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## PICTURE FRAME.

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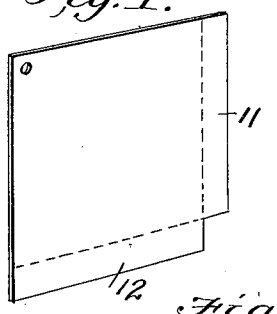



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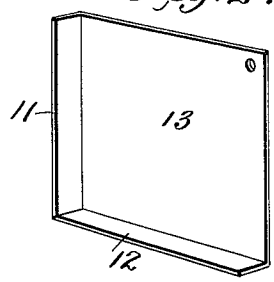



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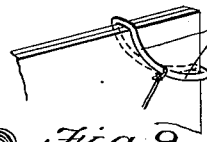



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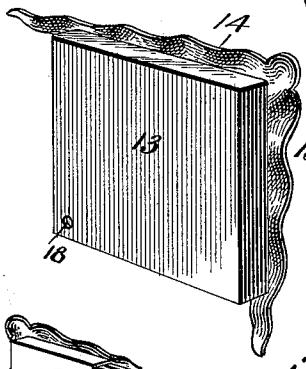



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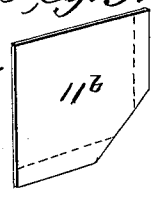



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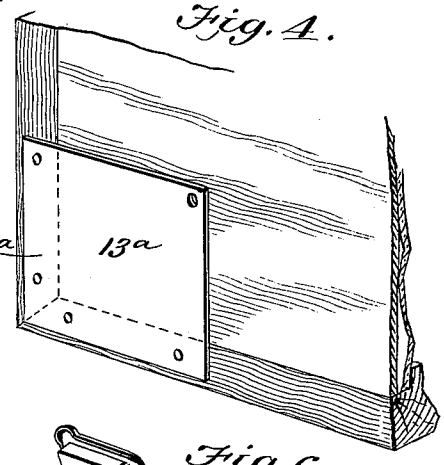



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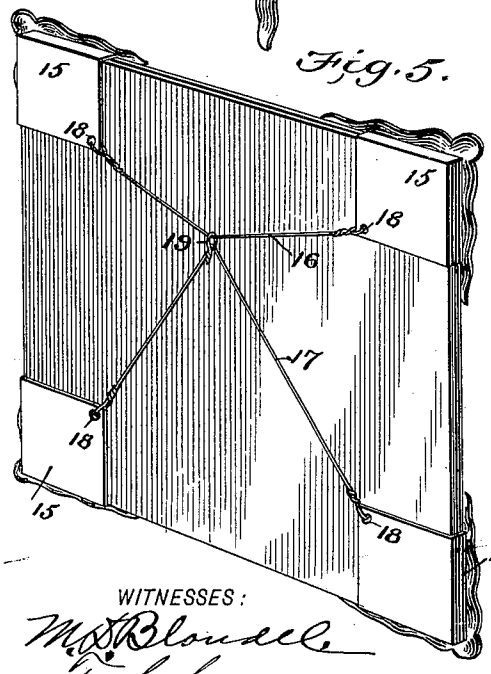



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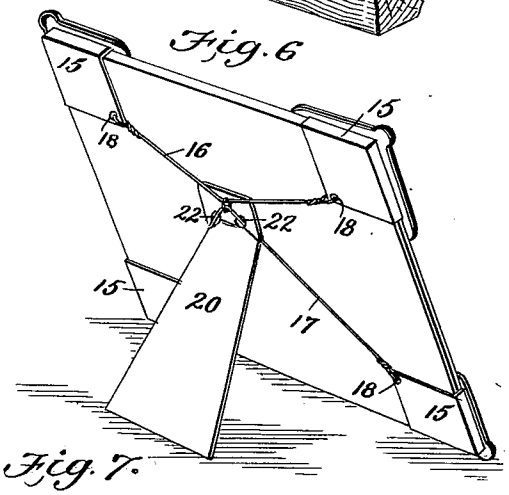
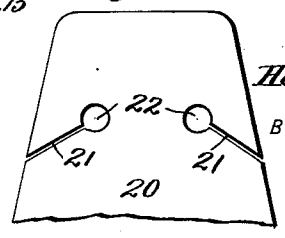



Fig. 7.




