

R. Wright. Easel Picture Frame.

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Fig. 1.

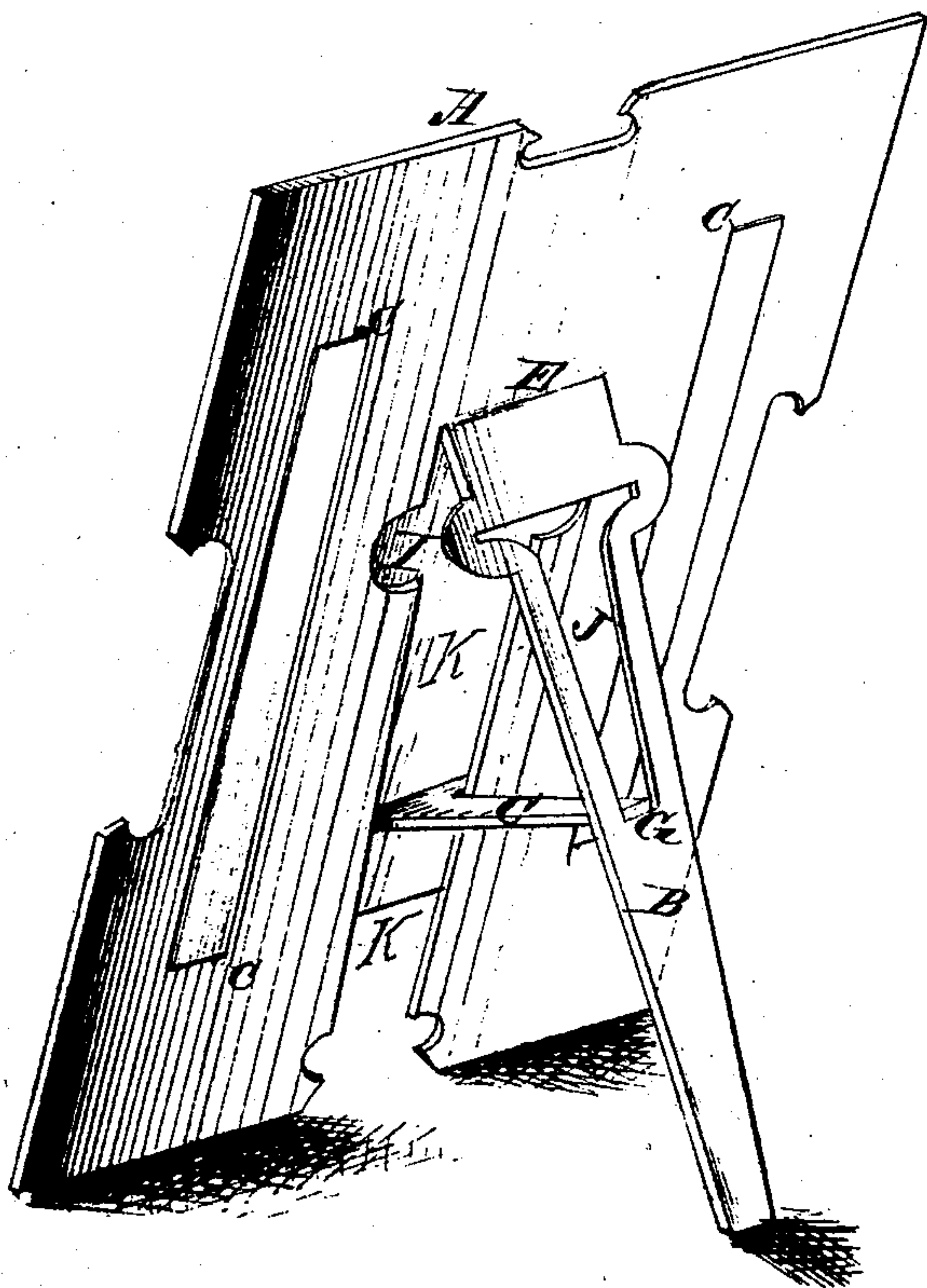
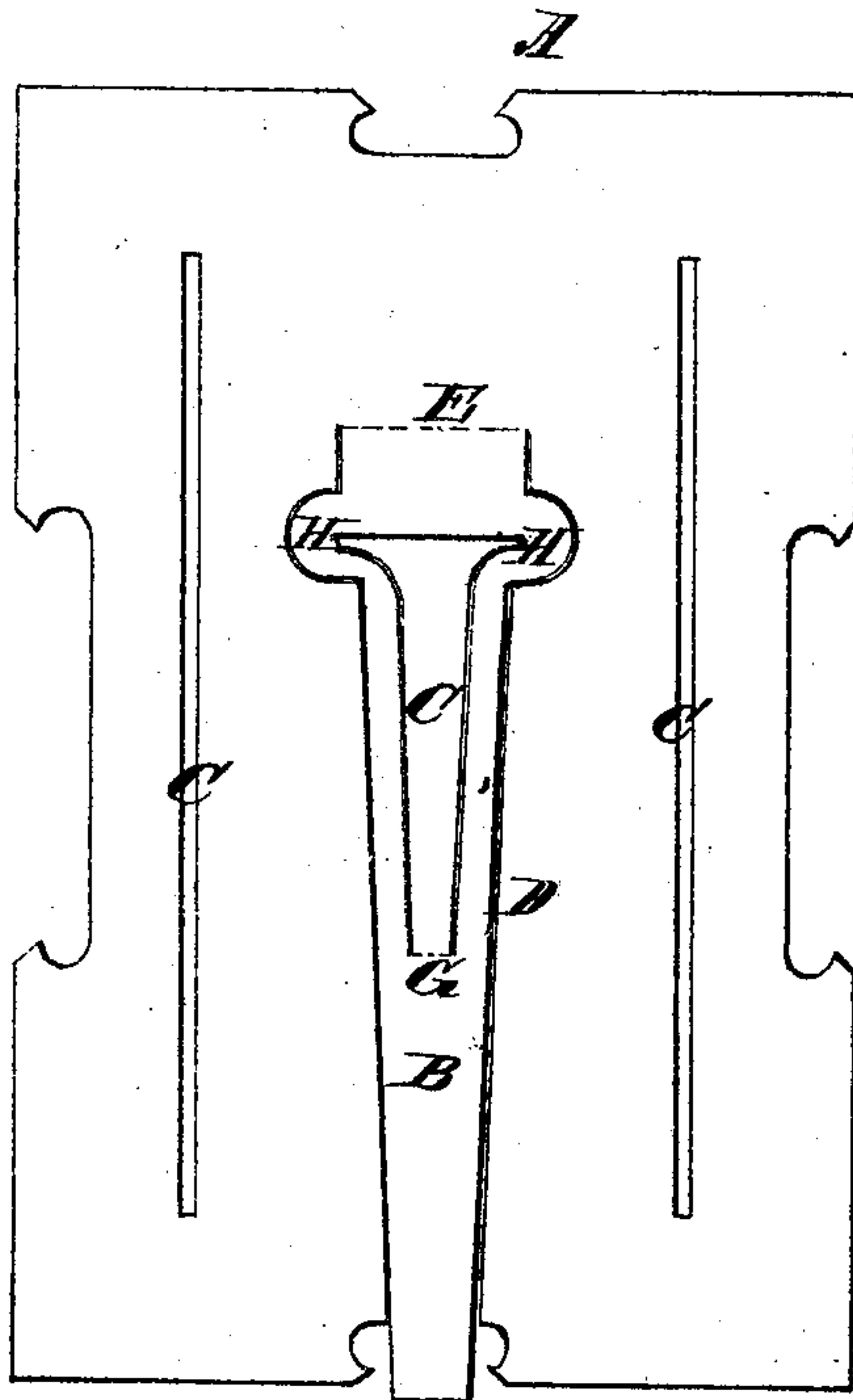


