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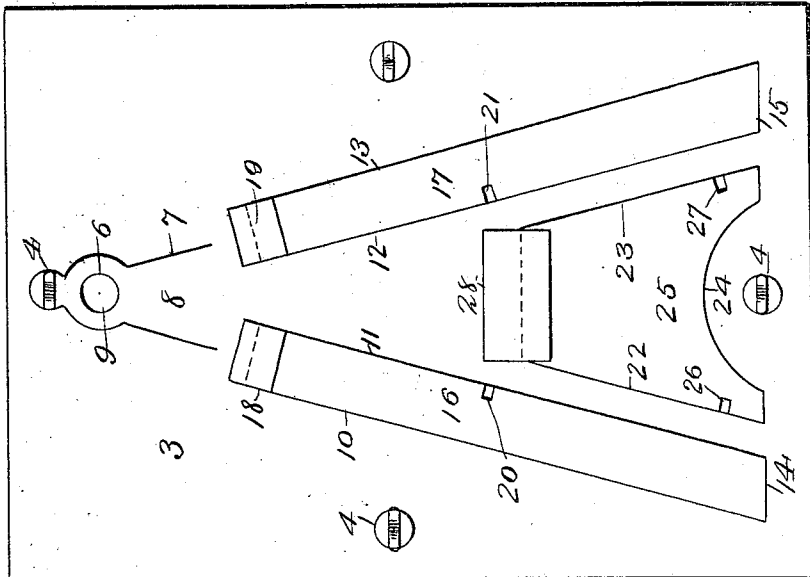
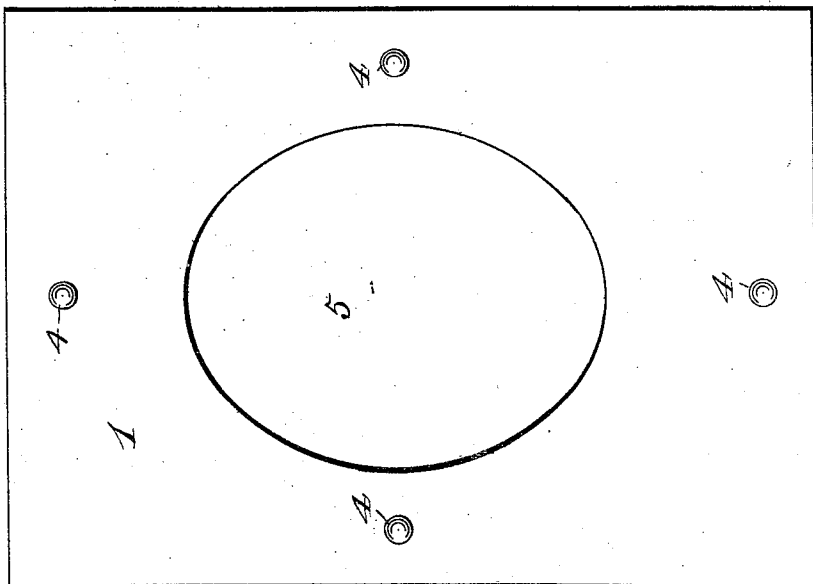


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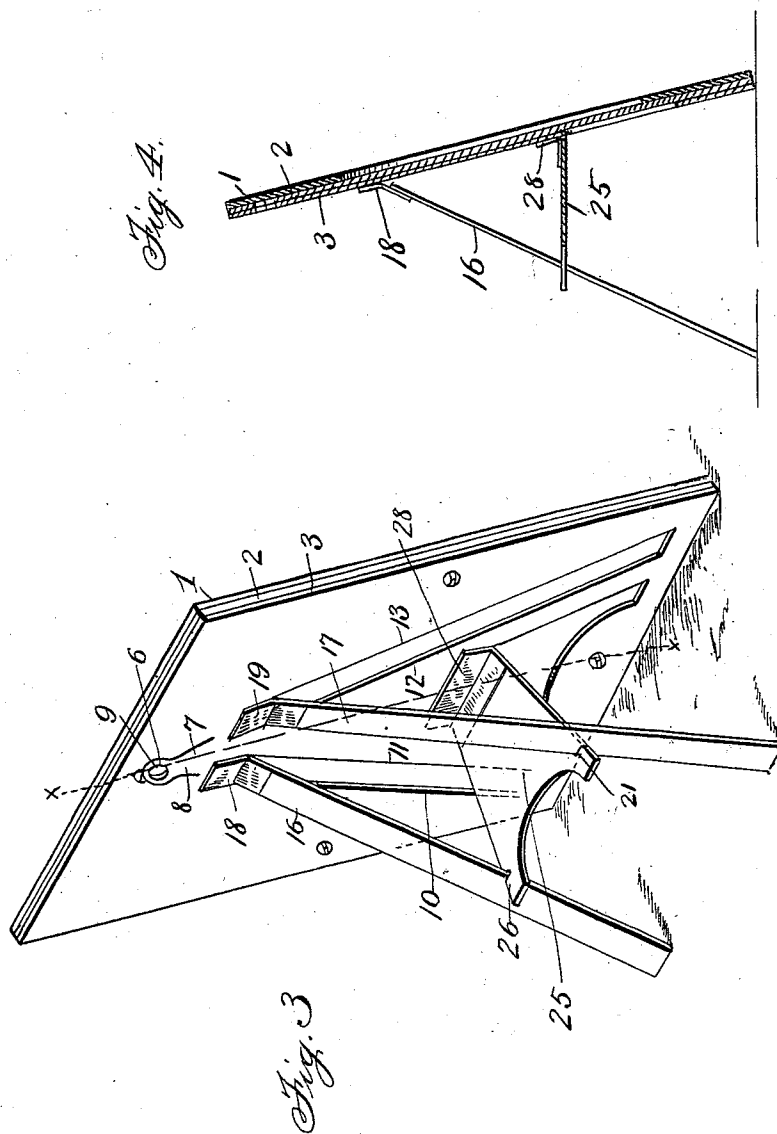
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To all whom it may concern.

