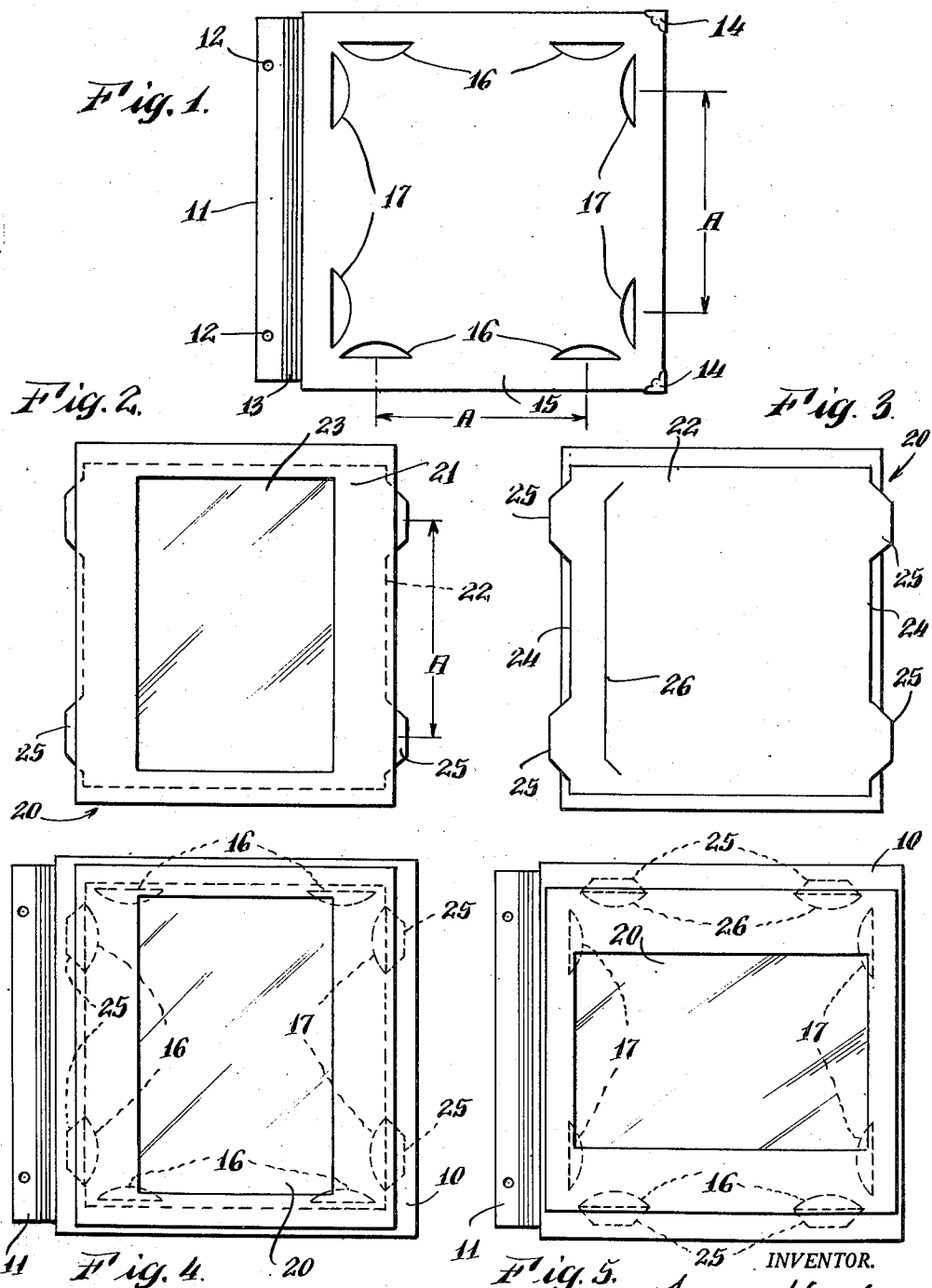


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This invention relates to a novel easel or mounting for photographs adaptable to ready mounting of a photograph in more than one position.

Various mounting arrangements for photographs have been proposed or used in the past but have not been satisfactory due to limitation of the position of the photograph or portrait in the mounting. The photographs or portraits, in present day practice, are generally placed in protective transparent envelopes, which are fitted into a relatively stiff pocket having a "frame" front and a stiff rear backing which is adapted for mounting in a display easel, album or the like. This pocket may be cemented or glued to the easel or sheet of the album, or alternatively, may have its corners inserted into triangular shaped pockets provided on the easel or on a page of the album. In the latter case, the triangular pockets have hitherto been so located that it has been possible to mount the photograph in the horizontal position or in the vertical position, but not selectively in either position. This is due to the fact that the longitudinal and lateral dimensions of the photograph and its pocket are limited to the extreme overall distance between the pocket apices. Consequently, such "pocket" easels have been unsatisfactory, applied as individual units or as sheets of an album, from the standpoint of adaptability to mounting of photographs in different positions.

