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Fig. 1.

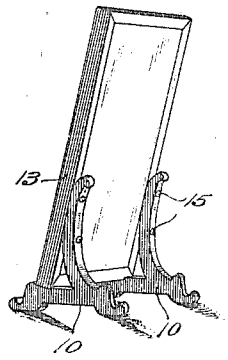
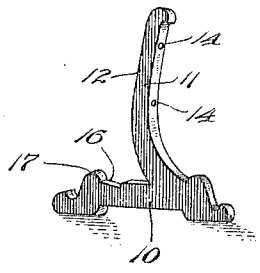


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CARL H. LIEBER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Indianapolis, in the county of Marion and State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Picture-Frame Leg, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to produce a neat and efficient article of manufacture, which, in pairs, may be readily attached to picture frames in such manner as to form, with the frame, a supporting easel.

The accompanying drawings illustrate my invention. Figure 1 is a perspective rear view of a frame equipped with a pair of my improved legs and Fig. 2 a perspective view of the article itself.

Supporting easels for picture frames have been heretofore manufactured in wide variety and there have been many forms of single-leg structures, designed to be attached to the back of a frame and supported in an inclined position. Such single-leg structures, however, have generally been of such form as to require attachment to the backing which retains the picture in place within the frame. This backing is thin and unsubstantial, and supporting legs of this character are objectionable for that reason and, in the main, cannot be made artistic. The objections stated above are absent in my improved construction.

In the drawings, 10 indicates the horizontal base of my improved leg and 11 an upwardly and rearwardly inclined brace which is preferably integral with the base 10. The forward face 12 of brace 11 is, for a portion of its length, preferably straight so as to form a seat for the frame 13 and this portion of the brace is perforated at two points 14, 14, for the reception of small fastening screws 15, passed through the brace and into the side bars of frame 13. In order that the frame 13 may be firmly seated upon the legs, the upper face of each base 10 is provided with an inclined seat 16, which at its forward end may be conveniently defined by an ornamental projection 17, the arrangement being such that the lower bar of frame 13 will seat in seat 16 when the leg is attached to the side bar by screws 15 is the manner shown in Fig. 1.

The improved leg may, of course, be given any desired ornamental form, so long as it comprises the frame-receiving base and brace. In practice, I have found that this improved leg may be conveniently made in several kinds of wood to match standard frame materials. These are carried in stock by the frame maker, in the few sizes necessary to properly support pictures of different heights, but no variety is necessary for different widths of frames, because the legs are attached directly to the side bars of the frame, and are, therefore, entirely independent of frame width.

The side bars of frames are always sufficiently substantial to receive the fastening screws and, therefore, the device may be applied to frames without the exercise of any great skill. In view of the fact that the fastening is accomplished by small screws, it becomes possible to easily remove said screws and thus detach the legs for packing of the picture and, as the attachment is accomplished at the back of the side bars, it is evident that when the user tires of the frame supported by the legs, the said legs may be removed for attachment to some other frame and the frame may, if desired, be hung upon the wall in the usual manner.

I claim as my invention:

1. As an article of manufacture, an individual comparatively thin picture-frame leg, designed for use in pairs by independent attachment to the rear faces of side bars of picture frames, each leg comprising a substantially horizontal base member, and an upwardly-extending brace member of material greater upward extent than the width of the lower member of the picture frame to which the leg is to be attached, said brace member having a forward face designed for application to the rear face of the side bar of the picture frame and formed to receive a fastening member capable of entering such side bar, and the base member having an upper face formed to receive and support the lower bar of the picture frame, and having a portion formed to upwardly overlap the lower edge of said lower bar.

2. As an article of manufacture, an individual comparatively thin picture-frame leg, designed for use in pairs by independent attachment to the rear faces of side bars of picture frames, and an upwardly-extend-

ing brace member of material greater upward extent than the width of the lower member of the picture frame to which the leg is to be attached, said brace member having a forward face designed for application to the rear face of the side bar of the picture frame and formed to receive a fastening member capable of entering such side bar, and the base member having an upper face formed to receive and support the lower bar of the picture frame.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 24th day of April, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

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