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Fig. 1.

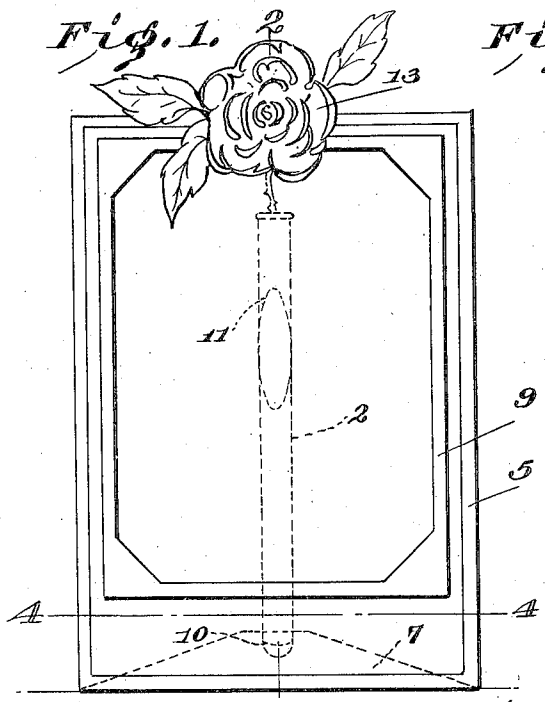


Fig. 2.

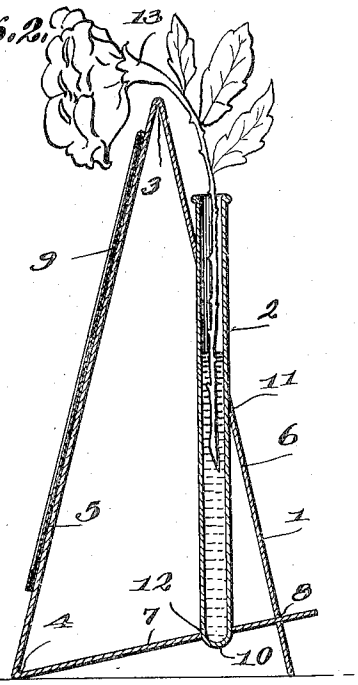


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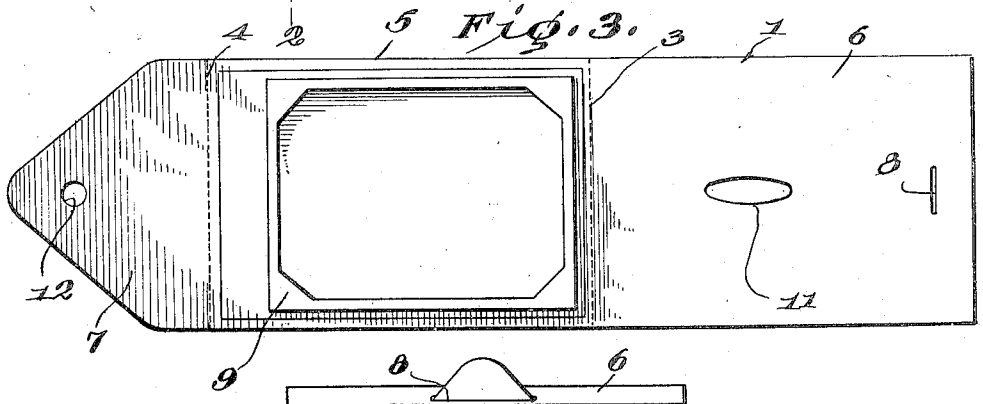
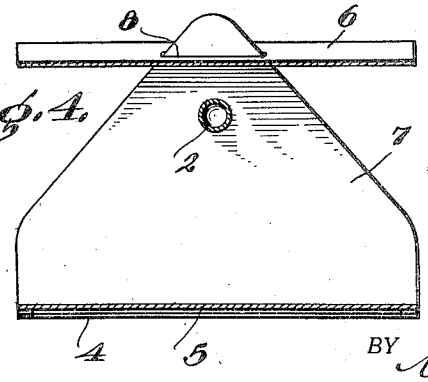


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM P. McCAULEY, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Kalispell, in the county of Flathead and State of Montana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Standing Supports for Pictures and the like, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in standing supports for pictures, and other objects of art, and it consists in the combinations, constructions and arrangements herein described and claimed.

An object of the invention is to provide a novel and relatively simple structure which affords facilities for supporting a desired object, as for instance a photograph, a piece of bric-a-brac or other small object and for holding one or more flowers, patriotic or other emblems or other ornamental articles in position to provide an ornamental setting for the photograph or like object.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent from the following description, considered in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a practical embodiment of the invention.

