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Advertising Frame.

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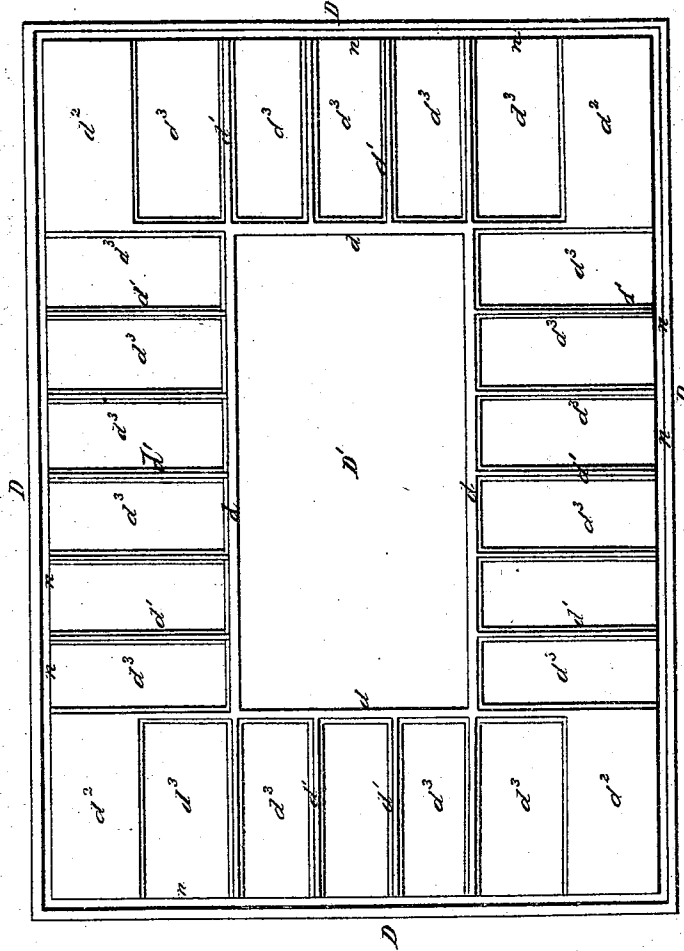


Fig. 2.

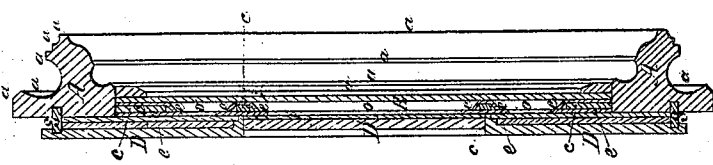


Fig. 1.

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IMPROVEMENT IN ADVERTISING-FRAMES.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, WARREN H. SADLER and JAMES M. DRYSDALE, of the city and county of Baltimore, and State of Maryland, have invented a new and improved Picture and Advertising-Frame; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a cross-section.

Figure 2 is a front view of the back-board, the border, card-board, pictures, &c., having all been removed.

The object of this invention is to provide for public use a cheap, convenient, and ornamental device for holding and displaying pictures, cards, or advertisements, and so constructed, that at any time one or more of the pictures, cards, &c., may be removed or introduced without disturbing the others, and without the necessity of taking the frame down from the wall, or removing its glass or back, while at all times its contents are securely held, and cannot be tampered with by any one but the proprietor, or party having charge of said frame.

In the drawings—

A indicates the border of the frame, the lines *a a* representing merely the edges of the mouldings thereof.

B is a glass plate, designed to cover the card-board, pictures, &c., and protect them from dust.

Behind the glass is a board, of paper, pasteboard, or any other suitable material, designed to cover the edges of the pictures, &c., and the parts of the back-board that would otherwise be exposed, and thus to form a neat border or setting for each picture, card, or advertisement.

It is composed of a body of substantial material, shown in red at *c*, and covered on both sides with neat and ornamental paper, or other material, seen at *e e*.

It is provided with openings, through which the several pictures, cards, &c., can be seen, the borders of the openings being ornamented in any suitable manner.

This board, which we shall, for convenience, denominate the "card-board," is shown only in section in fig. 1, the open spaces above referred to being located at *o o*.

Behind the card-board is the back-board D, the front view of which is shown in fig. 2, all the above-described parts being removed.

This is a rectangular board, preferably of wood, having at its centre a rectangular removable piece, D'.

It is provided with a raised bead, rib, or flange, *d*, extending around the edge of the central opening that receives the removable piece D', from which raised flange other flanges, *d' d'*, of similar character, branch off, extending to the outer edge of the board, in a direction perpendicular to such edge.

The corners of the board, at *d²*, are raised, so as to be flush with the face of the flanges *d d'*.

This construction leaves a large rectangular depression at the centre of the board, and a series of smaller

depressions, *d³ d³*, around the edges of the board, to receive the pictures, cards, advertisements, &c., which are inserted at the edges of the depressions, and slid into place, their outer edges being left open for that purpose, as seen at *n n*.

The flanges *d d'* are formed with a rebate and shoulder, if preferred, to hold the cards, &c., in the same manner that a window-sash is cut away to receive and hold the edges of the glass.

The openings *o o* in the card-board, are arranged to come directly in front of the depressions, or card-spaces *d³*, and the large space at the centre.

The card-board is to be placed accurately upon the back-board, so as to bring all the openings in the proper position, the glass placed upon the card-board, and the ornamented border A placed upon the card-board, so as to hold the glass in position; and these parts are then fastened together by means of a screw at each corner.

The pictures, cards, &c., are then slid into place, and are confined there, so that they cannot be removed, by means of sliding strips *s*, introduced around the edges of the apparatus, in the manner shown in fig. 1, suitable grooves being cut in the front edge of the back-board, and in the rear side of the border-piece, for the purpose of receiving and retaining the strips.

We preferably employ two strips on each side of the frame, and provide four small locks, one at each corner, to hold four of the strips in place.

Each of these four strips will hold in place the adjoining four strips respectively adjacent to them, the grooves being so arranged that when the latter strips are inserted, one of their ends abuts against the side of the adjacent strip, (extending along the other edge of the apparatus,) and the other end lies in contact with the end of its companion-strip in the same groove, the latter being locked, as above described.

Of course, if there are not eight, twelve, or more of these strips thus employed, the four locks will hold the four strips that are used, and even two locks would be sufficient for the purpose, if properly arranged so that one lock would hold two adjacent strips.

Having thus described our invention,

What we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The picture and advertising-frame herein described, consisting of the border A, the back-board D, having the detachable and removable part D', the flanges *d d'*, the raised parts *d²*, and the depressions *d³ d³*, with their outer edges open, and the sliding strip *s*, working in grooves in the back-board and borders, when the several parts are constructed and arranged in the manner and for the purpose set forth.

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