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TITLE HOLDER FOR PICTURES.

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FIG. 1.

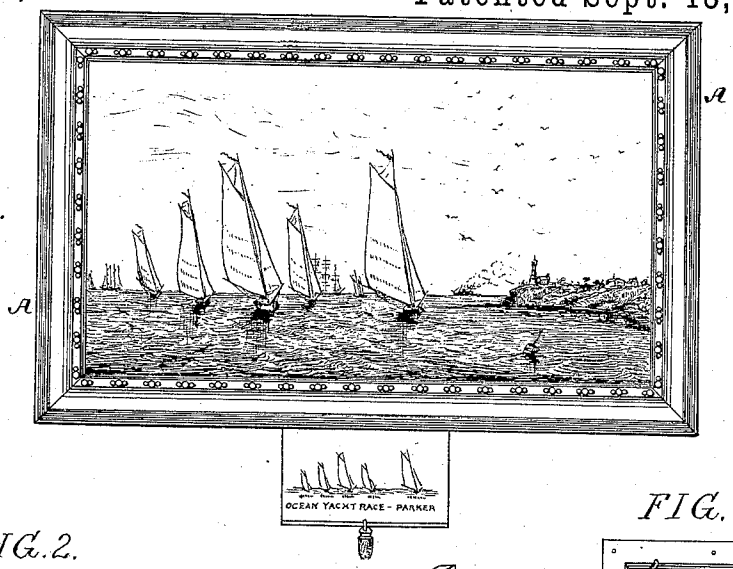


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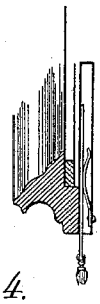


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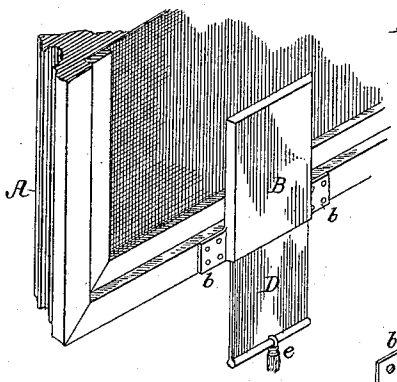


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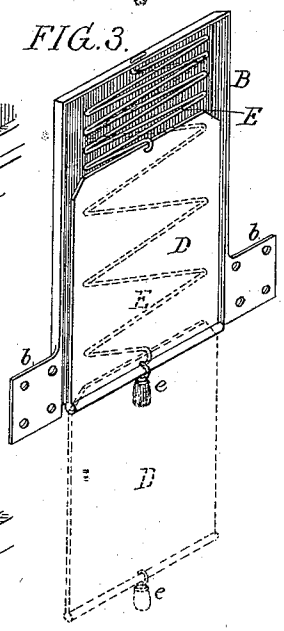


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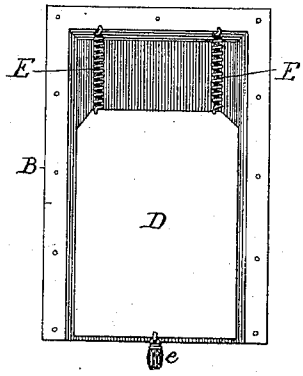


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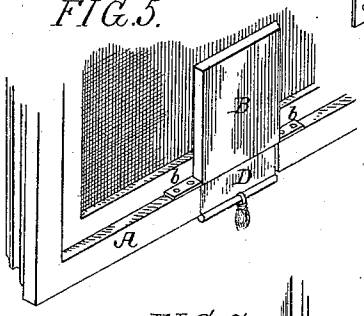


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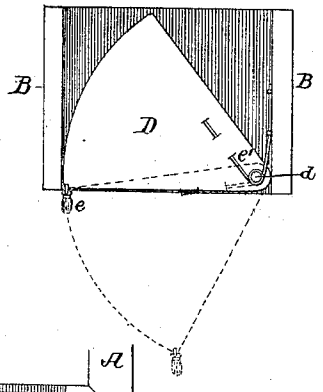