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## PICTURE-FRAME.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 636,592, dated November 7, 1899.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY RIGHTOR TURNER, of Helena, in the county of Phillips and State of Arkansas, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Picture-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to picture-holders, and has for its object a device of this character which will be exceedingly simple and cheap to manufacture and which will securely hold pictures of any size.

A further object of the invention is to so arrange the parts of the holder that an easel-rest may be quickly and conveniently secured thereto or detached therefrom.

The invention consists in certain details of construction and combination of the parts, which I shall first describe and then point out the novel features in the appended claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views in which they occur.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the blank for forming the plate 13. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of said plate. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the plate secured to an ornamental molding. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of another form of plate and molding. Fig. 5 is a rear perspective view of the complete picture-holder with the picture therein. Fig. 6 is a similar view showing an easel-rest secured to the holder. Fig. 7 is a detail face view of a portion of the easel-rest. Fig. 8 is a detail perspective view of a modified form of corner, and Fig. 9 is a detail perspective of a slightly-changed form of blank.

In carrying out one form of my invention I take flat pieces of tin or other suitable metal and cut them into the form of blank shown in Fig. 1. The blank having been cut two of its edges, 11 and 12, are bent at right angles to the main portion thereof, as shown in Fig. 2, whereby to form the plates 13. Along the bent edges of the plates I then solder brass or other suitable moldings 14. The complete corner-piece 15 is now constructed. If wooden moldings are used instead of metal, I form the plate $13^a$ without the bent edges and attach it by short pins or brads to the molding to form the corner-piece $15^a$, as shown. These corner-pieces are adapted to be inserted over the corners of a picture, its glass, and its backing. In order to secure the corner-pieces together, I provide two pieces of wire 16 and 17 and insert the ends of the wire 16 through apertures 18 in the upper corner-pieces, the wire being secured therein, preferably, by twisting the ends, as shown. The other wire 17 is similarly secured in the openings 18 of the lower corner-pieces. The upper wire 16 is preferably shorter than the wire 17, so that while the former is comparatively taut across the backing of the picture the latter is much looser, and a loop 19 of wire secures the two wires together, so as to firmly bind the corner-pieces in place on the picture.

As shown in Fig. 6, if it is desired to rest the picture on a stand instead of hanging it in the wall I provide the easel-rest 20, which is usually made of pasteboard and has oblique slits 21 cut in its sides, near the upper end, the said slits terminating in openings 22. To attach this easel-rest, the wire 17, near the apex thereof, is received through the slits 21 into the openings 22.

It will be seen that the loop 19 affords a convenient place to receive a nail for hanging the picture on the wall, so that no other hanging-wire is necessary, although, if desired, an additional piece of wire may be attached to the upper corner-pieces for the purpose of hanging the picture.

As shown in Fig. 8, a corner-piece may be made by bending a wire ring $11^a$, or a blank $11^b$ may be used, as shown in Fig. 9.

I do not claim to have invented the moldings of the corner-pieces or means for holding separate corner-pieces on a picture instead of using a continuous frame; but

What I do claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A picture-holder, comprising corner-pieces arranged to fit over the picture, wires connecting said corner-pieces, and an easel-rest having slits in its sides, the said slits terminating at their inner ends in openings, whereby the wires may be inserted through said slits and held in said openings, as and for the purpose set forth.

2. The herein-described picture-holder, consisting of the corner-pieces formed with openings 18, the wires 16 and 17 having their

ends secured in the said openings, a wire loop securing said wires together between their ends whereby to bind the corner-pieces on the picture, and an easel-rest having oblique slits 21 in its sides, the said slits terminating in openings 22, whereby the wire 17 may be inserted through said slits and held in said openings to hold the easel-rest on the picture, as and for the purpose set forth.

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