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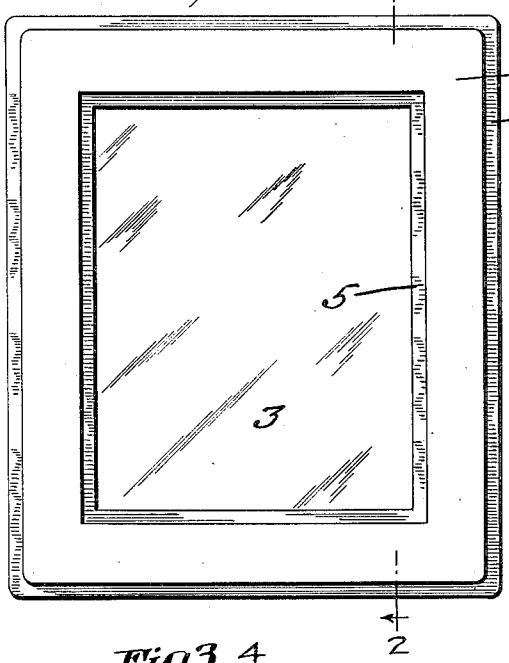
Fig. 1.



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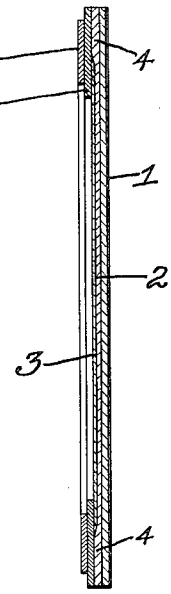

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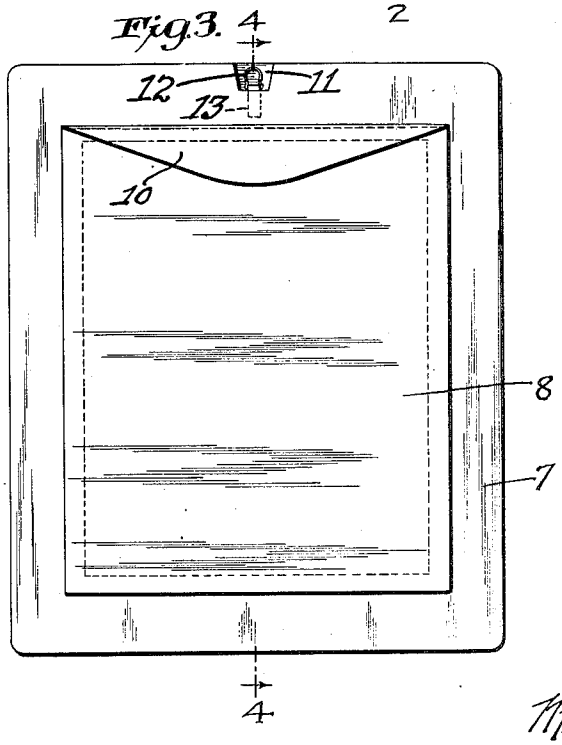

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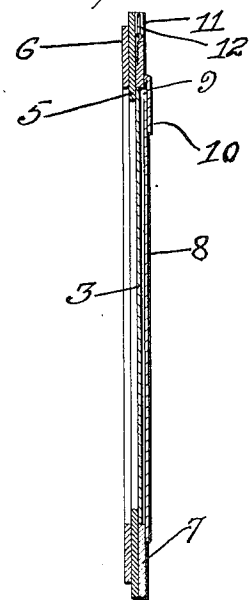

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MICHAEL HARVEY, a citizen of Russia, residing in the borough of Brooklyn, county of Kings, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Frames or Mountings for Pictures and Calendars, of which the following is a description.

This invention relates to receptacles or mounts for pictures, calendar and similar articles, and particularly has reference to a structure adapted for several useful purposes such as a receptacle for removably holding pictures, cards, diplomas, calendars, or a mount for such articles which may be held permanently in or by the structure.

Among the objects of my invention may be noted the following: to provide a simple, compact, economically produced mount, holder, or frame for pictures, calendars, diplomas and other similar articles, which, in addition to its useful functions, is also highly ornamental; to provide a means, for removably or permanently holding such articles as defined in the foregoing, which can be built up quickly and with facility, and the parts of which can be carried in stock and combined by the purchaser, if desired; to provide a structure such as defined in the foregoing with means whereby a picture or other article may be removably held for transportation or for permanent use, and which structure may be covered or sealed at the back so as to prevent the entrance of dust or dirt and to protect the article held thereby.

With the foregoing objects in view and others which will be detailed during the course of this description, my invention consists in the parts, features, elements and combinations thereof hereinafter described and claimed.

In order that my invention may be clearly understood, I have provided drawings wherein:

Figure 1 is a view showing, in front elevation, a structure embodying my invention in one of its forms;

Figure 2 is a section taken substantially on the line 2—2, Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a view showing, in rear elevation, another form of my invention; and

Figure 4 is a view substantially on the line 4—4 of Figure 3.

