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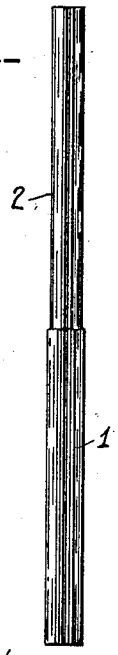


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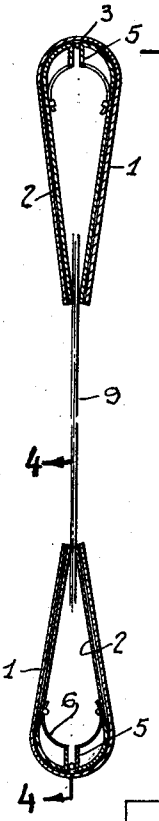


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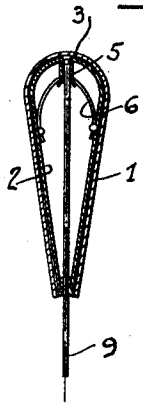


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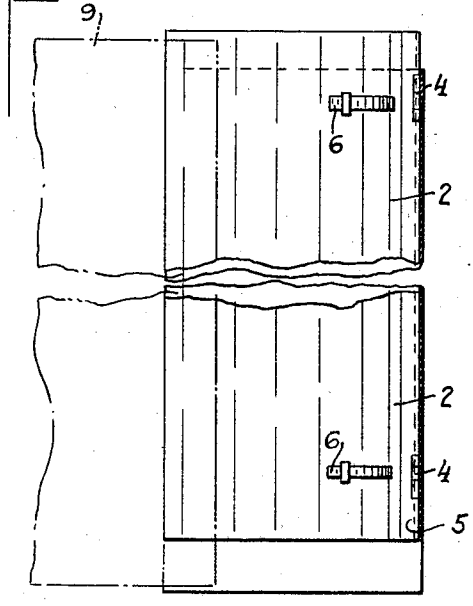
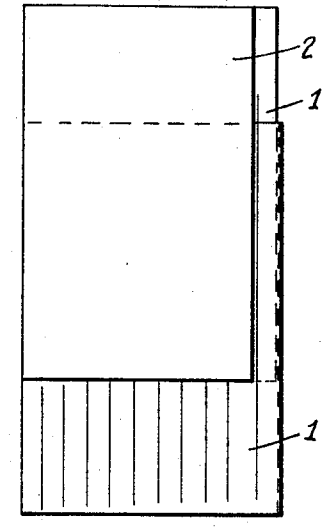


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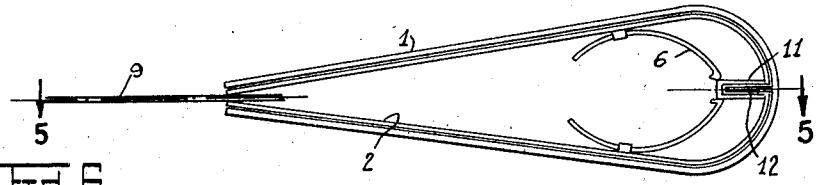


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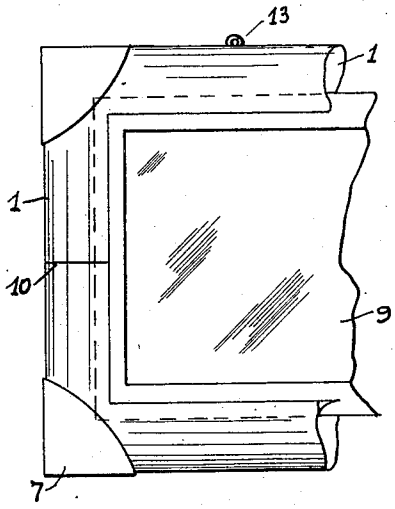


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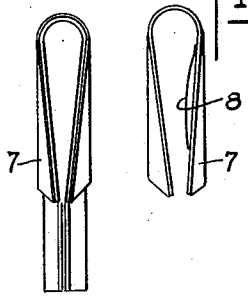
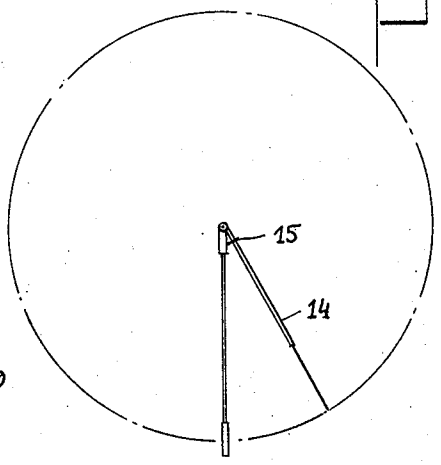


Fig. 8A

Fig. 10.



