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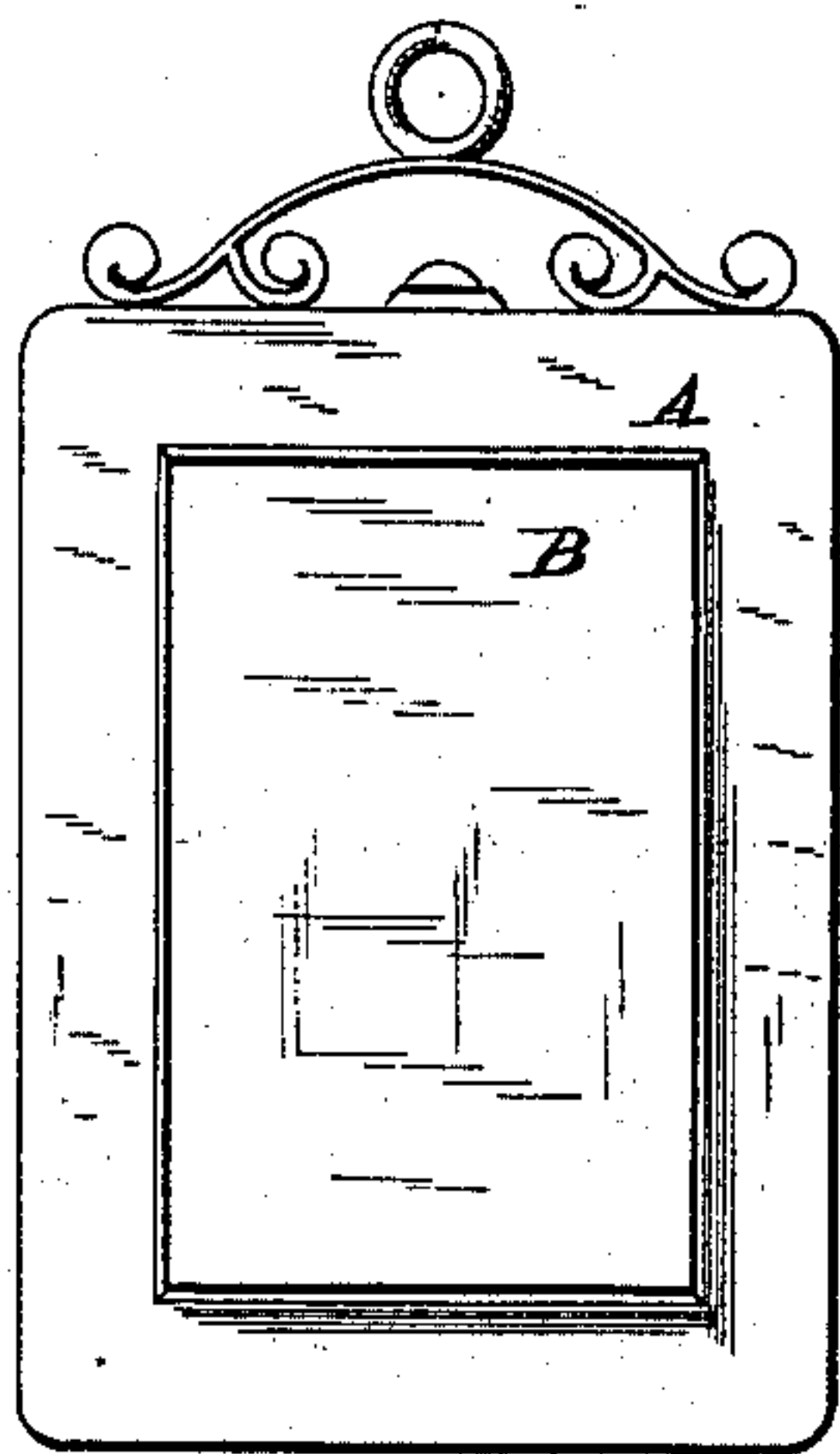
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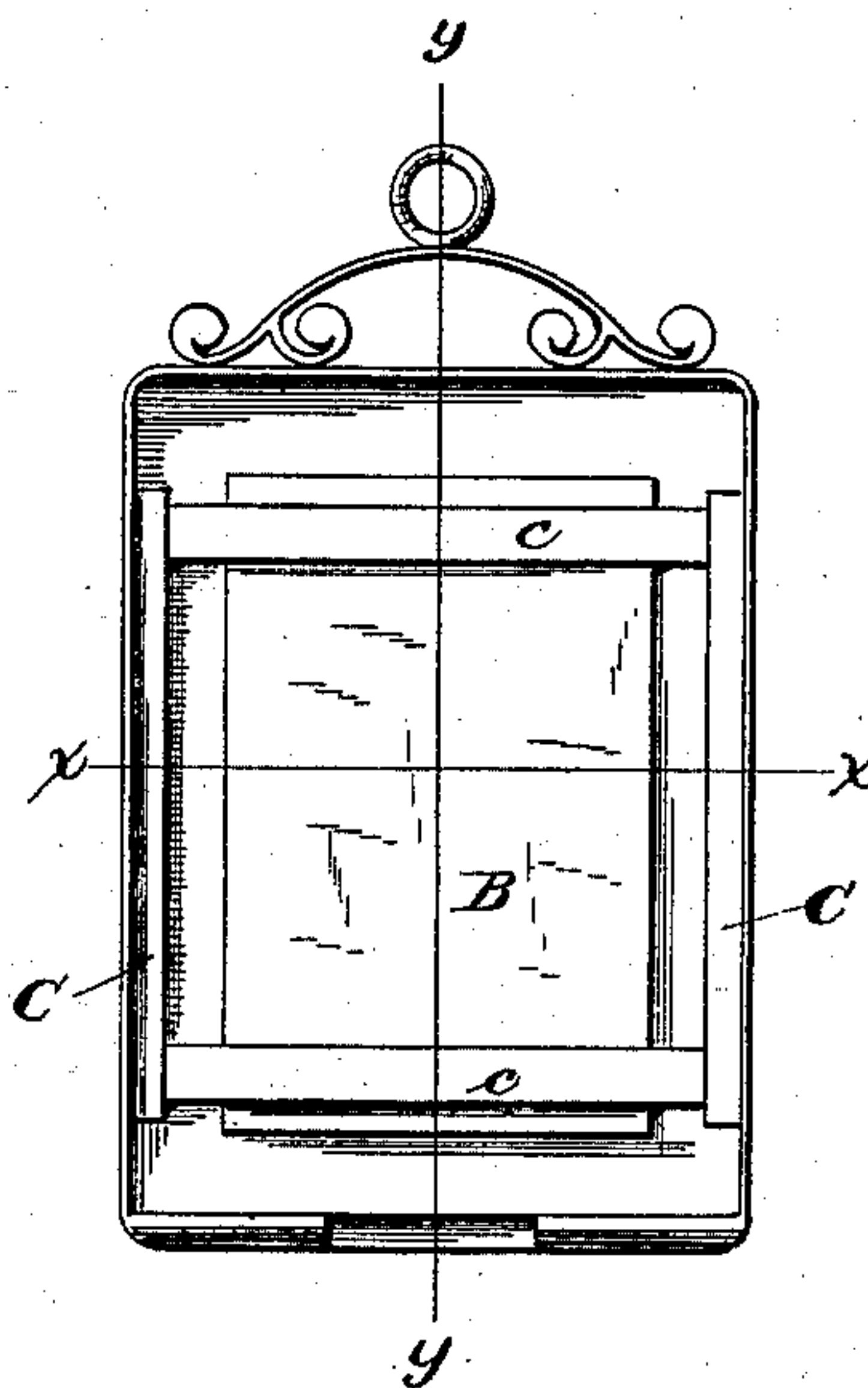
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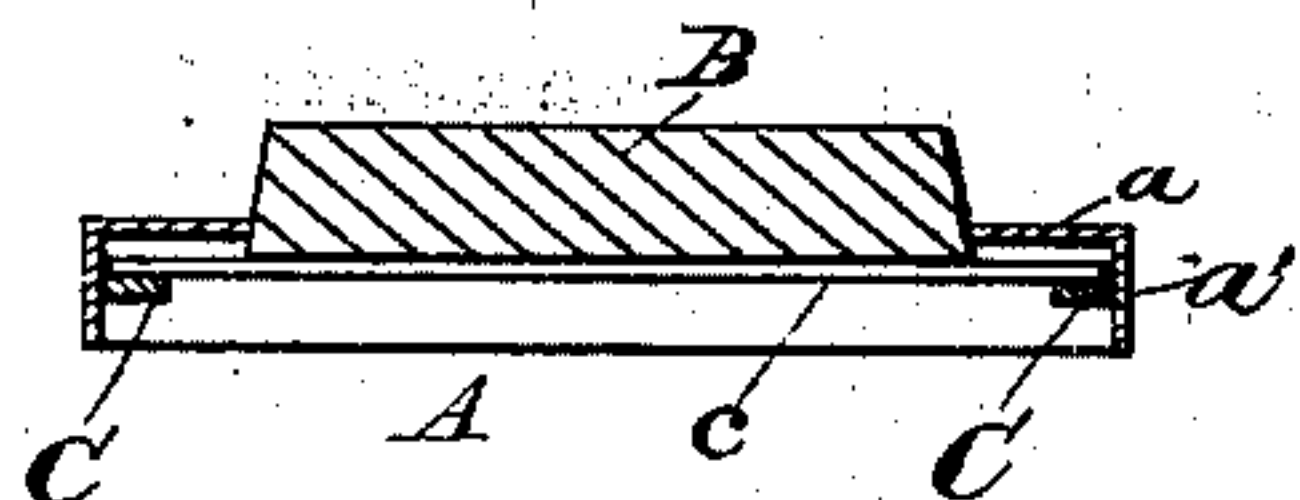