Referring to the form of my invention shown in Figures 1 and 2, the numeral 1 indicates a foundation or backing of heavy material, which may be, if desired, in several layers instead of one, as will be readily understood. The numeral 2 indicates a second foundation or reinforcing material designed to give body and strength to the backing or foundation. These two members may be of cardboard, compressed pulp, papier mâché, paper board, or any other suitable light material adapted for the purposes of my invention. The member 2 is slightly reduced in thickness centrally so as to receive a picture, calendar, diploma or other similar article indicated at 3, the thickness of which is equal to the depression or reduction in thickness of the second foundation member 2. By thus treating the second foundation member 2, the outlying or border portions 4 are left of original thickness and the structure thus produced prevents the backing, as also the facial members, to be described, from buckling or bending outwardly and thus rendering both or either the backing or facial members unsightly or uneven.

Mounted upon the outlying thicker portions 4 of the member 2 is a sub-facial member 5 the center of which is removed, thus making of the member 5 a surrounding border-like structure or mat for the picture or other article 3. Mounted upon the member 5 is a facial member 6, the same being of the same structure as the member 5, but considerably less in width and mounted upon the member 5 between its inner and outer edges so as to leave exposed portions of the member 5, both inside and outside of the edges of the facial member 6. By thus constructing the frame, holder, or mount, the same may be made highly ornamental, since the facial member 6 may be made of material in color and character markedly in contrast with the color and character of the subfacial member 5. Furthermore, the structure, as thus produced, provides a surrounding raised framing for the picture, calendar or other article, which, in a measure, protects the latter when a number of the holders or frames are packed for transportation. The members 1, 2, 5 and 6 are all secured together by glue or other suitable adhesive substance, so as to make of them a solid, fairly rigid structure; and the mounted article 3 is applied during the process of building up the holder or frame and may be either glued to or loosely laid upon the mem-

ber 2 of the foundation. It will be seen that, in this form of my frame or holder, if it is desired to remove the mounted article 3, the facial and sub-facial members 6 and 5 can be lifted as a unit from the foundation members by merely inserting a thin blade, such as a paper cutter, under the member 5, and stripping the one from the other. Then, the article 3 can be removed, another substituted, and the members 5 and 6, as a unit, replaced and glued to the foundation members.

In the form of my invention shown in Figures 3 and 4, the facial and sub-facial members are, or may be, the same as in Figures 1 and 2. The foundation member, however, is composed of a single piece of substantial material 7 with its center removed so as to provide an opening of larger dimensions than the opening in the sub-facial member 5. This produces a receptacle in which a picture, calendar, diploma, etc., 3 may be placed to rest against the inner portion of the sub-facial member 5. The foundation 7 has applied to its back a sheet of light material 8, such as a heavy manila or similar strong paper, the same being glued to the foundation 7 around its bottom and side edges, but left free at its top edge so as to provide a slit 9 through which the article 3 may be inserted into the receptacle formed between the sub-facial member 5 and the backing 9. To prevent dust or dirt from entering the slit 9, a flap 10 is provided at the top of the backing 8 and secured to the foundation 7 so as to fold over upon the backing 8. This flap 10 may be sealed, if desired, against the backing 8 in manner similar to an envelope. Thus the article 3 may be inserted in the receptacle of the holder and temporarily securely held in place, kept clean and otherwise protected. This structure enables the holder to be used both as a frame or ornament, an advertising medium, for display purposes, and also as a medium for transporting flat articles without bending or breaking. To enable the holder to be hung up for use or as an ornament, the foundation 7, at its top is cut away at 11 for the reception of a loop 12, which loop is held by a tape 13 inserted between the member 5 and foundation 7, and in a depression in the latter below the opening 11. This structure enables the hanger or loop 12 to be manipulated easily for the purpose of hanging the holder, and also enables the hanger to be housed so as not to protrude beyond the back surface of the foundation 7. Hence, in stacking a number of the holders for transportation purposes, the hangers are not an impediment.

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

1. A holder for useful or ornamental articles consisting of a foundation of substantial material providing a receptacle, and facial and sub-facial members secured together and mounted as a unit upon the foundation, said unit members being cut away centrally, and the facial member being narrower than the sub-facial member and applied to the latter centrally thereof so as to expose margins of the sub-facial member around both edges of the facial member.

2. In combination with a foundation, facial and sub-facial members mounted as a unit upon the foundation, the unit members and foundation being cut away centrally, and the foundation having a backing applied thereto to close the opening therein, said backing being secured to the foundation around three edges, and an unsecured edge providing a slit through which an article may be inserted, and a flap applied to the foundation for covering the slit, substantially as described.

3. A holder for useful or ornamental articles consisting of a foundation of substantial material providing a receptacle, and facial and sub-facial members secured together and mounted as a unit upon the foundation, said unit members being cut away centrally, and the facial member being narrower than the sub-facial member and applied to the latter centrally thereof so as to expose margins of the sub-facial member around both edges of the facial member, and means carried by the foundation by which the holder may be suspended.

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