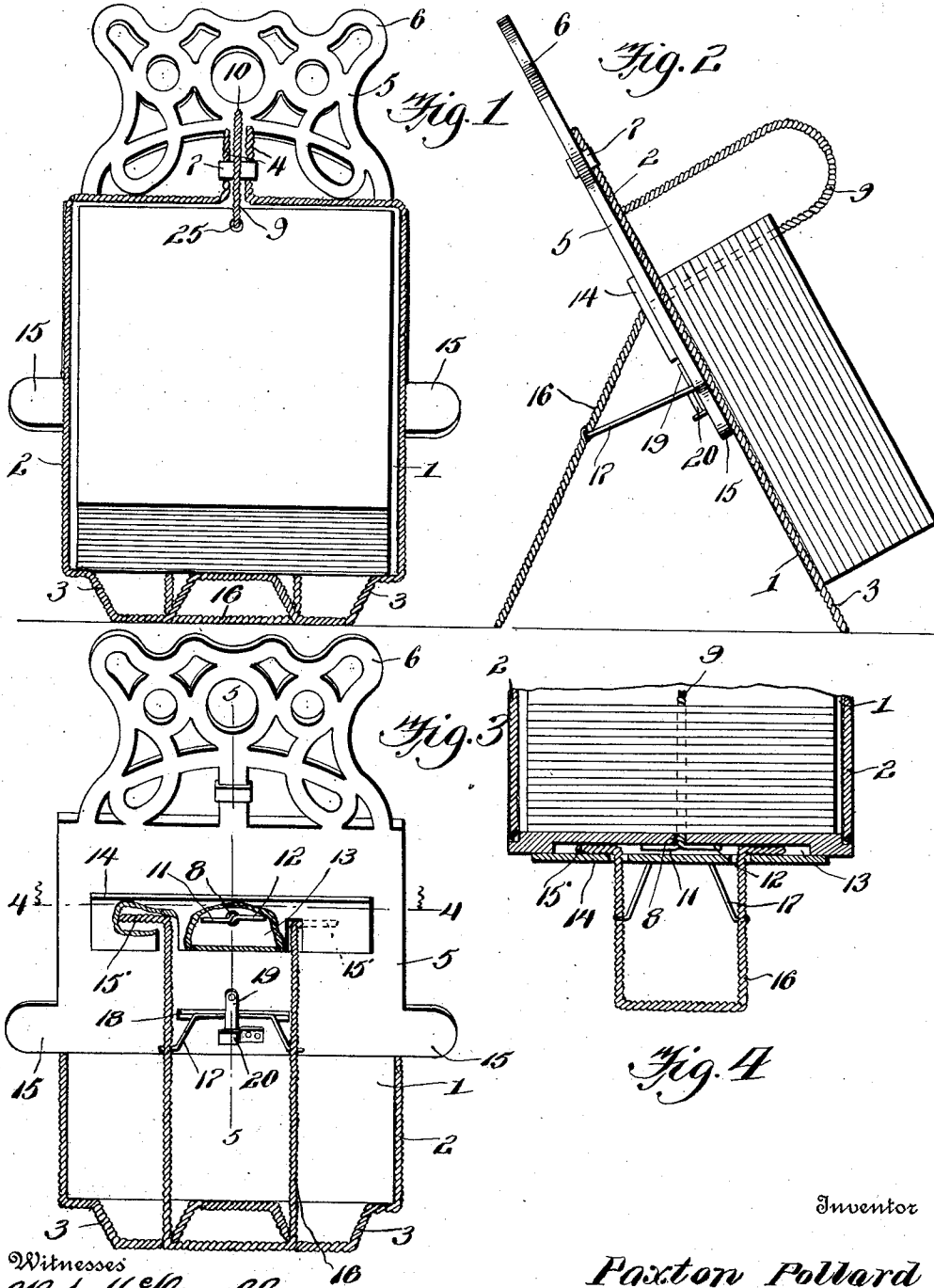


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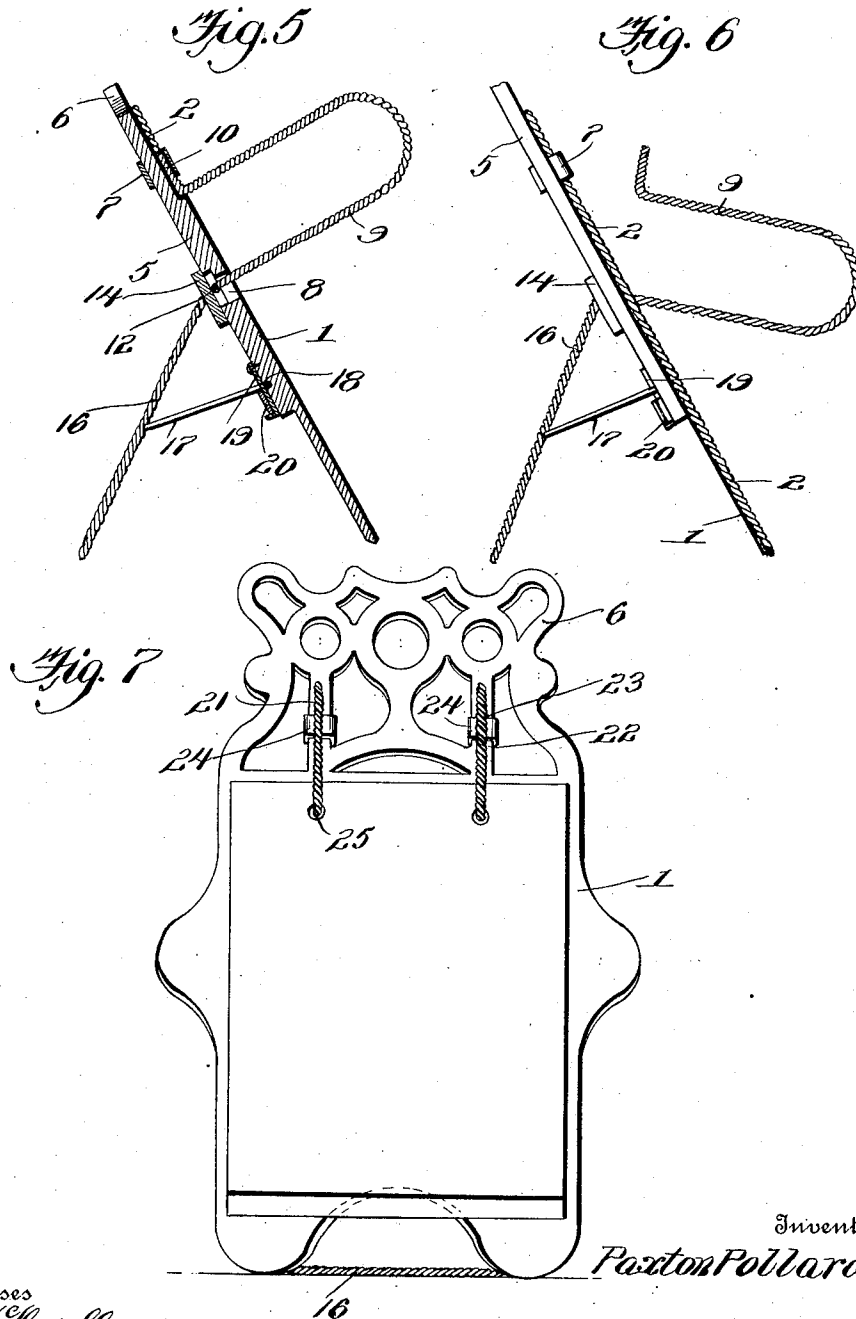
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PAXTON POLLARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Norfolk, in the county of Norfolk and State of Virginia, have invented new and useful Improvements in Picture-Supports, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to card or picture exhibitors and one of the principal objects of the invention is the provision of a supporting device for a plurality of pictures and a novel form of supporting hook upon which the pictures are carried in such a manner that they may be turned out of the way after being inspected, or may be readily removed.

A still further object of the invention is the provision of a device of this character which may be used in the manner of an easel or suspended from a support, in the manner of a picture frame, and which is provided with a hand hold on either side so that the device may be steadied while the pictures are being inspected.