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN EASEL PICTURE-FRAMES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RUFUS WRIGHT, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Easel Picture-Frames; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification.

This invention relates to a new and useful improvement in frames for holding photographs and other pictures, having especial reference to self-supporting, or what are known as "easel-frames;" and consists in making the frame and supporting-stand and brace of a single plate or piece of material, as hereinafter more fully described.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a perspective view. Fig. 2 is a back view.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A is the frame, which is made of card-board, paper, leather, metal, or any other suitable material, or that which may be readily cut in the required manner. B is the stand. C is the brace. When the frame is made of card or pasteboard, paper, or similar material, the back side of the plate or sheet may be covered with cloth, or leather, or any tough and flexible material made fast thereto with glue or any adhesive cement or substance. C C are slots cut through the plate, through which the picture is inserted, the central portion D nearly covering the back of the picture. The edges of the picture will lap onto the plate, as seen in dotted lines. This secures the picture in place with its full face exposed on the other side of the frame. The stand

B is cut from the central portion D and from the lower portion of the plate. This stand swings from the point E as on a hinge, so that it is made to stand at an angle for supporting the frame, as represented in Fig. 1. C is a brace, which is cut from the stand and swings from the point G, as on a hinge. The end of this brace has projecting lugs H H, which are readily inserted behind the picture, which take hold of the sides of the central portion of the plate, as seen in Fig. 1. The friction thus produced holds the stand in place and allows the frame to be moved or handled without disturbing it; but by raising up the end of the brace into the broad space I it is readily detached and will fold into the open space J from which it was taken. The stand will also drop naturally into the space K, from whence it was cut, so that the frame, with the picture, will form a flat surface for packing and transportation.

I am aware that the frames may be made without the brace C, but they would not be so perfect or useful when thus made. I do not confine myself to that feature, nor to any device for keeping the stand at the proper angle.

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

The frame A, stand B cut from the center of frame, and brace C cut from the stand, all being thus made in a single piece, and having slots C, central space D, lugs H, and spaces I K, located as specified.

The above specification of my invention signed by me this 11th day of April, 1871.

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