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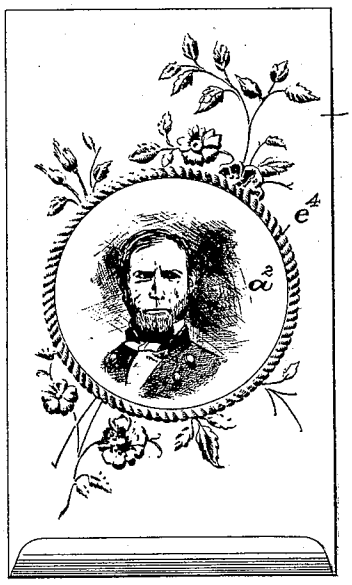


FIG. 1

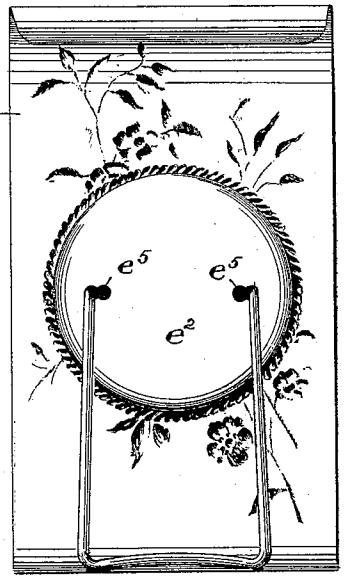


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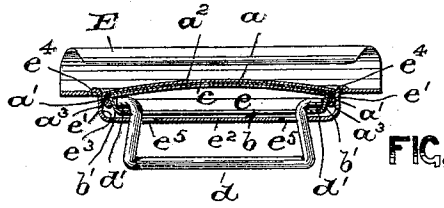


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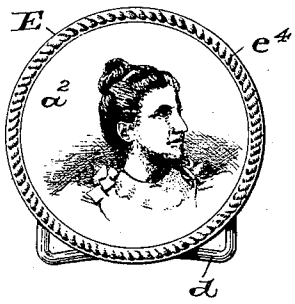


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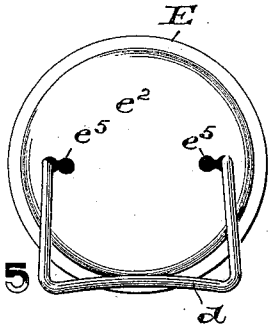


FIG. 5

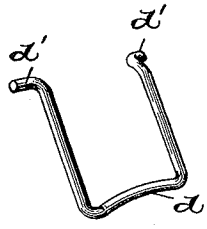


FIG. 6

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DEVICE FOR DISPLAYING PHOTOGRAPHS, PICTURES, &c.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN S. WHITEHEAD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Devices for Displaying Photographs, Pictures, &c.; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to a novel construction of photograph, picture, medallion, or other suitable holder preferably made in the form of an easel; and the invention has for its primary object to provide a novel form of photograph, picture, or medallion holder which shall be of a simple and cheap construction and still be very ornamental in its character, presenting many advantages, whereby it is adapted, aside from its use as an ornament, as an advertising medium, the face card or plate with which the photograph, picture, medallion, or the like is used being provided with a surface on which a name or advertisement can be effectively displayed.

The invention therefore consists in the novel construction of a device for displaying photographs, pictures, or the like preferably made in the form of an easel provided with a depression and a shell having an annular and inwardly-turned rim forming a bead arranged in said depression and coöperating with the inner sides thereof and a support held in spring contact in said bead and against the back of the said shell.

The invention consists, furthermore, in such other novel arrangements and combinations of parts, all of which will be hereinafter fully described, and finally embodied in the clauses of the claim.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front or face view of my novel form of photograph, picture, or medallion holder; and Fig. 2 is a back view of the same. Fig. 3 is a horizontal cross-section of the photograph or medallion holder, taken on line x in Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a face view, and Fig. 5 a back view, of my novel form of photograph or medallion holder, but of a slightly-modified form of construction, the same, however, still embodying the principles of my present invention. Fig. 6 is a perspective view of a support made from wire which is to be used in connection with my novel forms of photograph or medallion holders.

Similar letters of reference are employed in all of the above-described views to indicate corresponding parts.