Figure 2 is a vertical section through the embodiment of the invention, along the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a plan view showing in more or less developed form the main supporting element which is comprised in the embodiment of the invention exhibited in the preceding views, and

Figure 4 is a horizontal section through the main supporting element of the embodiment of the invention, the view being taken substantially along the line 4—4 of Figure 1.

Referring now to the drawings and particularly to Figures 1 and 2 thereof, it will be observed that a practical embodiment of the invention may comprise a main supporting element or frame which is designated generally 1 and an auxiliary supporting element 2 which is carried by the main supporting element or frame. The main support 1 may be formed of a single substantially rectangular plate such as that shown in Figure 3, which plate is made of a flexible material and is bent transversely along the dotted lines indicated at 3 and 4 respectively in Figure 3 to provide a front portion 5, a back 6 and a connecting or brace portion 7. The connecting portion 7 is tapered in width toward its extremity so that the extreme end portion thereof is relatively narrow and is adapted to be inserted in a slit 8 in the back 6 so that the front portion 5 and the back portion 6 will diverge from their line of juncture at an acute angle and will be spaced apart at their remote ends whereby the support 1 will remain upright when placed on a flat surface to rest upon the free end of the back 6 and upon the joined together ends of the front 5 and the connecting portion 7. A frame 9 for holding a photograph, not shown, against the front face of the front 5 may be secured to the latter in any suitable known manner, as by means of adhesive.

The auxiliary or secondary support 2 is shown as comprising a tube which is closed at its lower end, the tube being cylindrical and uniform in diameter for the greater part of its length and the closed lower end portion thereof being rounded as indicated at 10. The tube 2 is open at its upper end and is formed of a water-proof material. The back 6 is provided with an elongated or substantially elliptical opening 11 through which the tube 2 may extend. The connecting portion 7 is provided with an opening 12 which is in vertical alignment with the elongated opening 11 when the main support 1 is in setup position, as illustrated in Figures 1 and 2. The opening 12 is substantially circular in configuration and the diameter thereof is less than that of the cylindrical portion of the tube 2 but greater than the extremity of the rounded end portion of the tube. The opening 12 thus is adapted to serve as a seat for the rounded lower end portion of the tube 2 when the latter has been inserted through the elongated opening 11 to rest at its rounded lower end in the opening 12. The height of the tube 2 when it is supported upon the connecting portion 7 to extend through the elongated opening 11 in the manner described and as shown best in Figure 2 is such that the upper end of the tube terminates below the level of the upper end of the support 1.

From the foregoing description of the various parts of the device, the operation thereof may be understood. The secondary support or tube 2 is designed for the reception of the stem portion of a flower 13 and will support the latter so that the flower

may be arranged to overhang the photograph holding frame 9. Since the secondary support or tube 2 is closed at its lower end and is made of a material impervious to liquid, the tube may be partially filled with water for the purpose of keeping the flower with the appearance thereof unimpaired for a relatively long time. It will be manifest that the appearance of the support 1 will be greatly enhanced because of the positioning of the flower in association therewith in the manner described and that an ornamental and pleasing setting is provided for the photograph which may be held on the main support 1. It also will be understood that more than one flower may be supported by the secondary support 2 and that a flag, patriotic or like ornamental article may be provided in lieu of the flower and that the main support 1 may be adapted to hold a piece of bric-a-brac or other object of art without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention. I therefore consider as my own all the modifications and adaptations of the form of the device illustrated in the accompanying drawings and hereinbefore described which fairly fall within the scope of the appended claims.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is:—

1. In a device of the character described comprising a standing frame formed of a single strip of material bent to provide a front member, a back member and a connecting member, the front and back members being merged one into the other and diverging from their lines of juncture, the front member and the connecting member being merged one into the other and diverging from their line of juncture, the back member being provided with a horizontal slit adjacent to the free end thereof and the connecting member being tapered in width toward its free end and adapted to be partially inserted through said slit into engagement with the ends of the latter, said back member being provided with an opening intermediate of its length adapted to receive an elongated container which may be projected therethrough to position to be supported at its lower end upon said connecting member.

2. In a device of the character described comprising a standing frame formed of a single strip of material bent to provide a front member, a back member and a connecting member, the front and back members being merged one into the other and diverging from their lines of juncture, the front member and the connecting member being merged one into the other and diverging from their line of juncture, the back member being provided with a horizontal slit adjacent to the free end thereof and the connecting member being tapered in width toward its free end and adapted to be partially inserted through said slit into engagement with the ends of the latter, said back member being provided with an opening intermediate of its length adapted to receive an elongated container and said connecting member being formed with an opening in vertical alinement with the last mentioned opening in the back member, and a tubular container closed at one end and being open at its other end, said container being adapted to be inserted through the second named opening in the back member to rest at its closed lower end in engagement with the walls of the opening in said connecting member, said tubular container terminating at its upper end below the level of the upper end of the back member.

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