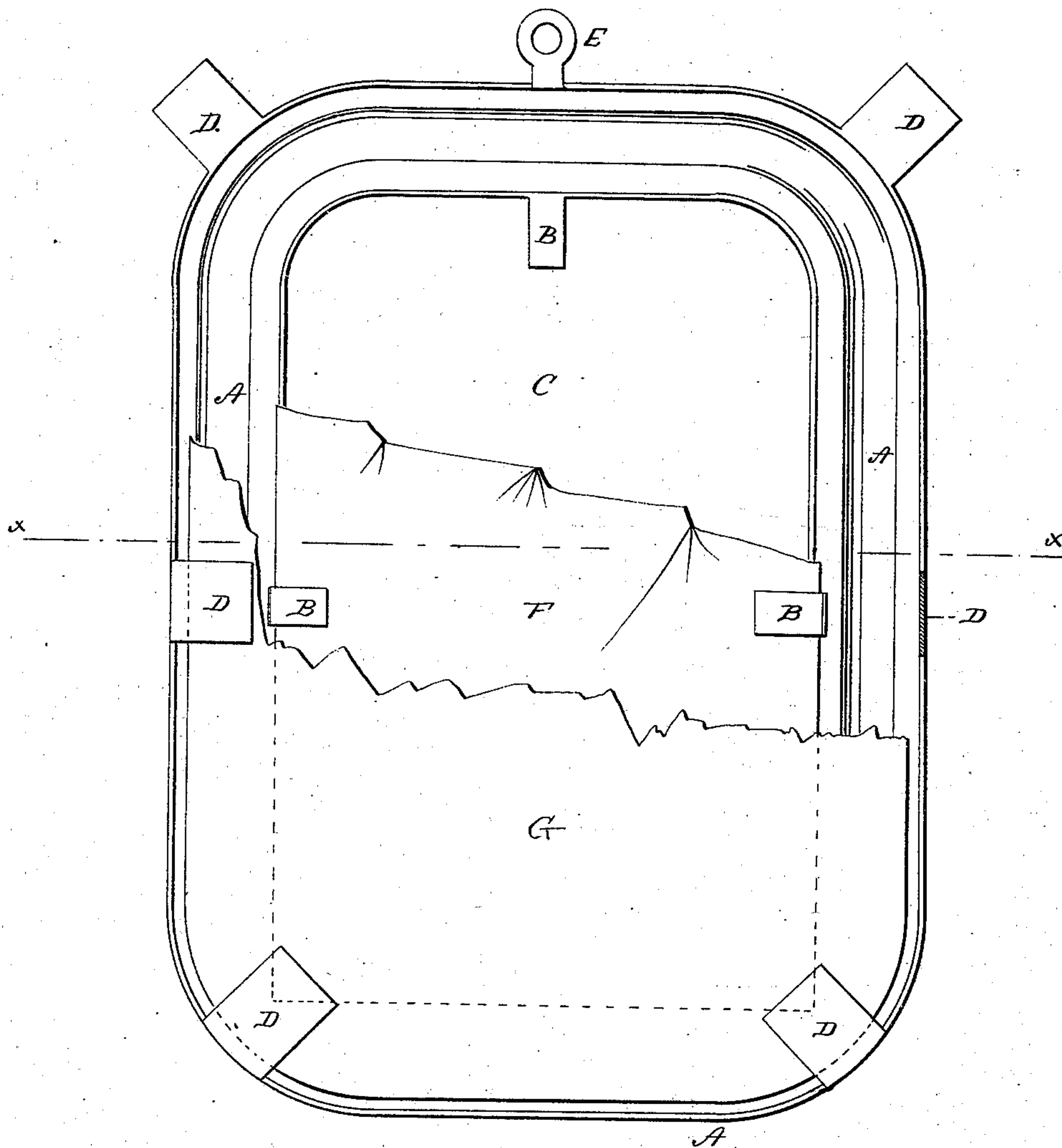


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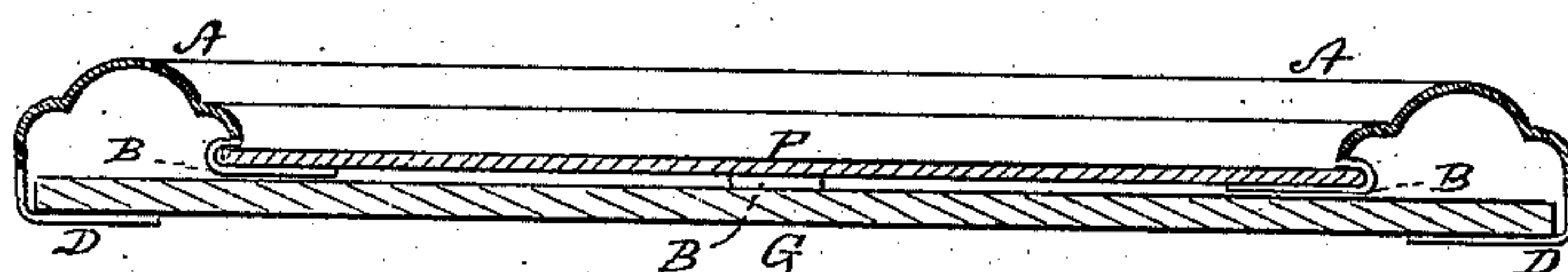
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*Fig: 1.*



*Fig: 2.*



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## PICTURE-FRAME.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, BERNARD DREYFUSS, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Picture-Frame; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making part of this specification.

This invention is in the nature of an improvement in frames for pictures and other articles; and the invention consists in a metal frame cut by a die from one continuous piece of metal, with a series of tangs which are bent and rebent for securing the glass or picture to the frame and a second series of tangs for securing the backing to the frame, which tangs are integral with the frame, as is more particularly hereinafter described.

In the accompanying sheet of drawings, Figure 1 is a view of the rear of a frame according to my invention, with glass and backing partly broken away to show tangs before and after their use; and Fig. 2, a cross-section in line *x x*, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts in both figures.

A represents a frame, which may be of any desired size and shape, and with any degree of ornamentation upon its surface, and which is by a die cut from a sheet of any desirable metal.

As the frame is cut from the sheet metal there are at the same time and by the same operation likewise cut tangs B, which extend from the edge of the opening C of the frame, and also tangs D, which extend from the outer edge of the frame. These tangs are from the same piece of metal from which the frame is cut, and they are integral with the frame, and form parts of it; and there is also cut from the sheet metal of the frame, and by the same operation, and integral with the frame, an eye, E, by which the frame may be suspended.

Now, the frame, constructed substantially as above described, is utilized by first folding the inner tangs, B, back parallel with the frame, and afterward placing the picture or glass F on the tangs B so folded, and then folding the free ends of the tangs down upon the picture or glass, as shown in Fig. 2. In this way the glass or picture is securely held in place within the frame. A backing, G, is next placed over the back of the glass or picture, and then the outer tangs, D, are folded over and against the back of the backing G, in the manner also shown in Figs. 1 and 2, which operation confines the back in its place to the frame and completes the device. The backing G, besides protecting the glass or picture from injury, also tends to stiffen the frame, rendering it more rigid.

As before stated, the surface of the frame may be curved and stamped and ornamented in any desirable manner, and it may be painted in imitation of wood, and be gilded and bronzed to suit the taste of the purchaser.

In addition to the outer series of tangs larger lugs may be stamped out with the frame to secure it in case of a large glass at its sides to the wall.

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

A frame for pictures and other articles, constructed with tangs surrounding its outer edge and inner opening, all struck up from the same piece of metal and integral therewith, in combination with a picture or glass secured to the frame by the tangs which surround the opening of the frame, which are bent and rebent, and the back board secured to the frame by the tangs on the outer edge of the frame, substantially as hereinbefore shown and described.

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