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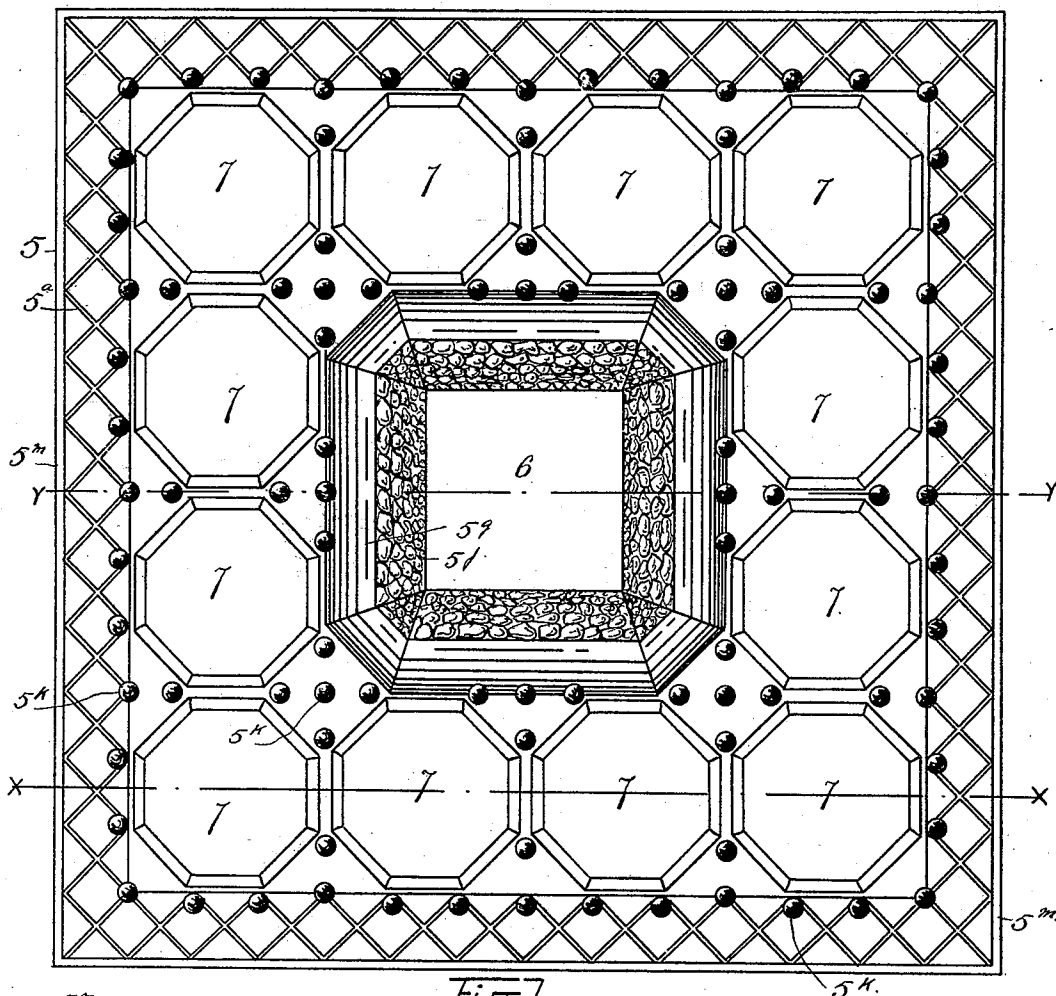


Fig. 1.

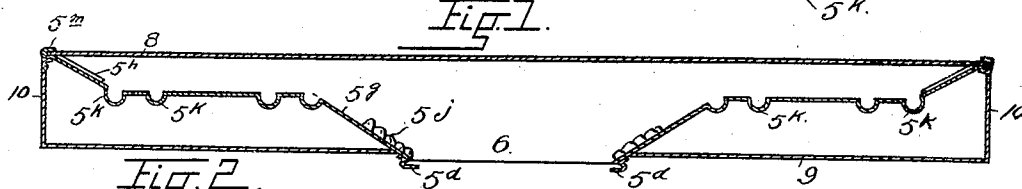


Fig. 2.

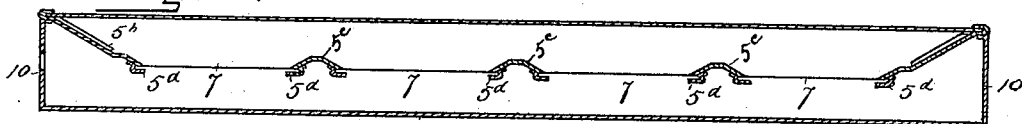


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN J. ALLEN, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Denver, in the county of Arapahoe and State of Colorado, have invented certain new and useful improvements in Picture-Frames; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in picture frames, and the object is to provide a metallic frame of such construction that the pictures placed therein may be surrounded by settings of mineral ore specimens, the frame being so made that the pictures are inserted from the back of the frame, the front of the frame being fashioned to receive a glass plate which serves as a covering and protection for the pictures and the ore settings carried by the frame.

The improvement consists further of the features hereinafter described and claimed all of which will be fully understood by reference to the accompanying drawings in which is illustrated an embodiment thereof.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of the frame. Fig. 2 is a section taken on the line $y-y$, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a section taken on the line $x-x$, Fig. 1.

Similar reference characters indicating corresponding parts or elements of the mechanism in the several views, let the numeral 5 designate a metal plate provided with a central aperture 6 and other apertures 7 surrounding the central aperture. The outer rim or border 5^a of the frame slopes downward, as shown at 5^b to the apertures 7. The metal parts 5^c around these openings are provided with ways 5^d formed on the reverse side of the metal plate, said ways being adapted to receive and retain the pictures whose edges they engage. From the plane of the apertures 7 the metal plate slopes downward as shown at 5^e to the central aperture 6, ways 5^d being formed around the opening and on the

reverse side of the plate to receive the central picture. The part 5^f of the frame is provided with mineral specimens 5^g surrounding the apertures 6 and forming a border for the picture.

The parts of the plate 5 between the pictures are provided with small depressions 5^h forming recesses for the settings composed of mineral ore. Around the extreme outer edge of the plate 5 are formed ways 5^m for the reception of the glass plate 8.

The back of the frame is provided with a covering 9 surrounding the central aperture 6 and located slightly above the plane of said aperture. The inner edge of the plate 9 is suitably fastened to the outer surface of part 5^f of the frame, while its outer edge is secured to a rim 10 made fast to the outer edge of the plate 5 directly beneath the ways 5^m. It will be observed that the ways 5^d on the sides of the apertures from which the pictures are inserted, must not be formed until after the pictures are in place, when the lips forming the ways are turned over and down upon the edges thereof. This is also the case with the ways 5^m in which the glass 8 is inserted.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

As an improved article of manufacture, a picture frame composed of a metal plate having a central aperture and other surrounding apertures lying in a different plane, said apertures being provided with ways formed on the reverse side of the frame for the reception of the pictures, the parts of the frame surrounding the apertures being provided with recesses containing suitable settings, the front of the frame being provided with a transparent plate suitably held in place, while the back of the frame has a covering surrounding the central aperture, substantially as described.

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

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