Further objects of the invention will appear as the following specific description is read in connection with the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this application, and in which:—

Figure 1 is a front elevation. Fig. 2 is a side elevation. Fig. 3 is a rear elevation. Fig. 4 is a horizontal section taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is a vertical section taken on the line 5—5 of Fig. 3. Fig. 6 is a detail side elevation showing the position of the hook when pictures are to be removed or placed thereon. Fig. 7 is a detail front elevation of a modified form.

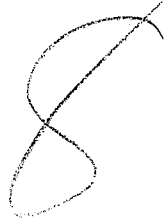
Referring more particularly to the drawings, 1 represents a back or supporting panel which, in this instance, is shown to have an ornamental binding member 2 extending therearound and formed at the base of the panel or support into supporting legs 3. The upper ends of the binding member are extended vertically from the support into guiding or retaining arms 4 which lie against the vertical standard 5 of an ornamenting scroll 6 so as to receive a retaining ring 7 which is slidably mounted upon the ends and standard 5. The support 1 is slotted, immediately below the standard, as at 8, and passing through the slot is a hook 9 which is substantially U-shaped in outline and has its upper terminal bent at right angles to the plane of the leg, as shown at

10, so as to lie parallel with the standard, against the same and between the ends of the binding strip, so that the ring 7 may extend over the bent end and lock the hook in supporting position. The hook is preferably constructed of twisted wire, as shown, and the end of the hook which passes through the slot 8 is divided so that the strands extend in opposite directions and form pivoting members 11 and 12 which are seated in a transverse recess 13 formed in the support 1 and are held in position by a plate 14 secured in the back of the support. Extending outwardly from either side of the support 1 are hand holds 15 which are adapted to be grasped by the thumb and forefinger of the operator so as to steady the device while the pictures are being exhibited, or in other words turned from exhibiting position. The slot 13 is extended so as to receive the lateral ends 15 of a U-shaped bracket 16 which are also held in their slots by the plate 14. Journalled in the legs of the bracket 16 is a U-shaped strut 17 which, when in operative position to hold the bracket outwardly from the frame, as shown in Fig. 2, has its yoke portion lying in a recess 18 formed in the support 1. A clip 19 is pivoted to the support and lies over the recess 18 when in operative position to hold the strut from displacement, and a clip 20 is secured to the support 1 to receive and hold the clip 19 so as to prevent the same from bending on its pivotal point.

Where the device is used for large pictures, such as landscapes, marines or the like, two hooks 21 and 22 are used, as shown in Fig. 7, each provided with offset ends 23 adapted to be engaged by the sliding rings 24. All photographs, cards or other pictures are provided with bushed apertures 25 to receive the hook. After the pictures have been viewed they are turned over upon the upper leg of the hook or hooks so as to lie against the scroll work 6 and, when it is desired to remove the pictures from the hook or to put additional ones thereon, the ring or rings are slid up on the standards so as to release the bent ends of the hook and permit them to drop, as shown in Fig. 6.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim as new is:—

1. A picture holding device comprising a plate having a standard rising centrally therefrom, a binding member extending around said plate and below the lower edge



thereof and formed to provide supporting legs, the free ends of said binding member being vertically disposed and bearing against said standard, a ring slidably mounted on
5 said standard and said free ends of the binding member, card holding means supported by said plate, and means for holding the device in inclined position.

2. A picture holding device comprising a
10 plate having an opening therein and a standard rising therefrom above said opening, a substantially U-shaped card holding member having one end extended through
15 said opening and pivotally secured to said plate and having its free end bent upwardly and bearing against said standard, a ring slidable on said standard and said free end of the card holding member to hold said
20 member in position, and means for holding the device in inclined position.

3. A picture holding device comprising a plate provided with a transverse slot in the rear face thereof, a U-shaped supporting
25 member having oppositely disposed angular portions seated within said slot, a hold-

ing plate extending across the back of said first mentioned plate and closing said slot and provided with entrance openings for said angular portions of said member, and card holding means supported by said plate. 30

4. A picture holding device comprising a plate having its rear face provided with a transverse slot a U-shaped supporting member pivotally mounted on said plate above
35 said slot, a U-shaped strut having angular portions journaled in the legs of said supporting member and having its yoke portion seated within said slot, a latch member pivoted to said plate and depending across said
40 slot, a clip secured to said plate below said slot and adapted to receive said latch member, and card holding means supported by said plate.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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