In said drawings, a indicates a suitably-curved metallic shell which is formed with an inwardly-projecting marginal rim or bead a', thereby forming a chambered portion in the back of said shell, substantially as illustrated. Upon the face of this shell I prefer to arrange a flexible disk or covering a^2, of celluloid, paper, or any other suitable material, usually provided with a photograph or other desirable picture, but which may be provided with any desirable design, emblem, or the like, as will be clearly evident. The annular edge a^3 of said disk or covering a^2 is arranged over and underneath said marginal rim or bead a' of the shell a, where it is held fast and pulled taut by a suitable ring or collet b, as clearly illustrated in Fig. 3. The said ring or collet b, which is provided with an inwardly-extending annular rim or edge b', is arranged beneath said marginal rim or bead a' of the shell a and holds a suitable stiffening-disk, of paper or other material, in place and also forms a receiving portion for the holding lugs or prongs d' of a wire support d, which is to be used in the manner to be more particularly described hereinafter. Of course it will be evident that the said disk c is not essential to the present construction and may be dispensed with, if desired. As will be seen from the several figures of the drawings, said shell a, bearing the photograph, picture, or the like, is used in connection with a frame-like device E, which may be of any desirable configuration in outline—either rectangular, as in Figs. 1 and 2, or circular, as in Figs. 4 and 5. The said device E, which may be of a plastic material—such as celluloid, hard rubber, or the like, or may be of metal—can be suitably ornament-

ed upon its face, as illustrated, and is provided with a central depression *e*, formed by the backwardly-extending annular portion *e'* and the closed part e^2, said parts forming a suitable chamber in the device E, into which the shell *a*, hereinabove mentioned, is forced and held therein by the friction between the marginal rim or edge of the shell and the inner surface e^3 of the annular portion *e'*, as indicated in Fig. 3. The said depression formed in the device E may be bounded by a suitably-raised ornamentation e^4, formed in the face of the said device E.

In order that the several parts can be used as a photograph or medallion holder in the manner of an easel, I have provided the part e^2 with a pair of perforations e^5, through which the lugs or prongs *d'* of the wire support *d* are passed and then arranged behind the ring or collet *b*, which is connected with the shell *a* in the manner hereinabove set forth, where said lugs or prongs *d'* will be properly held in place by the spring-like action of the main portion of the said wire support *d*. After said lugs or prongs *d'* have thus been passed through the holes or perforations e^6 in the devices illustrated in Figs. 2 and 5 and have been connected with the shell then the latter can be arranged in the said depression or chambered part *e* and the several parts are operatively connected, said wire support *d* extending from the back of the device E and enabling it to be used in the manner of an easel.

From the above description it will be seen that I have devised a simple and cheap as well as an ornamental and useful device which can be used as an easel or display-card for exhibiting photographs, pictures, medallions, designs, and emblems of various kinds.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. In a device for displaying photographs, pictures, medallions, &c., the combination, with a frame-like device E, having a depression formed therein, provided with a perforated back, of a shell having an annular rim, arranged in said depression, and coöperating with the inner sides thereof for holding said shell in position therein, and a wire support extending through said perforated back of the depression and being in holding engagement with a portion of said shell, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

2. In a device for displaying photographs, pictures, medallions, &c., the combination, with a frame-like device E, having a depression formed therein, provided with a perforated back, of a shell having an annular and inwardly-turned rim, forming a bead, a flexible covering on said shell bearing a picture, emblem, design, or the like, arranged in said depression, and coöperating with the inner sides thereof for holding said shell in position therein, and a wire support extending through said perforated back of the depression and being in holding engagement with a portion of the shell, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

3. In a device for displaying photographs, pictures, medallions, &c., the combination, with a frame-like device having a depression formed by portions *e'* and e^2, and said portion e^2 having a hole or holes therein, of a shell having an annular rim, adapted to be arranged in said depression and held therein, a wire support *d* and lugs or prongs *d'* on said support adapted to be passed through said hole or holes in said portion e^2 and in operative engagement with said shell, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

4. In a device for displaying photographs, pictures, medallions, &c., the combination, with a frame-like device having a depression formed by portions *e'* and e^2, and said portion e^2 having a hole or holes therein, of a shell having an annular and inwardly-turned rim, forming a bead, a flexible covering on said shell bearing a picture, emblem, design, or the like, said shell and covering being arranged in said depression and held therein, a wire support *d* and lugs or prongs *d'* on said support adapted to be passed through said hole or holes in said portion e^2 and in operative engagement with said shell, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

5. In a device for displaying photographs, pictures, medallions, &c., the combination, with a frame-like device having a depression formed by portions *e'* and e^2, and said portion e^2 having a hole or holes therein, of a shell having an annular and inwardly-turned rim, forming a bead, a ring or collet *b* connected with said rim, a flexible covering over said shell and said ring or collet, and said flexible covering bearing a picture, emblem, design, or the like, said shell and covering being adapted to be arranged and held in said depression, a wire support *d* and lugs or prongs *d'* on said support adapted to be passed through said hole or holes in said portion e^2 and said lugs or prongs being operatively arranged between said rim of the shell and said ring or collet, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony that I claim the invention set forth above I have hereunto set my hand this 17th day of December, 1897.

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