

Paul Mignot. Improv^d Frame for Passe-partouts etc.

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Fig. 1.

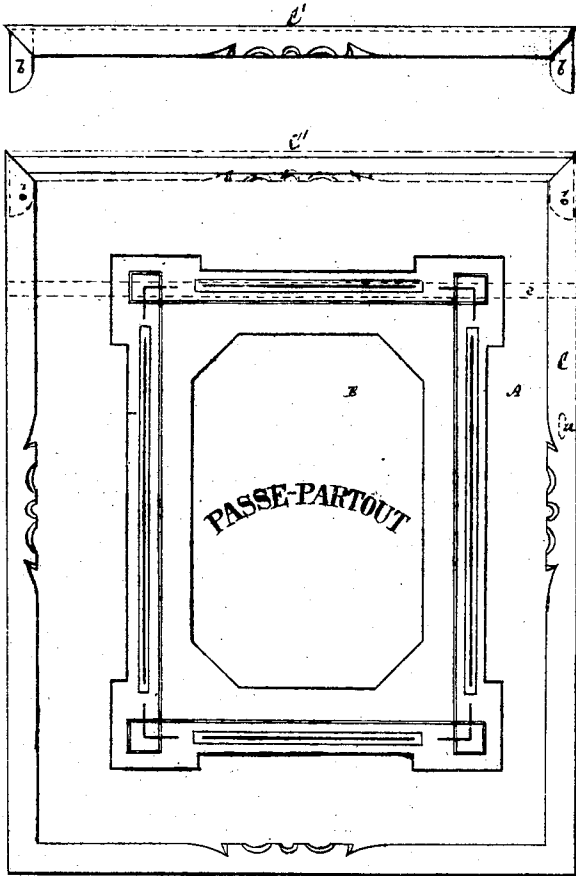


Fig. 2.



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FRAME FOR PASSE-PARTOUTS.

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, PAUL MIGNOT, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Frames for Passe-Partouts, applicable also to other purposes; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 represents a front view of my improved frame with a passe-partout therein, and showing in full lines an opening portion of said frame, as removed; and in dotted lines, the same, as closed or in its place.

Figure 2 is a sectional view of said frame, taken as denoted by the line *x x* in fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

My improved frame is mainly designed to be used for passe-partouts, but is also applicable as a frame for pictures, looking-glasses, and other articles. It will be sufficient here, however, to describe it as applied to passe-partouts or show cards.

As passe-partouts have previously been constructed, the card has had its glass facing secured to it by a paper or other like binding on or around its edge, and rings applied to the back for proper suspension of the article by a cord. Such binding, owing to its having the weight of the glass to support, and from other causes, is apt to burst open, thereby letting in dust, and endangering breakage.

To avoid this, and secure certain advantages, I construct a metallic frame, by rolling or otherwise, forming sheet metal into strips of a groove shape in its transverse section, and make one of the sides or ends of said frame to open and close, so that the passe-partout may be slid to its place, and the frame closed, and whereby the whole weight may be borne by rings applied to the frame.

Referring to the accompanying drawing—

A represents the card of the passe-partout, and

B, the glass, which may be put together and bound as usual, but which is arranged to lie within a frame, C, made of sheet metal, and of a groove form in its transverse section, with rings *a a* for suspension of the article.

This frame has its one side or end C' made to open and close, as by shoulder-pieces *b b* arranged to fit within the ends of the adjacent sides of the grooved frame, which secures the opening and closing portion of the frame in place, when closed; as represented by dotted lines in fig. 1, or such opening and closing section C' of the frame may be hinged at its one end to the remainder of the frame, and be guided and held steady by a shoulder-piece entering at its opposite end the groove in the main portion of the frame.

Such construction of frame is at once light, neat, and efficient, preserves the passe-partout from injury or wear, relieves the glass from all strain having a tendency to separate it from the card, and allows of the ready removal of one passe-partout for another, the same being slid into or out of its place within the grooved frame by the provision which the opening end section C' secures.

Said frame may be braced near its opening end by a bar, *e*, to hold it in shape.

What is here claimed, and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is—

1. The hollow metal frame, made of a groove form in its transverse section, and having one of its sides or ends C' constructed to open and close, substantially as specified.

2. The combination of the shoulder-pieces *b b* with the opening and closing section C', of the hollow metallic frame C, essentially as shown and described.

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Witnesses:

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