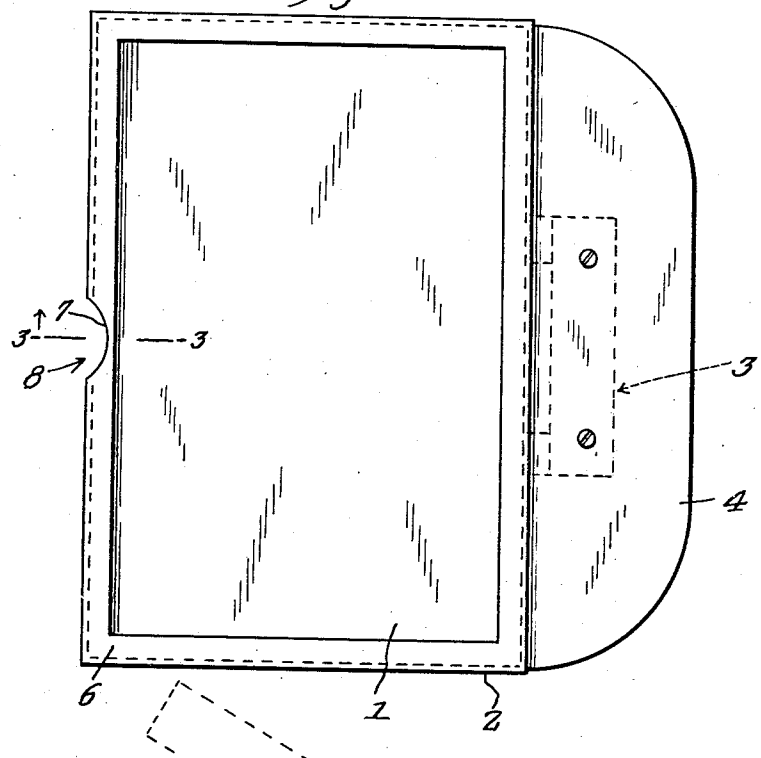
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Fig. 1.



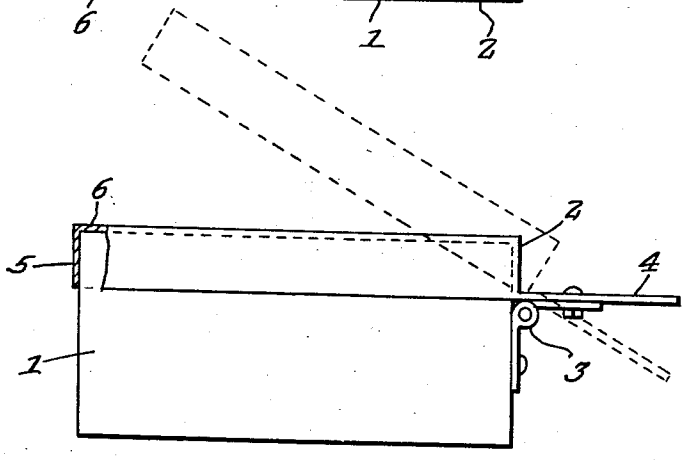
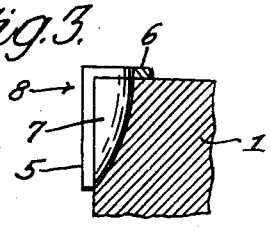


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to an easel used in making enlargements, the general object of the invention being to provide a block of considerable weight and a rim forming member hinged to the block and adapted to hold a sheet of sensitized paper on the block, the paper having the image to be enlarged focused thereon in the usual or any desired manner.

This invention also consists in certain other features of construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts to be hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing and specifically pointed out in the appended claims.

In describing the invention in detail, reference will be had to the accompanying drawing wherein like characters denote like or corresponding parts throughout the several views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a top plan view of the invention.

Figure 2 is an end view thereof with parts broken away and showing the rim member in partly raised position in dotted lines.

Figure 3 is a section on the line 3—3 of Figure 1.

In these views the numeral 1 indicates a block of heavy material and which has a flat upper surface to receive the paper which is to have printed thereon the enlargement. A rim forming frame 2 is fastened to the rear side of the block by a hinge 3, one leaf of the hinge being connected to the rear side of the block and the other leaf to a flat extension 4 extending rearwardly from the rim forming frame.

This frame is formed with a flange 5 for engaging the side walls of the block when the frame is in lowered position and a narrow flange 6 which is arranged at right angles to the flange 5 and extends over edge portions of the upper face of the block when the frame is in lowered position. This narrow flange 6 will hold a sheet of sensitized paper on the upper face of the block. A small recess 7 is formed in the upper portion of the front side of the block at the middle thereof and a recess 8 is formed in the middle portion of the front part of the frame 2 which registers with the recess 7 when the frame is in its lowered position, these parts facilitating manipulation of the sheets in placing the sheets on the block and removing them therefrom.

As will be understood a sheet of paper or the like is placed on the block and the frame member 2 lowered to hold the sheet in place and then the negative to be enlarged is placed in the enlarging machine and focused upon the sheet and then when the proper focus adjustments have been made this sheet is removed and a sheet of sensitized paper is put in its place and is held on the block by the frame. Then the enlargement is made in the usual manner. The sheets of sensitized paper can be put on the easel and removed in a dark room and without the necessity of moving the easel.

When desired or necessary masks can be provided for use with the device to make the opening formed by the frame or the flange 6 thereof smaller so that it can be used with smaller sheets of paper and, if desired, the flange 5 can be flared outwardly so that the frame 2 will readily fit over the block as it is moved downwardly into engagement with the block.

It is thought from the foregoing description that the advantages and novel features of the invention will be readily apparent.

It is to be understood that changes may be made in the construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts provided that such changes fall within the scope of the appended claims.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. An enlarging easel comprising a block having a flat upper face, a frame composed of end and side members each of angle shape in cross section to provide horizontal flanges and depending flanges, said depending flanges fitting over the upper portions of the side walls of the block, when the frame is in lowered position and with the horizontal flanges holding a sheet between themselves and the edge portions of the block, a plate-like extension extending from the central portion of the lower edge of the rear depending flange and forming a handle for raising and lowering the frame, a hinge having one leaf fastened to the rear wall of the block at the middle thereof and its other leaf connected to an intermediate portion of the lower face of the extension.

2. An enlarging easel comprising a block having a flat upper face, a frame composed of end and side members each of angle shape in cross section to provide horizontal flanges and depending flanges, said depending flanges fitting over the upper portions of the side walls of the block, when the frame is in lowered position and with the horizontal flanges holding a sheet between themselves and the edge portions of the block, a plate-like extension extending from the central portion of the lower edge of the rear depending flange and forming a handle for raising

and lowering the frame, a hinge having one leaf fastened to the rear wall of the block at the middle thereof and its other leaf connected to an intermediate portion of the lower face of the extension, the middle portion of the front wall of the block at the top thereof having a finger-receiving recess therein which opens out through the upper face of the block and the front depending flange of the frame and a portion of the front horizontal flange of the frame being recessed to expose the recess in the block when the frame is in lowered position.

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