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FRAME

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FIG. 1.

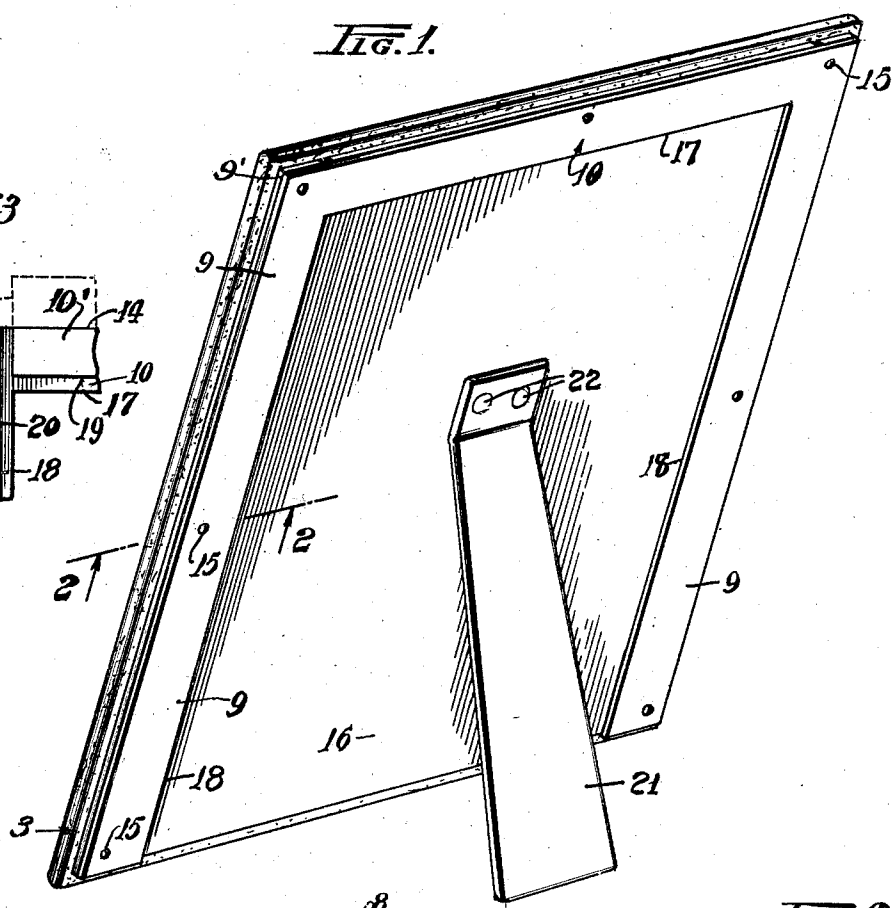


FIG. 3

FIG. 5

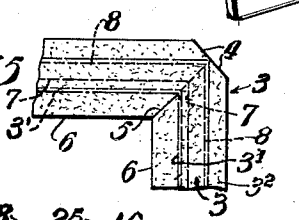


FIG. 4.

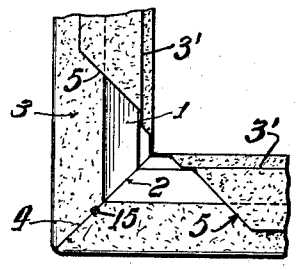
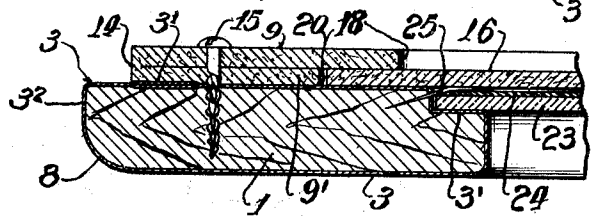


FIG. 2



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This invention relates to improvements in frames for photographs, photostats, and other similar articles.

Among the objects of the invention is to obtain a frame of the kind named which is sightly in appearance, is durable, and a frame which is easily manipulated to insert a photograph, a photostat, or other article, or to remove the same therefrom and substitute therefor a different but similar article. An additional object is to obtain a frame which is economically made, and which will not disclose to an ordinary observer the manner in which it is constructed. An additional object is to obtain a frame of the kind named which is practically dust proof so that when a photograph or other articles placed therein is allowed to remain for a considerable length of time it will not become dusty or soiled, or otherwise injured. An additional object is to obtain a frame which is not liable to become broken or to get out of order. An additional object is to obtain a frame which, when a photograph or other article is placed therein, will not be liable to have any part thereof misplaced or disengaged.

