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Fig. 1.

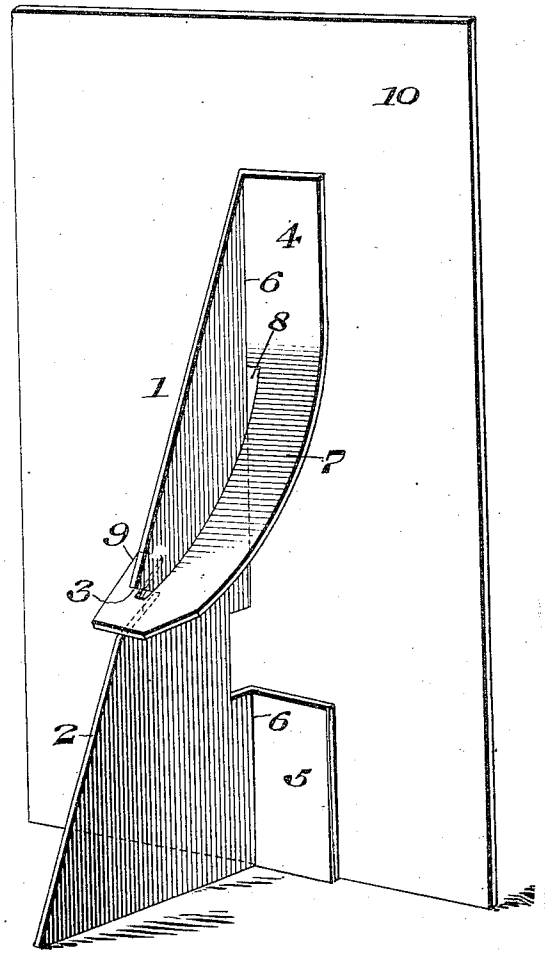
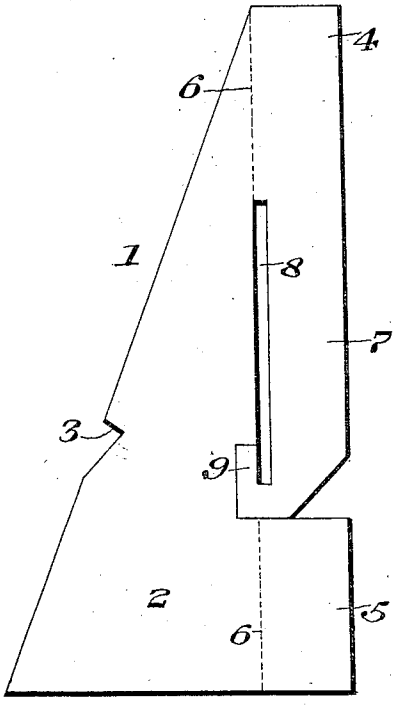


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN B. THOMPSON, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Easel, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a new and useful easel; and it consists of a wing and a tongue which is adapted to engage with the wing when the tongue is properly placed therefor, the said tongue and wing having a coacting notch and hook.

It further consists of other novel features of construction, all as will be hereinafter fully set forth.

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of an easel, showing the same in position and connected with the card or other device which it is desired to support. Fig. 2 represents the easel in flattened position.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in the figures.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates an easel, comprising a wing 2, having the notch or cut-away portion 3 in one edge thereof and has an upper flap 4 and a lower flap 5 upon its opposite face, between which and the wing are the scored lines 6.

7 designates a tongue, which is preferably resilient, forming an extension of or connected with one of the flaps—in the present instance the flap 4. The said tongue has a cut-away portion 8 and is provided with the extension 9, forming a hook, it being seen that the extension 9 is cut from the wing 2.

The easel is preferably made from a single sheet of material, such as cardboard or the like; but it can be made in any desired manner, the advantages being that in its flattened position it can be easily shipped and a large number stored in a small space, and at the same time the device can be quickly operated and placed in condition. As seen in Fig. 1, after the wing 2 is placed at an angle with respect to the flaps 4 and 5, which have been previously pasted or otherwise secured to the card, photograph, &c., 10, which it is desired to support, the tongue 7 can be bent backwardly and caused to bring the hook into proper position with respect to the inclined edge of the wing in order that the same will be held at the proper angles with respect to the flaps 4 and 5.

In the drawings the hook is shown as engaging in the notch 3, although it will be evident that in every instance the notch may not be necessary.

It will be seen that in the present instance the notch 3 is located in the outer edge of the wing member 2. It will also be apparent that owing to the space 8 between the tongue member 7 and the wing 2 the wing member may be bent at a right angle to the flaps without the contiguous side of the tongue contacting for its whole length with the wing member 2. Furthermore, the flexibility of this tongue member is increased and the parts may be more easily placed in operative position.

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

1. In a device of the character described, upper and lower flaps, a wing connected therewith, a tongue connected with said upper flap and in alinement with said lower flap and a hook on said tongue, said hook being adapted to engage with the outer edge of the wing, when the tongue is properly bent therefor.

2. In a device of the character described, upper and lower flaps, a wing connected therewith having a notch in an edge thereof, a tongue connected with said upper flap and a hook on said tongue adapted to engage with the notch in said wing when the tongue is properly placed therefor.

3. In a device of the character described, upper and lower flaps, a wing connected therewith having a notch in the outer edge thereof, a tongue connected with the upper flap and in alinement with the lower flap, said tongue and said wing having a space therebetween and a hook cut from said wing and connected with said tongue, the latter being adapted to permit engagement with said hook and with said notch.

4. As a new article of manufacture, an easel formed of a single sheet comprising a wing having a notch in an edge thereof, an upper and a lower flap connected with said wing, a tongue extending from one of said flaps and formed from the material between said flaps and a hook carried by said tongue adapted to engage said notch when said easel is in operative position.

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