The mounting of the present invention for use as individual easels or as leaves of an album, overcomes these difficulties of the prior art by providing a relatively stiff easel or the like which has slots with a pre-set spacing arranged to receive tabs on the pocket, the tabs being arranged on opposite sides or on all four sides of the pocket and having the same pre-set spacing as the slots. The lateral and longitudinal dimensions of the pockets, or the photographs, are not critical with respect to the spacing of the tabs. As a result, provided the tabs on the pocket have the same spacing as the slots on the easel, the photograph may be mounted on the easel in either the horizontal or the vertical position. In other words, the position of the pocket or photograph on the easel is in no way limited by the overall lateral or longitudinal dimensions of the photograph or pocket, the only criterion being that the tab spacing is equal to the slot spacing. Of course, the tabs may be on the easel and the slots on the pocket or photograph if desired.

With the foregoing in mind, it is an object of the present invention to provide a photograph

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mounting which may support a photograph in either the horizontal or the vertical position irrespective of the relative longitudinal and lateral dimensions of the photograph or its protective pocket.

Another object is to provide such a mounting having slots or tabs spaced a pre-set distance and arranged to receive correspondingly spaced tabs or slots on a photograph or its protecting pocket.

These and other objects, advantages and novel features of the invention will be apparent from the following description and the accompanying drawing. In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of an album mounting sheet according to the present invention;

Fig. 2 is a front plan view of a photograph protecting pocket according to the present invention;

Fig. 3 is a rear plan view of the pocket;

Fig. 4 shows the pocket of Fig. 2 as mounted vertically on the sheet of Fig. 1; and

Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 4 showing the pocket mounted horizontally.

Referring to Fig. 1, an album mounting or display sheet 10 is illustrated as having a binding strip 11 provided with apertures 12 to receive binding posts, laces or other binding means of an album. Strip 11 is connected by a flexible section 13 to the mounting or easel 15, which may have protectors 14 on its outer corners.

In accordance with the invention, mounting or easel 15 has segmental slots 16, 17 arranged in such a way that the continuation of the base lines forms a square, with two slots being located on each side of the square. Of course, more than two slots on each side may be provided, if desired, but two are usually sufficient, and the slots may have other suitable shapes. Each pair of slots has a center to center spacing equal to that of each of the other pairs. For example, slots 16, 16 on the upper and lower edges have a center to center spacing A equal to the center to center spacing A of slots 17, 17 on the right- and left-hand edges.

Referring to Figs. 2 and 3, a photograph mounting pocket 20 is shown as having a frame shaped front 21 suitably cemented or otherwise secured to a backing 22. Frame 21 cooperates with the backing 22 to form a pocket to receive and protect a photograph or portrait, and may have a sheet 23 of transparent material secured thereto, or placed in the pocket, to protect the face of the photograph. Backing 22 has a slot 26 through which the photograph is inserted in pocket 20.

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In accordance with the invention, backing 22 is rectangular and has a pair of parallel edges 24, 24 spaced apart a distance substantially equal to or somewhat less than the distance between the base lines of the two pairs of slots 17, or of the two pairs of slots 16. Each edge 24 carries tabs 25, 25 equal in number to the number of slots adjacent on edge of mounting 15. Tabs 25 have a center to center spacing A equal to the center to center spacing A of the slots of mounting 10.

With the described arrangement pocket 20 may be placed on mounting 15 in either the horizontally oriented or vertically oriented position, despite the fact that pocket 20 is considerably longer than it is wide. In the vertical mounting shown in Fig. 4, tabs 25 are engaged in slots 17, while in the horizontal mounting of Fig. 5, tabs 25 are engaged in slots 16.

This is in contrast to the usual arrangement in which the mounting has corner pockets and the photograph pocket must have dimensions equal to the spacing of the apices of the corner pockets. With the present invention, the overall dimensions of pocket 20 are not so limited, the only limitation being the center to center spacing of tabs 25 relative to that of slots 16 or 17. Consequently, the adaptability of the mounting arrangement is greatly increased. Alternatively, mounting 15 may have tabs and backing 22 may have correspondingly located slots.

While a specific embodiment of the invention has been shown and described in detail to illustrate the application of the principles there-

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to, it should be understood that the invention may be otherwise embodied without departing from such principles.

What is claimed is:

A photograph mounting arrangement comprising, in combination, a mounting having pairs of slots each forming one side of a rectangle, the spacing between the slots of each pair being equal, and a photograph support having pairs of projecting tabs on each of two parallel sides of a rectangle, the tabs of each pair having a spacing equal to that of the space between the slots of each pair and the spacing of the pairs of tabs being substantially equal to that of two parallel pairs of slots, whereby the tabs may be inserted in the slots of either of a pair of adjacent sides of the slot rectangle so that the support may be secured to the mounting in either of two perpendicularly related positions.

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