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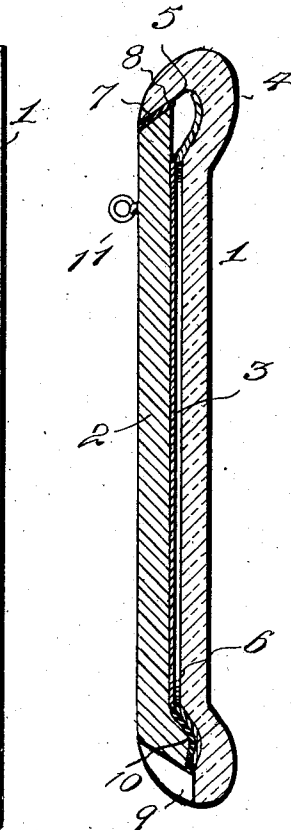
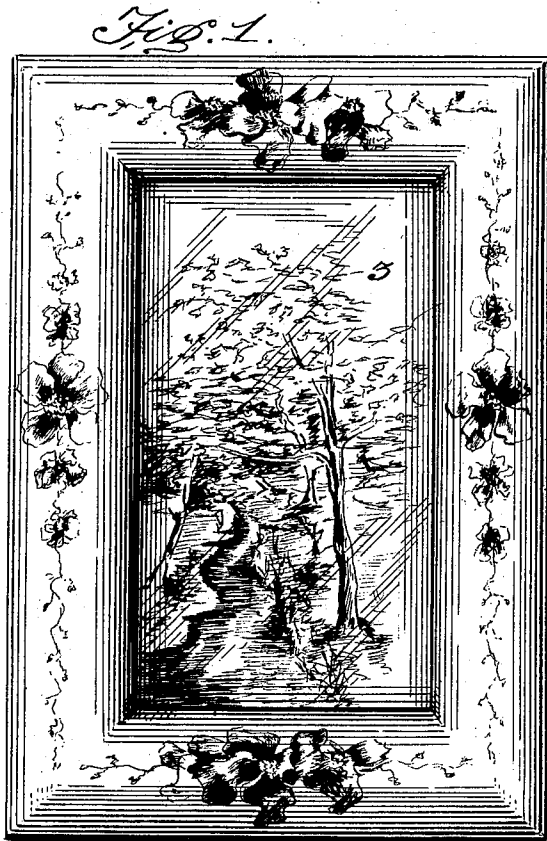
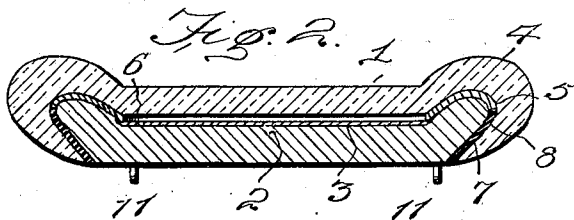


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH A. MANOR, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fristoe, in the county of Benton and State of Missouri, have invented a new and useful Picture-Frame, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to picture-frames.

The object of the invention is to provide a frame which shall be highly ornamental in appearance and which will be proof against the deteriorating action of dust, moisture, &c.

With these and other objects in view, as will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel construction and combination of parts of a picture-frame, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which like numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts, there is illustrated one form of embodiment of the invention capable of carrying the same into practical operation, it being understood that the elements therein exhibited may be varied or changed as to shape, proportion, and exact manner of assemblage without departing from the spirit thereof, and in these drawings—

Figure 1 is a view in elevation of a frame embodying the essential features of my invention. Fig. 2 is a view in transverse section. Fig. 3 is a view in vertical section.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates the frame, 2 the backing, and 3 the picture. The frame is made of glass, in one piece, and is provided at its front with a bead or molding 4, which may be plain, as shown, or grooved. The back of the frame is provided with a groove 5, which is cut down into the bead and is adapted to receive the ornamentation that is to show through the front side of the bead, so that while to all appearance being on the surface it will be effectively shielded from dirt and dampness and from injury when the frame is washed. The ornamentation in the groove may be hand-painted flowers, as shown, or figures, or decalcomanias may be attached to the surface of the groove to give the desired ornamentation to the frame. That portion of the frame over which the picture is placed is left transparent to constitute a

panel, and the picture is held in position by the backing 2, a mat 6 being placed in the groove to hide the edges of the picture, and this mat may be, if desired, also ornamented at that portion which will be exposed to view.

The backing 2 may be made of any suitable material—such as indurated fiber, wood, or in some cases metal may be used—although generally it will be preferred to employ wood having its edges reinforced by a rubber facing 7, as clearly shown in Figs. 2 and 3. The walls of the back of the frame above the grooves are undercut, as at 8, to receive the two sides and one end of the backing, which are shaped closely to impinge the overhanging walls, and thus present a dust-proof juncture, the backing being inserted from the bottom of the frame, which is cut away for this purpose, as shown at 9. The under face of the lower end of the backing is faced with rubber, as at 10, to prevent entrance of dust to the interior of the frame from beneath. As a means for suspending the frame the backing may be provided with knobs or hooks 11, to which a cord or the like may be attached for the purpose.

The advantages of a frame constructed in accordance with this invention are that it will never lose its color and will always by being cleansed appear as well as when first purchased. Further, such a frame will not require being covered in summer-time to protect it from insects, as it can be readily washed at all times. Further, it may be made perfectly dust and damp proof, thus to protect the picture from the deteriorating effects of the elements.

The same ideas may be carried into effect for making mirrors, in which case it will only be necessary to silver the panel and ornament the bead or frame in any desired manner, and as this will be readily understood detailed illustration is deemed unnecessary.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A picture-frame comprising a panel and a surrounding bead or molding formed integral therewith, the rear side of the bead or molding being grooved or channeled and provided with overhanging walls, suitable orna-

mentations disposed within the grooves in the molding, and a backing having rubber-faced edges engaging the overhanging walls and provided with suspending means.

5 2. A picture-frame comprising a panel and surrounding bead or molding formed integral therewith, the rear side of the bead or molding being grooved or channeled and provided at the top and sides of the panel with over-
10 hanging walls, the bottom being left open for the insertion of suitable backing, and a backing having inclined rubber-faced edges at

the top and sides to engage the overhanging walls of the frame and having at the bottom a rubber-faced projecting rib adapted to en- 15
gage a groove in the molding at the bottom of the frame.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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