In the drawings referred to Fig. 1 is a perspective, showing the back of the frame embodying this invention in position resting on a table or other flat surface. Fig. 2 is a horizontal section of one side of the frame illustrated in Fig. 1, and associated parts, taken on line 2—2 of said Fig. 1, viewed as indicated by arrows. Fig. 3 is a back plan view, on an enlarged scale, of one corner of the frame illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2, showing the construction of a back member of the frame. Fig. 4 is a back plan view, on an enlarged scale, of one corner of the frame embodying the invention, and illustrated in the remaining figures of the drawings, with the member which is illustrated in Fig. 3 removed therefrom. And Fig. 5 is a plan view of one corner of a flexible cover which is mounted on the frame.

A reference character applied to designate a given part indicates said part throughout the several figures of the drawings wherever the same appears.

1 represents a base member, preferably of wood, comprising ends and sides, which at their meeting ends are cut to abut against each other, as at 2, Fig. 4. 3 represents a cover of flexible material, as thin leather, leatherette, or other suitable material. The outer corners of cover 3 are removed as on line 4—4, Fig. 5, and the inner corners are cut, as on line 5. The cover 3 is made of one piece of goods, the central portion thereof being removed, as on line 6—6, Fig. 5. This cover 3 is placed on the front face of base member 1, said front face being the under side of said frame as illustrated in Fig. 2; and is preferably secured thereto by an adhesive. The broken line 7 indicates the line on cover 3, on which the part of said cover designated by the numeral 3^1, in Fig. 5, is bent to cover the inner edges and a portion of the back of base member 1; and the broken line 8 indicates where the portion 3^2 of cover 3 is turned over the outer (and preferably rounded) edge of base member 1 and on to a portion of the back of said base member, as is illustrated in Fig. 2. The cover 3 and parts thereof 3^1, 3^2, are also, preferably secured on and to base member 1 by an adhesive; and when said cover is secured on said base as described it serves to rigidly hold the ends of the several members of said base rigidly in place. 9 represents a member mounted on the cover and base members, to form a part of the frame, which is made of a U-shaped unit, of card board or other like material. Member 9, 10 comprises parallel sides, 9 and end 10, said end being integral with the sides, and extending from one to the other of said sides. The corners of member 9, 10, adjacent to end 10, are cut away, as on lines 11, 12, Fig. 3. 13 represents the line on which part 9^1 of sides 9, is bent or turned over to lay on or under the remainder of said sides 9, as is illustrated in Figs. 2 and 3; and 14 represents the line on which the part 10^1 of end 10 is bent or turned over to lay on or under the remainder of said end 10, when said member 9, 10, is mounted on and secured to the back of base member 1 and cover 3, with the parts 3^1 and 3^2, interposed between said base member 1 and said member 9, 10. 15 represent wood screws by means of which member 9, 10, is rigidly secured in its place. 16

represents a removable back member, which is preferably of approximately the same thickness as member 9, 10. Member 9, 10 and back 16, are, preferably of card board of suitable thickness and color; and, when made as described, the member 16 may be slidden into place in the space or groove which is obtained by the inner edges 17, 18, of member 9, 10, extending beyond the inner edges 19, 20, of the folded over parts 9^1, 10^1, of said members to form the back of the article placed in the frame, to hold said article in position. 21 represents a supporting member or brace which is secured to back 16, as by rivets or screws 22. This supporting member 21, and its attachment to the back of a picture frame in the manner described is not claimed by me to be new. 23, Fig. 2, represents a glass plate, or sheet of glass, which is usually placed in frames of this character, and 24 represents a photograph, photostat, or picture, or other article, which is interposed between said glass 23 and the back 16. 25, Fig. 2, represents an ordinary clip to hold glass 23 in place in the frame when the back 16 and photograph, photostat or other article 24 is removed from the frame. I do not claim said clip 25 for said purpose to be new.

I claim:

1. A frame comprising a base, a cover on said base, said cover extending over the front, the edges and the back of said base, in combination with a U-shaped member, the corners of said member adjacent to the cross element thereof removed, and the parallel elements and the cross element of said U-shaped member folded on longitudinally extending lines, with the outer edges of said elements parallel to the inner edges thereof, said inner edges extending beyond said outer edges, and a back member inserted underneath said extending inner edges.

2. In a frame, a base, a cover on said base, said cover extending over the front, the edges and the back of said base, said base and cover provided with a bead on the inner edges of the members thereof and said bead adapted to have a sheet of glass abut against the back face thereof, in combination with a U-shaped member having the corners thereon adjacent to the cross element thereof, removed, and the elements of said U-shaped member folded on longitudinally extending lines, with the outer edges of said elements parallel to the inner edges thereof, said inner edges extending beyond said outer edges, and a back member inserted underneath said extended inner edges.

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