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Fig. 1

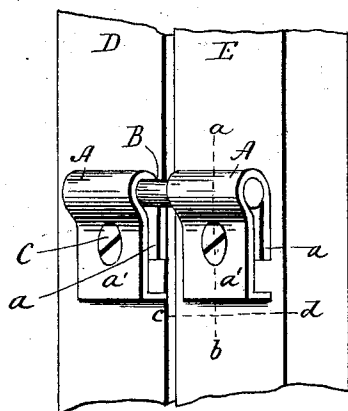


Fig. 2

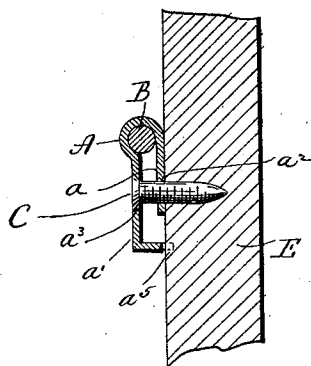


Fig. 3

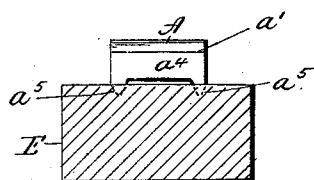


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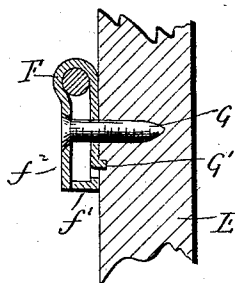
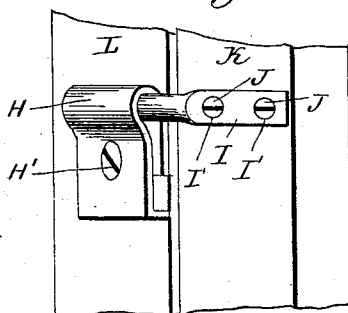


Fig. 5



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MIRROR-HINGE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. JUDSON, of Terryville, in the county of Litchfield and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Mirror-Hinges; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a perspective view of a hinge constructed in accordance with my invention; Fig. 2, a view in vertical section on the line *a b* of Fig. 1; Fig. 3, a view in transverse section on the line *c d* of the same figure; Fig. 4, a view in vertical section of one of the modified forms which my improvement may assume; Fig. 5, a view in perspective of another of the modified forms which my improvement may assume.

My invention relates to an improvement in that class of friction-hinges designed to be used for the suspension of mirror-frames in the mirror-frame supports of dressing-cases, toilet-bureaus, &c., the object being to produce simple, cheap, and effective hinges adapted to be readily adjusted to take up wear and constructed with particular reference to being held rigidly in place and to the preservation of their adaptation for adjustment.

I may here note that my invention constitutes an improvement upon the friction-hinge forming the subject-matter of Patent No. 303,633, granted August 19, 1884, to William E. Gard.

With these ends in view my invention consists in a friction-hinge having certain details of construction and combinations of parts, as will be hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claims.

In carrying out my invention as shown in Figs. 1 to 3, inclusive, of the drawings the hinge consists of two corresponding straps A A and a pintle B. Each strap is made from a single piece of sheet metal bent upon itself so as to form a short inner leaf *a* and a long outer leaf *a'*. The bend or fold of each strap is shaped into partially-tubular form to better adapt the strap to receive and clasp the pin-

tle. The inner leaf *a* of each strap is formed with a screw-hole *a*² and the outer leaf *a'* of each strap with an alined screw-hole *a*³, which is counterbored. These screw-holes receive the screws C, by means of which the straps are applied to the mirror-frame D and the mirror-frame supports E, whether the latter form portions of a dressing-case or toilet-bureau. It is to be noticed that but a single screw is employed for securing each strap in place. Therefore to prevent the straps from swinging or swiveling upon their single screws as upon pivots, which would result in the racking of the mirror between its supports, I turn the free end of the outer leaf of each strap A inward at or by a right angle to form a flange *a*⁴, which is provided with two retaining-teeth *a*⁵ *a*⁵. These teeth enter the mirror-frame and mirror-frame supports and effectually prevent the straps from turning upon their screws as upon pivots, as clearly illustrated in Figs. 2 and 3. The flanges A⁴ also perform the important function of preventing the leaves of the straps from being unduly drawn together, as they might be in their initial application by a careless workman. If the straps are initially drawn together too much, the capacity of the hinge for being adjusted for taking up wear is impaired or destroyed; hence the important function of the flanges *a*⁴ in the respect last mentioned.

In the modified construction shown by Fig. 4 the inner leaf of the strap F is formed with an outwardly-turned flange *f'*, which supports, as it were, the free end of the outer leaf *f*² of the strap and prevents the two leaves from being unduly drawn together by the screw G. In employing this construction I might strike a tooth or projection G' out of the inner leaf *f* for preventing the strap from swiveling, or provision for that purpose might be omitted altogether, although I prefer to provide against such tendency.

It is not necessary that my improved hinge should employ two straps, as one will suffice. A hinge containing my invention but employing but one strap is shown in Fig. 5. This hinge consists of a strap H and a pintle I, the said strap being substantially like the straps shown in Figs. 1, 2, 3, or 4, and the pintle I having its outer end flattened and formed

with two screw-holes I' I', receiving screws J J, which enter the mirror-frame support K and secure the pintle directly thereto instead of through the medium of another strap. In
5 this modified construction the strap II is secured by means of a screw II' to the mirror-frame L. The modified hinge thus described is perhaps less elegant than the hinge first
10 described, but it is an effective hinge and contains my invention.

It is obvious from the modification shown and described and of others that might be made that I do not limit myself to the exact
15 construction set forth, but hold myself at liberty to make such changes and alterations as fairly fall within the spirit and scope of my invention. It will be understood, however, that in view of the Gard patent referred
20 to at the outset of this description I do not broadly claim a friction-hinge of the type herein shown and described.

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

1. A friction-hinge for mirrors, having a sheet-metal strap, each leaf of which is formed with a single screw-hole and the outer leaf of which is made longer than the inner leaf and

turned inward to form a flange, which prevents the two leaves from being unduly drawn
30 together by the screw passing through the single screw-holes of the respective leaves, and the said flange being also formed with teeth which enter the wood and hold the strap
35 against swiveling upon the screw which passes through said screw-holes.

2. A friction-hinge for mirrors, having a sheet-metal strap of which one leaf is longer than the other, each leaf being formed with a
40 single screw-hole and the longer leaf being bent at or substantially at a right angle to form a flange which prevents the two leaves from being unduly drawn together by the screw passing through the single screw-holes
45 of the respective leaves, and one leaf of the said strap being also adapted to enter the wood and hold the strap against swiveling upon the single screw which passes through the said screw-holes.

In testimony whereof I have signed this
50 specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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