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FIG. 1.

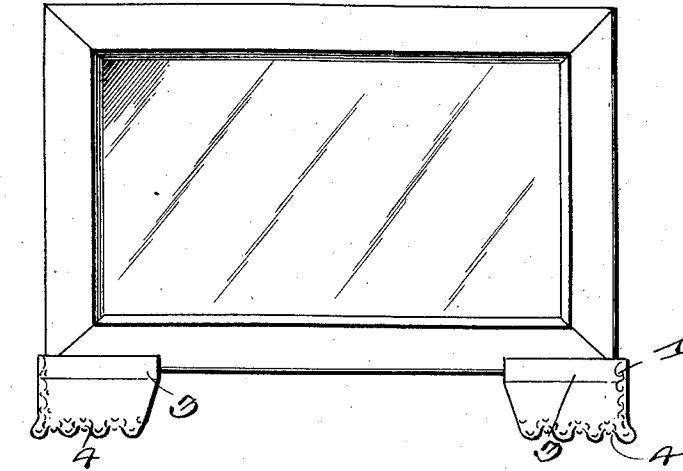


FIG. 2.

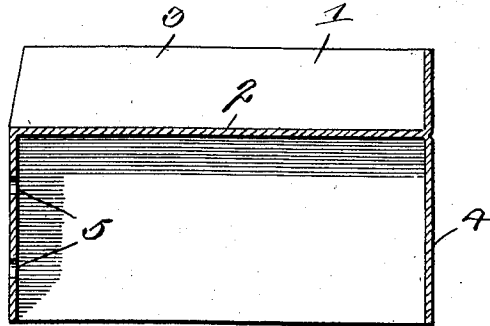
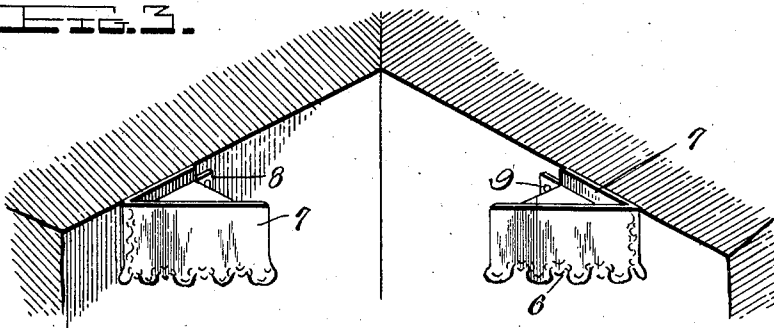


FIG. 3.



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Fig. 4.

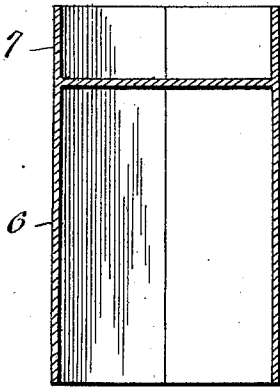


Fig. 5.

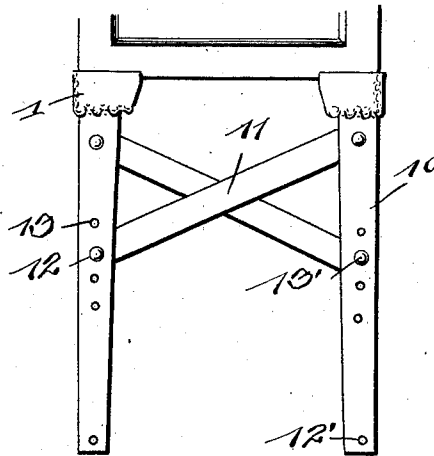


Fig. 6.

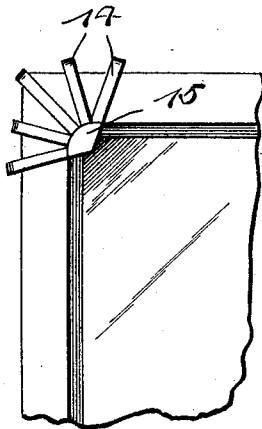
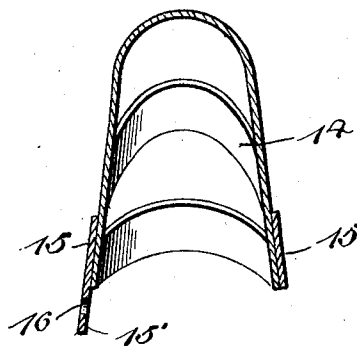


Fig. 7.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DUVON CLOUGH CORBITT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pearson, in the county of Coffee and State of Georgia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Supporting-Brackets, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in supporting brackets and more particularly to picture supporting brackets, the object of the invention being to provide a bracket adapted to be secured to the wall or other stationary object to support the picture from the bottom, and also to do away with the picture easels now in use.

