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Picture Frame.

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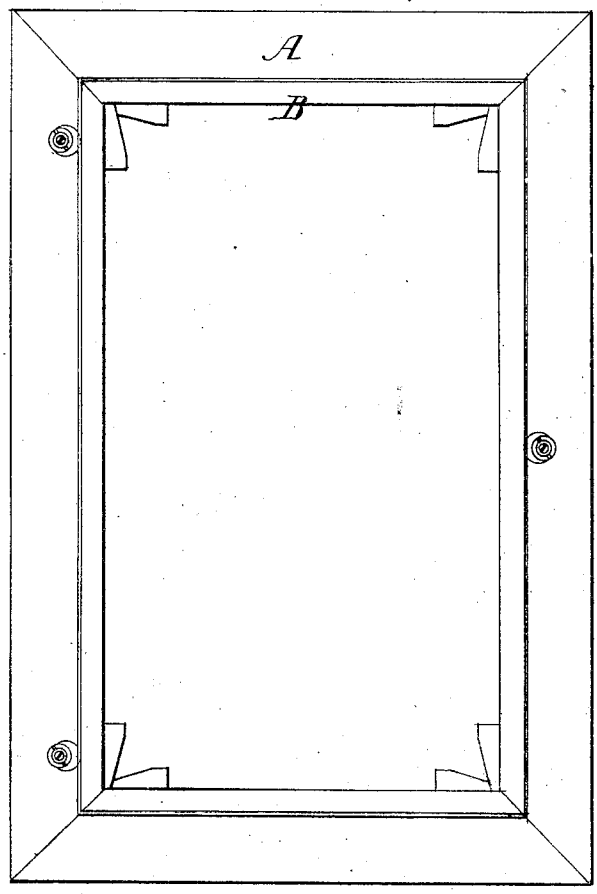
Fig. 1



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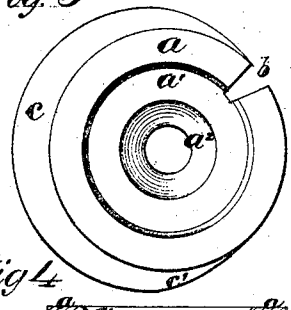

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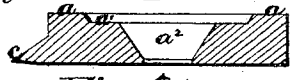

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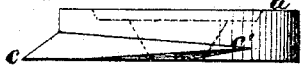
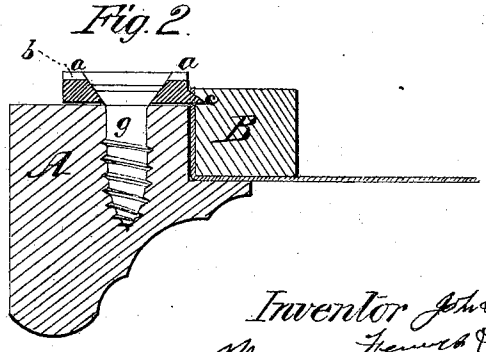


Fig. 2



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PICTURE-FRAME FASTENING.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN D. CROCKER, of Norwich, in the county of New London, and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and improved Fastening for Picture-Frames and other purposes; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of the back of a picture-frame, having my improved fastening applied to it.

Figure 2 is an enlarged sectional view through the fastening, applied to a section of a frame and holding the stretcher in place.

Figures 3, 4, and 5 are enlarged views, showing the construction of the fastening.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

This invention consists in a turn-button, having a beveled lip formed on its periphery, and adapted for being applied, by means of a screw, to the back of a picture-frame, and when properly adjusted it will operate to secure the stretcher firmly in place in such frame, as will be hereinafter explained.

To enable others skilled in the art to understand my invention, I will describe it.

In the accompanying drawings, fig. 1, A represents a picture-frame, having confined within it a stretcher-frame, B, to which latter the canvas is applied. Three of my improved fastenings are represented as applied to this frame, to wit: two are on the side of the stretcher, and one on the opposite side thereof. By turning the latter fastening so as to release the stretcher on this side, the stretcher can be removed from the frame without disturbing the other two fastenings.

The fastenings consist of a circular plate or button, *a*, centrally perforated and countersunk to admit of its application to the frame A by means of a screw, *g*, as shown in fig. 2. This button *a* may be notched, as shown in figs. 1 and 2, or as shown at *b* in fig. 3, whereby a screw-driver or other thin blade may be conveniently used to turn the button when to a frame.

On one side of the center of this button a beveled lip, *c*, is formed on its periphery, which lip is of a crescent shape and shapened, as shown in figs. 3, 4, and 5.

I prefer to have a portion, *c'*, of the beveled lip *c* oblique, or inclined to the flat surfaces of the button, as shown in fig. 5, so that in the act of turning this button to secure the stretcher-frame into the frame A, the lip will force said stretcher-frame firmly into its place.

I do not confine myself to the precise form of the lip *c*, although I prefer to adopt the form shown in the drawings.

The buttons above described are applied to the back surface of the frame A by means of screws, so that these buttons can be turned freely by means of a screw-driver, or other analogous instrument, applied to the notch or notches made into the edges or surfaces of the buttons. When the stretcher-frame is applied to the frame A, the buttons are turned so as to force the beveled lips *c* into said stretcher-frame, as shown in figs. 1 and 2, which will confine this frame in place and hold it firmly.

Having described my invention,

I claim as a new and improved article of manufacture—

A picture-frame button, which is constructed with a beveled lip, *c*, on its periphery, as herein described.

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