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PICTURE FRAME

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Fig. 1.

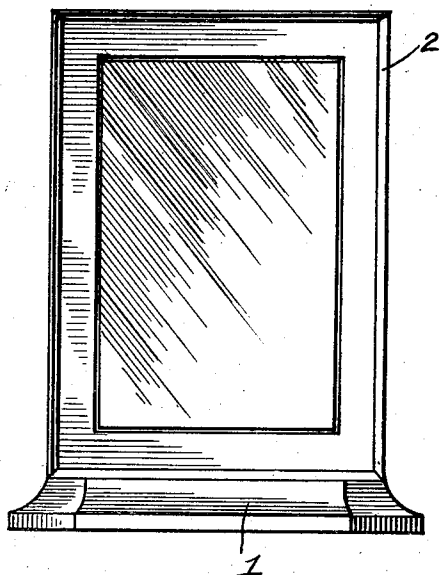


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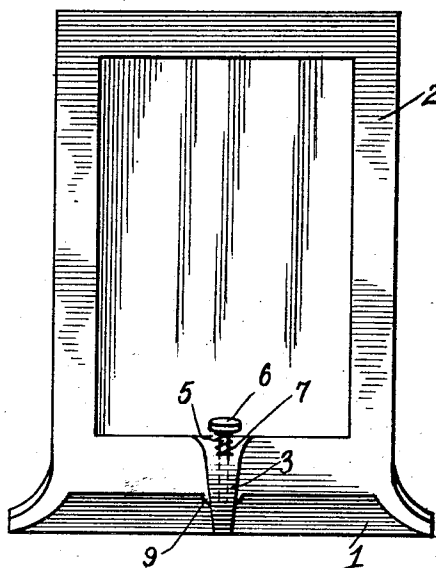
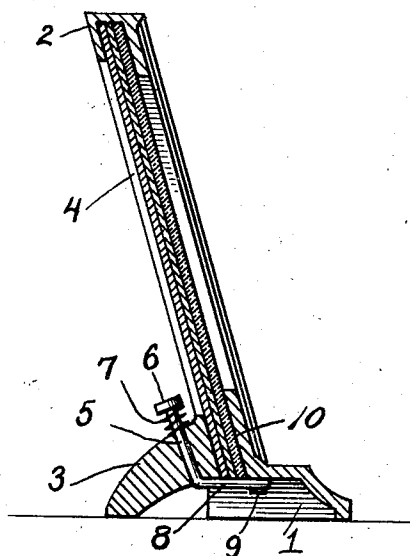
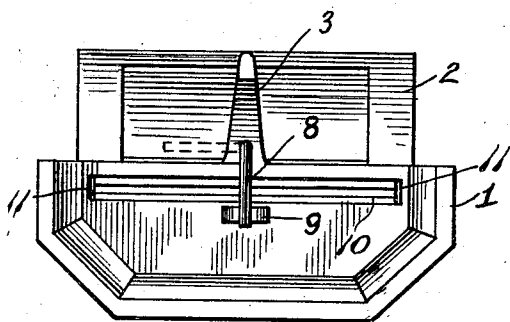


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Fig. 3.



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My present invention has reference to a picture frame and my object is the provision of a frame whereby the picture as well as the glass and backing may be easily and quickly arranged thereupon and as readily removed therefrom so that the frame can accommodate at different times different pictures.

A still further object is the provision of a picture frame in which the picture while readily removable from the frame is securely held therein.

To the attainment of the foregoing the invention consists in the improvement herein-after described and definitely claimed.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a picture frame in accordance with this invention.

Figure 2 is a rear elevation thereof.

Figure 3 is a plan view thereof.

Figure 4 is an approximately central sectional view therethrough.

In the showing of the drawings the frame and base of the improvement are cast from metal. The base 1 is hollow and is exteriorly ornamented. The frame 2 extends upwardly from and angularly with respect to the base. The frame at the bottom and the rear thereof is formed with a lug extension in the nature of a foot 3 whereby the frame can be effectively supported when arranged upon a horizontal support. The sides and top of the frame have from their inner edges a continuous groove 4, while the base is provided with a transverse opening 10 which communicates with the frame and whose end walls 11 are in a line with the inner walls of the side grooves. By this arrangement it will be noted that a picture, mat and glass can be readily inserted through the base and guided in the grooved sides and top of the improvement. In order to rigidly sustain the picture in the frame I provide a latch. The latch is preferably in the nature of an angle rod and one arm 5 passes through an opening in the foot, the said arm having an outer head 6,

while a coil spring 7 surrounds the arm and exerts a tension between the foot and head. The second arm 8 of the latch is designed to be received between two spaced lugs 9. It will be apparent that by depressing the latch to bring the arm 8 thereof out of the groove provided between the two spaced lugs 9 and by swinging the said arm away from the opening 10 in the base the picture may be slid through the opening into or out of the frame and when arranged in the frame will, when the latch is returned to latching position, be effectively sustained therein.

It is thought the simplicity of the construction and the advantages thereof will be apparent to those skilled in the art to which such invention relates so that further detailed description will not be required.

Having described the invention, I claim:

1. A picture frame including a hollow base having a foot portion at the rear thereof and a frame arising from the base, said frame having a continuous groove and the base having a transverse opening which communicates with the groove and a spring influenced latch comprising an angle member having a vertical arm movable through the rear of the base and a horizontal arm designed to bridge the opening in the base.

2. A picture frame including a hollow base having a foot portion at the rear thereof and a frame arising from the base, said frame having a continuous groove and the base having a transverse opening which communicates with the groove and a spring influenced latch comprising an angle member having a vertical arm movable through the rear of the base and a horizontal arm designed to bridge the opening in the base, and said base having two spaced depending lugs between which the horizontal arm of the latch is received when the said latch is in latching position.

3. A picture frame including a hollow base having a foot portion at the rear thereof and

having a frame extending therefrom, said frame having its inner sides and top provided with a continuous groove and the base having an opening which communicates with the groove, an angle latch having one arm movable through the foot, said arm having an outer headed end, a spring surrounding the arm and exerting a tension between the head and foot, the second arm designed to be received in the hollow base and to traverse the opening when the latch is in latching position and spaced lugs on the hollow base between which the last mentioned arm of the latch is normally received.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.
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