Another object of the invention is to provide a bracket of this character which will possess advantages in points of efficiency and durability, is inexpensive to manufacture and at the same time is simple in construction and operation.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists in the novel features of construction and the combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully described, pointed out in the claims, and shown in the accompanying drawings in which,

Figure 1 is an elevation of a bracket constructed in accordance with my invention, showing the application and use of the same. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of the same. Fig. 3 is an elevation of a modified form of the supporting bracket adapted to support the picture which is hung in a corner. Fig. 4 is a longitudinal sectional view of the form shown in Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is of still another modified form of the supporting bracket. Fig. 6 is an elevation of a retaining member adapted to engage the upper corners of the pictures, and Fig. 7 is a longitudinal sectional view of the retaining member.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, 1 indicates the body of my improved bracket which comprises a base 2, having vertically disposed flanges 3 formed upon its side edges, which extend upwardly and against which the lower corners of the pictures are adapted to abut to support the picture in an upright position. Downwardly extending flanges 4 are formed upon three of the side edges of the base, said down-

wardly extending flanges can be made in any fancy design or they may be made plain as shown in Fig. 1, if found desirable. The downwardly extending flange at the rear of the body is provided with a plurality of openings 5 for the reception of any suitable fastening means, such as screws, nails, or the like, so that the bracket can be securely fastened to the wall or other stationary object.

In Fig. 3, I have shown a slightly modified form of the bracket which is adapted to be applied to the corners formed by the meeting of two side walls and is adapted to support the lower corners of a picture which might be hung in or near the corner. The bracket shown in Fig. 3 comprises a substantially triangular shaped body member 6 having upwardly extending flanges 7 formed upon two of its side edges, and against which the lower corners of the pictures are adapted to rest to support the pictures in an upright position. An outwardly extending flange 8 is formed upon the body portion at one corner thereof and is provided with a plurality of openings 9 adapted to receive any suitable fastening rings whereby the bracket can be readily secured to the wall or other stationary support.

In Fig. 5 I have illustrated still another form of my invention which comprises the spaced parallel vertical supporting members 10 which are suitably connected by means of the brace members 11, said brace members being pivotally connected adjacent the upper ends of the supporting members and their other ends adjustably connected to the intermediate portions of the supporting members as shown at 12. The brace members 11 are so arranged that one of their ends are pivotally connected to each one of the supporting members 10 and their other ends adjustably connected to the intermediate portions of the opposite supporting member. The intermediate portions of the supporting members are provided with a plurality of openings 13 whereby the ends of the brace members 11 may be vertically adjusted and held in an adjusted position by means of the pins 13'. Secured to the upper ends of the members 10 are the brackets 1 adapted to receive the lower corners of a picture to support the same in an upright position. It will be understood that this form of supporting bracket may be either attached to the wall by any suitable fastening means arranged in the openings 12' at

the lower ends thereof, or they may rest upon the floor. It will be understood that a supporting member can be used in connection either with the brackets shown in Fig. 1 or with the brackets shown in Fig. 3 and it will also be understood that this form of bracket is to be made of a suitable size to conform to the various sizes of picture frames which are in use.

In Fig. 6, I have illustrated a retaining member adapted to be secured to the wall and engage the upper corners of the picture frames to hold the frames to the wall so as to prevent them from being thrown too far out from the wall. This retaining member comprises a plurality of resilient arms 14 having their ends converging to a common point and secured to the plates 15, one of said plates having an extension 15' formed thereon and provided with an opening 16 for the reception of a nail, screw or other similar fastening means to securely fasten the member to the wall. While one end of the arms 14 is securely fastened to the wall, the other ends of the arms engage over the corners of the picture frame upon the outer face thereof to prevent the frame from being thrown too far out from the wall.

From the above description taken in connection with the drawings, it will be readily apparent that I have provided a simple and durable supporting bracket which will take the place of the picture easel in use at the present time and at the same time these brackets can be made in any fancy design so that they will be very ornamental.

While I have shown and described the preferred form of my invention, it will be

obvious that various changes in the details of construction and in the proportions may be resorted to for successfully carrying my invention into practice without sacrificing any of the novel features or departing from the scope thereof.

What I claim is:—

1. In a device of the character described, the combination with a base having vertically disposed flanges formed on the side edges and extending upwardly therefrom, and downwardly extending flanges formed on the side edges and arranged in alinement with the flanges, of a frame comprising vertically disposed spaced upright supporting members, transverse brace members having one of their ends pivotally secured to said brace members adjacent the upper ends thereof and having their other ends adjustably secured to the intermediate portions of said brace members.

2. In a device of the character described, the combination of a frame comprising vertically disposed spaced upright supporting members, transverse brace members having one of their ends pivotally secured to the brace members adjacent their upper ends, and their other ends adjustably secured to the intermediate portions of said brace members, and brackets secured to the upper ends of the supporting members to receive the lower corners of a picture.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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