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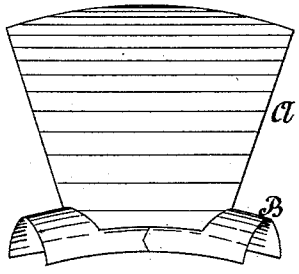

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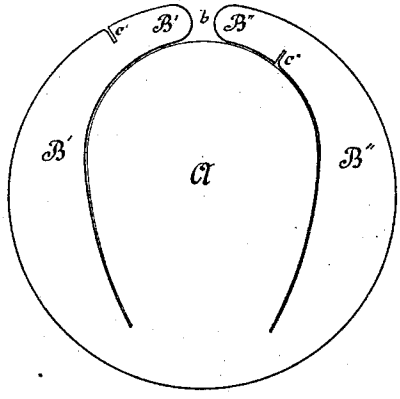

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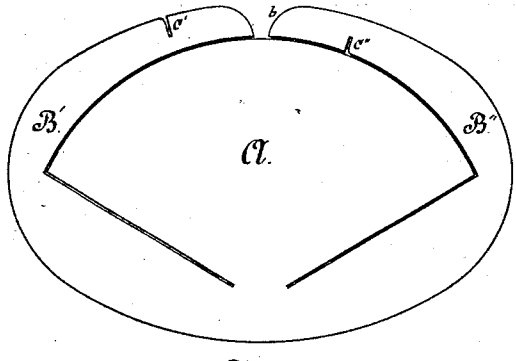
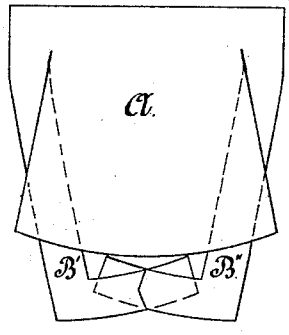


Fig. 1.



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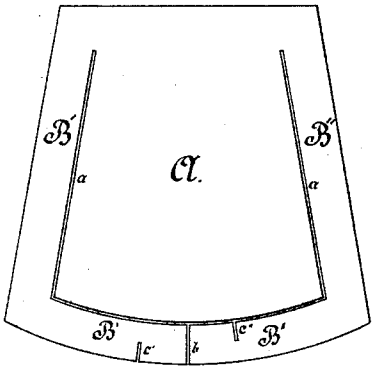

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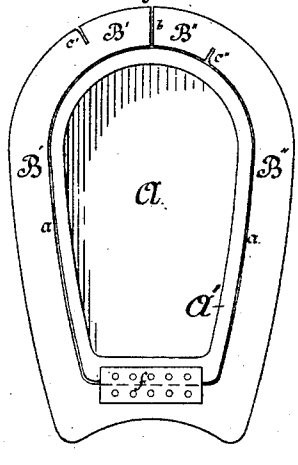

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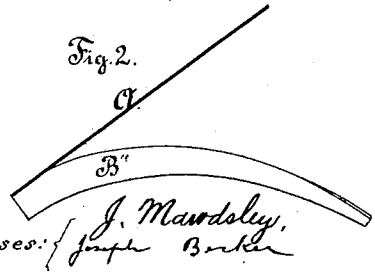

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SUPPORT FOR PICTURE-CARDS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WOLFF HAGELBERG, a subject of the Emperor of Germany, and a resident of Berlin, Germany, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Supports for Picture-Cards and the Like, (patented in Great Britain by Letters Patent No. 6,359, dated May 11, 1886,) of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improved construction of a device forming a self-supporting card, menu, photograph, picture, Christmas and New Year's card, or the like, for their better display, or which may be used to support cards, photographs, mirrors, &c., in a position suitable for display and practical use.

The supporting devices hitherto employed for this purpose are usually quite distinct from the card or photograph to be displayed, and are frequently unsightly, besides offering difficulty for a substantial attachment to the supported article. My device is superior to such arrangements, in so far as it absolutely forms, or in all cases appears to form, a part of the card or article to be exhibited as, when lying in the flat, the supporting device forms a frame around the card or picture, and when the latter has been raised for display the complete device still forms an ornamental and perfect whole.

My device consists of a frame surrounding the card, picture, or article to be exhibited, and connected to the latter on one side only, being separated from it on the other sides by means of a slit. The outline or form of the interior card, picture, or article to be displayed may be designed according to taste, and may thus be rendered highly ornamental, the frame being equally capable of ornamentation both in surface, color, and form, such ornamentation in no way interfering with the mechanical action of my device, but aiding much to its picturesque effect. This ornamentation may be in the flat or embossed in relief, and may be colored or not. That part of the frame opposite to the connecting side I divide by means of a slot or slit of suitable width, the edges of which may be straight or curved. On either side of this slit each arm of the frame is provided with a slit reaching from the inner edge to the center of one arm, and from the outer edge to the center of the other; or, instead of these slits, which are preferable, one arm may be provided with a hook and the other with a loop or eye. The supporting at an angle and display of the central card or other article is effected as follows: The arms of the frame are drawn over one another until they mutually interlock in the cross-slits above described. The width of the frame is thus reduced at one end and it thus becomes arched, and thereby raises the central portion, displaying the card, menu, photographs, or other article.

For the purposes of this invention it is necessary that the material of which the frame is made shall be flexible and allow of being bent. I may therefore use thin sheet metal, stiff paper, or similar material. Where the article to be exhibited is a card, it may be conveniently made from stiff paper in one piece with the frame or supporting device. If it is a photograph, mirror, &c., it may be firmly connected to the central portion of my device, and thus to the supporting-frame on one side.

In order that my device may be the better understood, I now proceed to illustrate the same in the accompanying sheet of drawings, reference being had to the letters and figures marked thereon.

Like letters refer to like parts throughout the drawings.

Figure 1 is a plan of the said device lying flat. Fig. 2 is a section of same in position. Fig. 3 is a plan in position. Fig. 4 is a back elevation in position. Figs. 5 and 6 are plans of modified forms of my device lying flat. Fig. 7 shows a mirror fitted with my device lying flat. Figs. 8 and 9 show two details.

In all the figures, A is the article to be exhibited. B′ B″ is the surrounding frame, divided by means of a slot, *b*, into the arms B′ B″. The latter are formed with slits *c′ c″*, reaching to the middle of the frame—one from the outer edge and the other from the inner edge. *a* is the space between the article to be exhibited, A, and the frame B′ B″. The mirror A (shown in Fig. 7) is fitted with a fixed frame, A′, connected on one side with the supporting-frame B′ B″ by means of a hinge-strip, *f*. Figs. 8 and 9 show a form of hook, *d*, and eye *e* which might be employed in place of the slits *c′ c″*.

Having now fully described and ascertained the nature of my said invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, I declare that what I claim is—

1. A device for placing or exhibiting cards, photographs, mirrors, &c., consisting of a frame, B′ B″, surrounding the object A to be placed or exhibited, connected to the latter on one side and divided therefrom on the opposite side by means of a slit into two arms, B′ B″, the placing or exhibiting of the object A being effected by the arms B′ B″ being slid over one another and engaged, substantially as specified.

2. A frame, B′ B″, provided with slits or recesses *c′ c″*, for the purpose of fixing the arms in position and engaging the same when they are slid over one another, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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