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PICTURE SECURING DEVICE.

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Fig. 1.

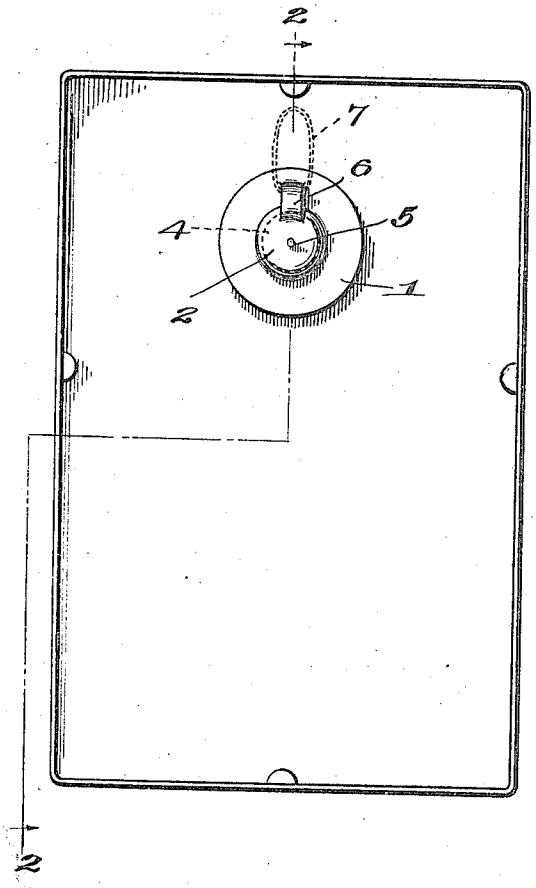


Fig. 2.

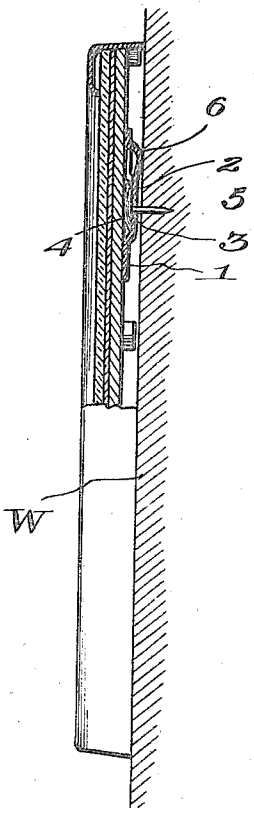


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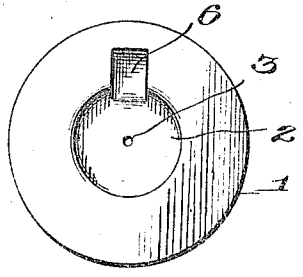
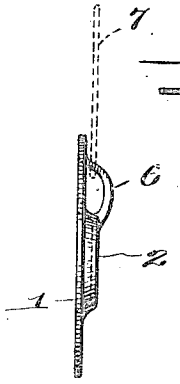


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID H. BUTLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Providence, in the county of Providence and State of Rhode Island, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Picture-Securing Devices, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in picture securing devices, and the primary object of the invention is to provide a simple and cheap device which can be cemented or glued to the rear face of a picture and which will enable the picture to be secured to a wall or other support either by forcing a pin borne by the the device into the wall or by use of a string which can be easily connected to the device.

Further, the invention aims to provide a device of this type which can be formed from celluloid and which is constructed so that the securement of the device to the picture will at one and the same time act to secure the pin to the device.

Other and further objects are to provide a very cheap and still effective structure which can be pressed out of celluloid, or made of sheet metal if desired, and one which involves a simple means of attachment to the picture.

In the drawings—

Figure 1 is a rear plan view of a picture frame with the present invention applied thereto.

Fig. 2 is a section taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a rear plan view of the securing device detached, and

Fig. 4 is a side edge elevation of the device detached.

The invention includes a disk 1, which however can be shaped otherwise, *i. e.*, square, diamond shaped, etc., which disk is formed with a central depression 2 or struck-out part, the depression being formed with a central hole 3. The depression 2 which is in the nature of a countersunk part is of sufficient depth to receive the head 4 of a thumb tack having a pin or pointed shank 5. While the thumb tack is preferred, it will be understood that other tacks may be used equally as well without departing from the spirit or scope of the invention.

The disk or member 1 is further formed with a loop 6 through which a cord 7 may be passed enabling the picture to be hung instead of secured by forcing the pin 5 into the wall W as depicted in Fig. 2. The loop may be formed by providing parallel slits leading out from the depression 2 and then forcing the material between these slits outwardly into the form illustrated in the drawings.

In assembling the parts the pin point is forced through the hole 3 which will cause the head 4 to occupy the depression 2, whereupon cement or glue is spread on the rim of the disk and the latter pressed against the picture back, thus securing the device in position in an easy and quick manner. Obviously, other fastening means for the disk may be employed.

The head of the pin is thus confined between the disk and the picture back which prevents movement of same.

The base of the loop it will be noted is connected to the wall which is struck-out to form the depression which thus provides a firm anchorage for the loop and also simplifies the manufacture, since the slits can be formed prior to the striking out process so that by the latter the loop and depression are formed at one and the same time.

From the foregoing it will be also apparent that the invention involves a very simple, easy and quick manner of securing the tack to the disk and the latter to the picture so that the tack is retained in position by the picture and the disk as well.

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

In a picture securing device, a disk formed of stiff material formed with a struck-out part providing a socket having an open end and a closed end the latter formed with a central hole, and a tack having its point passed through said hole and its head loosely received in the socket, said disk being adapted to be cemented to the

back of a picture so as to cause the latter to close the open end of the socket and to limit longitudinal movement of the tack by engagement with the outer face of the latter.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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