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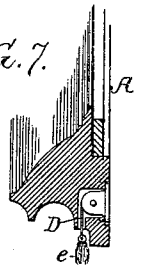
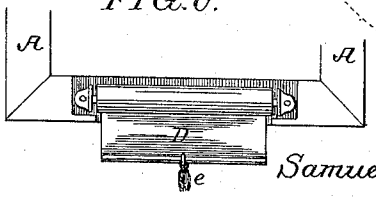


FIG. 6.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL G. DETWILER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented certain Improvements in Title-Holders for Pictures, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a framed picture with a title-holder that can be moved into and out of view, and this object I attain in the manner fully described hereinafter, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a face view of a picture with the title-holder exposed. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the rear of part of the picture-frame with the title-holder attached thereto. Fig. 3 is a detached perspective view of the title-holder, and Figs. 4 to 9 are views of modified forms of the device.

My invention has been designed especially for use on the pictures of public or private galleries which are not sufficiently extensive to warrant the publication of a catalogue. In such cases it is frequently desirable that visitors should have some means of informing themselves as to the titles of the pictures, the names of the artists, &c., without a resort to the plan of marking the titles, &c., directly on the frames, the latter plan being expensive and inadmissible, where, as in show-rooms or studios, for instance, the pictures in the frames are frequently changed. In some cases, moreover, it is desirable to give more than the mere title of the picture. For instance, it may be wished to add a short description or a key giving an outline of the picture and descriptive memoranda, and my invention provides for this.

Referring to the drawings, A is the frame of the picture, to the back of which is secured the casing B of the title-holder, which may be made of tin, paper, or any other suitable marial, and is in the present instance provided with wings *b b* at its lower extremity, by which it is attached to the back of the frame A adjacent to the lower edge of the same, as shown in Fig. 2.

Within the casing B is the title-sheet D, made of any suitable material and connected to the upper portion of the casing by a spring, E, which has a tendency to draw the title-sheet into the casing, said title-sheet being, however, provided at its lower end with a suitable pull-button or tassel, *e*, by which it can be withdrawn from the casing and exposed below the frame of the picture, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

The title, description, key, or other matter is either printed or pasted upon the face of the sheet D, and if it is desired to consult the same at any time the pull-button *e* may be drawn down to the position shown in Fig. 1, and also in dotted lines in Fig. 3, in which position the title or other matter can be easily read, the title-sheet being then allowed to spring back into the casing B out of sight. It will thus be seen that neither the face of the picture nor that of the frame is marred by the title-sheet, as the casing for the latter is secured to the back of the frame out of view.

In Fig. 4 I have shown the title-sheet suspended in the casing by means of two coiled springs in place of the flat spring shown in Fig. 3.

In some instances the frame may be recessed and the casing B inserted into the space thus formed, so that its back will be flush with the back of the frame, or the casing may rest upon the flange formed on the frame, as shown in Fig. 5, the frame being cut away sufficiently to allow the title-sheet to pass between the frame and the wall.

The title-sheet may be wound upon a roll similar to an ordinary spring shade-roller, as shown in Figs. 6 and 7, the frame being recessed for the reception of the roller.

In Fig. 8 I have shown the title-sheet pivoted at *d* to the casing B and provided with a spring, *e'*, which tends to retain the sheet in the casing. A spring need not be used in all cases to return the title-sheet to its place in the casing. For instance, in Fig. 9 I have shown a title-sheet held in place in the casing by a friction-spring, the sheet being both withdrawn and reinserted by hand.

When the casing B is made of paper, it may be secured to the back of the picture or frame by glue or cement.

I claim as my invention—

1. A picture-frame having a recessed portion, in combination with a title-sheet movable into and out of said recessed portion of the frame, all substantially as specified.

2. The combination of a picture-frame with

a title-sheet supported adjacent to the edge of the frame and free to be moved outward, so as to be visible beyond the frame, all substantially as specified.

3. The combination of a picture-frame with a spring-supported title-sheet carried thereby, all substantially as specified.

4. The combination of a picture-frame, a casing secured thereto, a title-sheet contained within but movable from said casing, and a spring supporting said title-sheet in the casing, all 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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