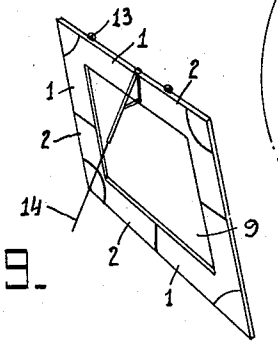


Fig. 9.

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Our invention consists in a new type of frame for pictures, or portraits in general, which frame is so constructed that it can easily be adapted to different sizes without the necessity of making it smaller or larger and which is therefore applicable to portraits, or pictures of any dimensions.

The present invention is also applicable to other purposes, as will hereinafter appear.

A preferred embodiment of the invention is shown, by way of illustration, on the annexed drawings, in which Fig. 1 shows a portion of the movable parts constituting the frame according to this invention.

Fig. 2 is a sectional view illustrating the manner in which the frame including the picture is assembled.

Fig. 3 is a similar view as Fig. 2 showing only one side of the frame.

Fig. 4 is a vertical section along the line 4—4 in Fig. 2.

Fig. 5 is a section along the line 5—5 in Fig. 6.

Fig. 6 is a sectional view like Fig. 3 showing a slight modification.

Fig. 7 shows a portion of the finished frame.

Fig. 8 shows the clamps constituting the corners of the frame.

Fig. 8A shows the clamp separated from the frame member.

Fig. 9 is a rear view of a complete frame supported by a brace, while Fig. 10 is a side view thereof.

As shown in the drawings the new frame is made up of several sections, each section comprising an outer part and inner parts movable within said outer part.

In Figs. 1–4, 1 denotes an outer part preferably made of thin elastic sheet metal and bent so as to have a rounded outer portion, as clearly shown in the sectional views Figs. 2 and 3. Inside this part 1 are placed other parts 2, of the same or other elastic material, which by means of a hinge 4 are pivoted to a rod shown at 3. The two parts 2 taken together correspond in shape or contour to that of the outer part 1.

Each part 2 is formed with a narrow flange 5, to which is secured a small elastic clamp 6 which is riveted to part 2, so as to exert a pressure thereon. The parts 2 are longitudinally slidable inside part 1, forming therewith a frame structure that can be readily adapted to the dimensions of a picture, or portrait.

At the corners, the frame sections made up of the parts 1 and 2 are joined together by special corner pieces 7, preferably made of metal and so designed as to cover up the adjoining ends of the frame sections and provided on the inside with springs 8. If so desired, the frame sections can also be joined together by soldering, or any other suitable method, in which case the corner pieces 7 can be entirely dispensed with, except for their ornamental appearance. The frame sections are assembled as shown in Figs. 2, 3, 6, and 7, whereupon the edges of the portrait or picture 9 are inserted between the forward edges of the parts 2, being held by these edges because of the elasticity of the parts 2.

In order to adapt the frame to pictures of different dimensions, it is only necessary to move the parts 2 inside the outer part 1, until they occupy the required position.

In some cases the edges of the portrait, or picture, may be gripped by the flanges 5 of the parts 2.

In order to conceal the edges 10, formed by the adjacent ends of the parts 1, suitable decorations may be placed on the surface of the parts 2.

The modification shown in Figs. 5 and 6, consists in this that the inside part 2 is not pivoted, but is made in one piece being guided at 11 by a rail 12 provided inside the outer part 1. The advantage of this frame is that the picture 9 can be inserted together with its glass, and that it requires no cardboard or other backing, and thus, a picture may be shown on both sides. On the frame are also provided hooks 13, or a brace 14 may be pivoted on the frame, as shown in Figs. 9 and 10, so that the picture may be placed on a table or shelf. The brace 14 may be swung entirely around so that either picture can be displayed. A small member 15 is provided on the frame for the purpose of securing the

brace 14 in position, to prevent the picture from falling over.

As will be obvious, any photograph or picture can be readily removed from such a frame to be replaced by another picture, even one of different size.

Various modifications, of course, can be made in the construction without any departure from the invention.

We claim:

1. A picture frame composed of several sections adapted to be assembled together, each section comprising an elastic outer member and elastic inner members movable within said outer member and formed so as to have inserted therein the edges of a picture, and elastic means secured to said inner members and adapted to cause said inner members to frictionally engage said outer member.

2. A picture frame composed of several sections adapted to be assembled together, each section comprising an elastic outer member, a rod inside said outer member and elastic inner members pivoted thereon and formed so as to have inserted therein the edges of a picture, and elastic means secured to said inner members so as to cause them to frictionally engage said outer member.

3. A picture frame composed of several sections adapted to be assembled together, each section comprising an elastic outer member, a guiding rail therein and elastic inner members formed so as to have inserted therein a picture and movable along said guide-rail, and elastic means secured to said inner members causing them to frictionally engage said outer member.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures.

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