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PICTURE FRAME.

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Fig. 1.

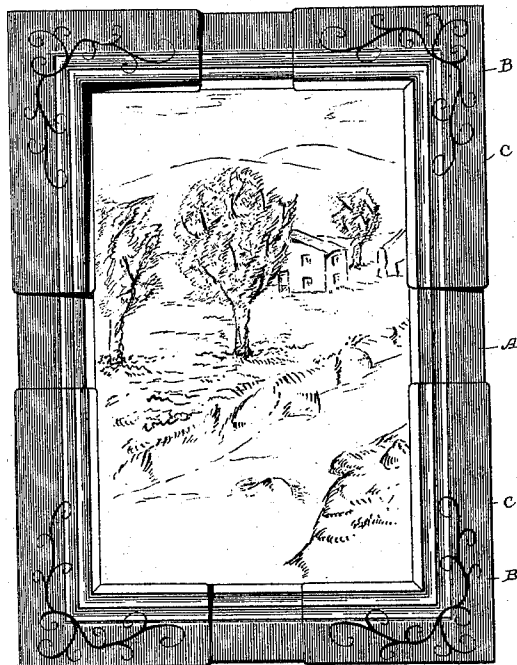


Fig. 2.

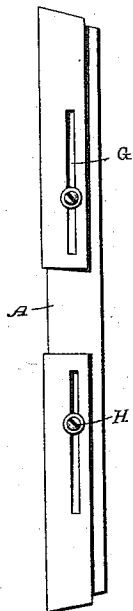


Fig. 4.

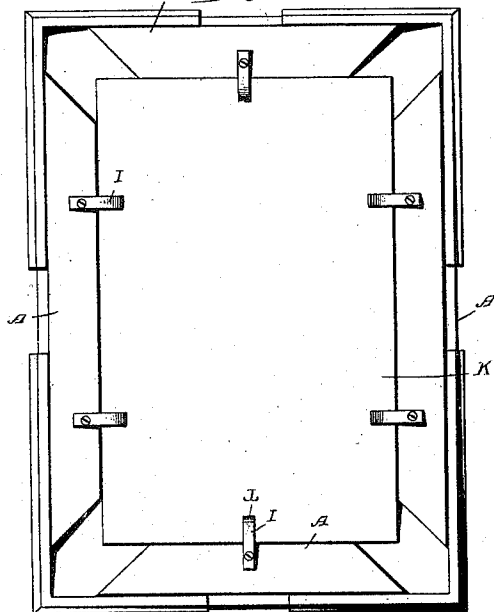
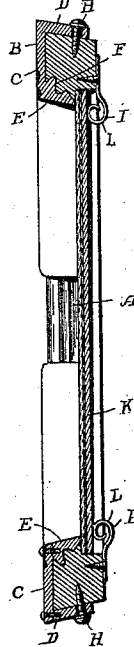


Fig. 3.



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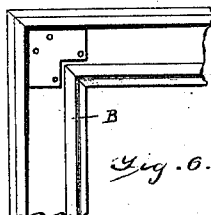


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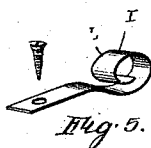


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RICHARD OSCAR SCHULZE, residing at Providence, in the county of Providence and State of Rhode Island, have invented a new and Improved Picture-Frame, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates generally to picture-frames and more particularly to an improved adjustable picture-frame, the object being to provide a frame which can be sold to the trade and which can be adjusted by the dealer to fit any-size glass or picture within a certain limit.

Another object is to provide an adjustable frame of the kind described in which the end or corner piece will be highly ornamental and in the nature of a corner-molding.

Another object is to provide an improved means for adjusting the said ends or corner-pieces upon the sides of the frame proper; and a still further object is to provide a novel construction whereby it will be impossible for the parts to become disengaged as they are adjusted or at any time after they are adjusted.

Another object is to provide an adjustable picture-frame in which the end or corner pieces can be used in connection with any style of molding; and a still further object is to provide an improved means for securing the glass, picture, and packing within the frame.

With these various objects in view this invention consists, essentially, in the employment of right-angled corner-pieces having the inner sides thereof shaped to fit the molding of the frame, provided with means for securing the said corner-pieces to the frame, and also provided with means for securing the packing and glass within the frame.

My invention consists also in certain details of construction and novelties of combination, all of which will be fully described hereinafter and then pointed out in the appended claim.

In the drawings forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a front view of a picture-frame constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a side view. Fig. 3 is a vertical section. Fig. 4 is a rear view of the frame. Figs. 5 and 6 show details of construction.

In carrying out my invention I employ four pieces of molding A of which a picture-frame is ordinarily constructed, and these pieces may be mitered at their ends, or they can be cut square, if so desired; but in practice I prefer to miter them, as shown most clearly in Fig. 4. These side pieces of the frame snugly fit into the corner-pieces B, which are right-angular in shape and form the corners of the picture-frame, as most clearly shown in Fig. 1, and these end or corner pieces have their forward faces ornamented in any suitable manner to provide a neat and attractive design which will harmonize with the molding of the side portions A. The corner-pieces B consist of the face-plates C, the top or outer pieces D, and the bottom or inner pieces E. The face, top, and bottom portions can be made separate and attached to each other in any suitable manner, or they can all be made in one piece, if so desired. The outer side piece D is adapted to rest upon the outer side of the frame-piece A, while the inner side pieces E are adapted to snugly fit the inner sides of the frame-piece A, the inner face of the inner side pieces being shaped to correspond with the molding on the frame-piece, as most clearly shown at F in Fig. 3.

The outer side pieces are slotted longitudinally at G, and through which pass a set-screw H, by means of which the corner and side pieces of the frame can be securely fastened after the parts have been once adjusted. This set-screw, however, is not at all essential and may be dispensed with, if so desired; but in practice I prefer to use same merely as a matter of safety.

Upon the rear face of the frame-piece A is secured a spring I, secured by means of a small screw, and at its free end is formed with a return bend or loop L, which presses against the back K of the frame, thereby securely holding the picture and glass against the shoulder of the frame. By forming the corner-piece with the inner and outer side pieces to snugly fit the inner or outer sides of the frame-pieces it is clear that the adjustment will always be easy and certain, and by having the interior faces of the inner side pieces of the corners shaped to correspond with the molding of the frame-pieces a neat and tight joint is obtained and the entire ef-

fect of the frame is ornamental, the corners having the appearance of heavy moldings to the frame.

By loosening the screws the frame can be
5 enlarged or contracted, as desired, within certain limits, and by having such a picture-frame any one can easily fit it upon a given-sized picture and glass, and a great deal of
10 time and labor is thereby saved, as every one is aware what a difficult task it is to fit a glass to a frame already made.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

15 The herein-described picture-frame consisting of the side pieces mitered at their

ends, the right-angular corner-pieces in which the side pieces slide, the corner-pieces consisting of a front plate, the outer or side plate D and the inner plate E, said outer plate being provided with a longitudinal slot, and
20 the inner plate having the face for the reception of the side pieces A, a set-screw passing through the slotted portion G, and into the said side pieces and securing means substantially as described for securing the picture
25 and back and carried by the side pieces as set forth.

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