Be it known that I, BEN W. MULKEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Vale, in the county of Malheur and State of Oregon, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combination Mailing Device and Picture-Frame, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is a combination mailing device and picture-frame, and consists in the novel construction and arrangement of its parts hereinafter set out in this specification and the claims thereunto attached.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1, is a front face view of my invention. Fig. 2, is a rear face view, with the legs, prop and hanger pressed down in their recesses. Fig. 3, is a rear perspective view. Fig. 4, is a vertical sectional view, on the line *x x*, of Fig. 3.

Similar numerals refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

In describing my invention I read the drawings from left to right.

My invention is described as follows:

My invention consists of three boards, 1, 2 and 3, of paste-board or other material suitable to be used in manufacturing the same. These three boards are secured together by paper-fasteners 4, or other suitable fastenings. In the center of the front board 1, is an opening 5, preferably oval. The rear board 3, has cut through it, lines 6 and 7, leaving a hanger 8. This hanger lies flat down against board 2, but the upper end of it may be raised out of its bed, so that its eye 9, can be put over a nail, hook, or anything of the kind, to suspend the frame. Below said hanger 8, the said board 3, is cut by lines 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, thus forming two legs 16 and 17, which are hinged by hinges 18, at their upper ends, to the rear face of the board 3, the inner edges of which are provided with notches 20 and 21. The upper ends of these legs are near each other, and the lines are so cut that the lower ends of the legs extend outwardly, nearly to the edges of the board. Between these two legs are cut lines 22, 23 and 24, forming a brace 25; near the lower end of this brace, and in the outer edges thereof, are cut notches 26 and 27. Said brace is secured at its upper end to said board 3, by means of a hinge 28. The lower end of the hanger 8, is integral with said board 3. After the cutting is done, the two boards 2 and 3, are pasted together,

leaving, however, the hanger, legs and brace unpasted.

When I desire to mail the picture, I remove the fasteners 4, place the picture, face down, on the back of the rear board 3, then place the front board 1, on the picture, ornamented face down, and secure the whole together with the fasteners, 4. This leaves the lines for the address exposed.

When my device reaches its destination, the fasteners 4, and the front board (now on the rear) is removed; the picture is then placed face out on the front face of board 2; board 1, is then placed, ornamented face out, on the picture, and the whole secured together by said fasteners. The legs and brace are then opened out and secured in place and I have a handsome picture frame. If it is desired to hang the frame up, instead of setting it up, said legs and prop are permitted to remain in their beds, and the hanger 8, is raised out of its bed, and the frame hung up by means of said hanger.

This combination mailing device and picture frame may be highly ornamented, or entirely plain, and it may be made of any suitable material.

Although I have specifically described the combination, construction and arrangement of the several parts of my invention, I do not confine myself particularly to such specific combination, construction and arrangement, as I claim the right to make such changes and modification therein as may clearly fall within the scope of my claims, and which will be obviously necessary in the manufacture of the same.

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

1. A combination mailing device and picture frame consisting of three boards, an outer, an inner and a rear, said rear board fitting against the back of said inner board, and having cut from it a supporter, two legs and a brace, the inner edges of said legs provided with notches, said brace provided with notches in its edges near its lower end, hinges, hinging said legs and said prop to said rear board, said notches on said prop adapted and for the purpose of engaging said notches on said legs, substantially as shown and described.

2. In a device of the character described, in combination three boards, an outer, provided with a central opening, an inner one,

and a rear one, said rear board having legs cut therefrom, converging toward their upper ends, and having notches cut in their inner edges, a hanger, the lower portion of which is integral with said rear board, said hanger provided with an eye near its upper end, said rear board further provided with a brace secured to said rear board by means of a hinge, said brace provided with notches, said notches in said brace adapted and for the purpose of engaging said notches of said legs.

3. In a picture frame and mailing device the combination of three layers, the rear one having cut therefrom a hanger, two legs and a brace, said hanger provided near its upper end with a perforation, and being at its lower

portion integral with said rear board, said legs extending downwardly and outwardly, and being connected to said rear board by means of hinges, and having notches cut in their inner edges slightly below the center thereof, said brace having notches cut in its outer edges near its lower end, said notches of said brace engaging said notches of said leg when the said brace and said legs are cooperating to hold the picture frame in an upright position, substantially as shown.

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

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