction may be employed.

Having fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A frame for pictures consisting of corner-pieces, the backs of which are provided with pockets, which are adapted to receive the corners of the picture, and said corner-pieces being united by lazy-tongs whereby the size of the frame may be adjusted, substantially as shown and described.

2. A frame for pictures consisting of corner-pieces, the backs of which are provided with pockets, which are adapted to receive the corners of the picture, and said corner-pieces being united by lazy-tongs whereby the size of the frame may be adjusted, and the upper corner-pieces being provided, each with a rod, which passes through a suitable keeper secured to the back thereof, the inner ends of said rods being connected by a tube in which they are adjustable, said tube being provided centrally with a rod which is mounted in a tubular standard, and in which it is adjustable, substantially as shown and described.

3. A frame for pictures consisting of corner-pieces, the backs of which are provided with pockets, which are adapted to receive the corners of the picture, and said corner-pieces being united by lazy-tongs whereby the size of the frame may be adjusted, and said frame being provided with an adjustable support, substantially as shown and described.

4. A picture-frame comprising corner-pieces, which are united by means of double lazy-tongs, which constitute the sides and ends thereof, the connection between the corner-pieces, and the lazy-tongs being such that the size of the frame may be adjusted as desired, said corner-pieces being each provided with a pocket which opens inwardly, and which is adapted to receive the corners of the picture, substantially as shown and described.

5. A picture-frame comprising corner-pieces, which are united by means of double lazy-tongs, which constitute the sides and ends thereof, the connection between the cor-

ner-pieces, and the lazy-tongs being such that the size of the frame may be adjusted as desired, said corner-pieces being each provided with a pocket which opens inwardly, and which is adapted to receive the corners of the picture, and the upper corner-pieces being provided with adjustable rods which are connected with the back thereof, and which are connected by a central tube, into which the inner ends thereof, are passed, said tube being provided with an upright rod which is adjustably supported in a suitable standard, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of the subscribing witnesses, this 1st day of July, 1896.

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