*Fig. 1.*



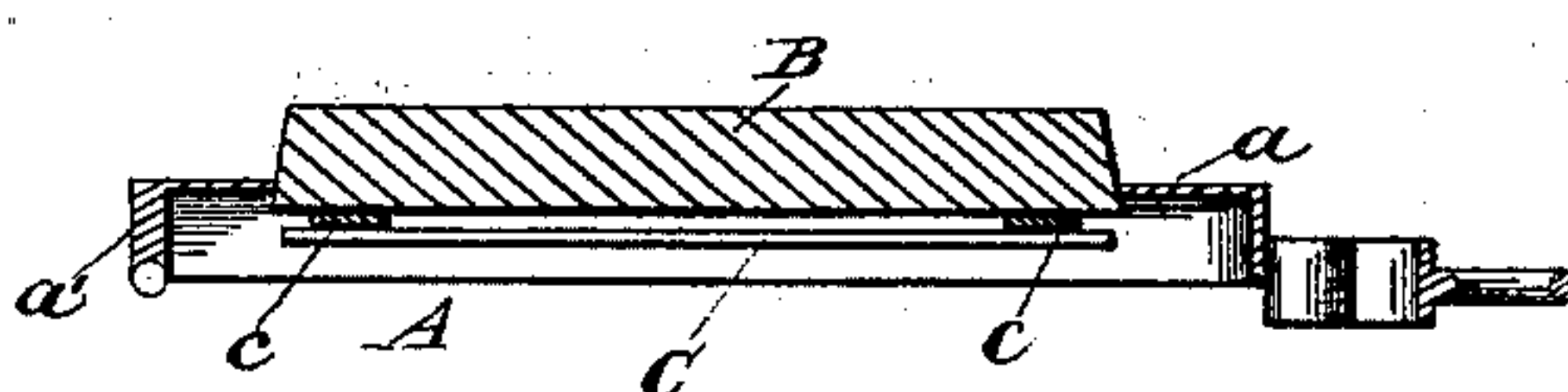
*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



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## LOCKET.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES ROTHSCHILD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Locket, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to that class of lockets that have a frame in which a central stone or ornament is inclosed; and it consists in a novel construction of the frame and its bezel and a novel manner of mounting or setting the central stone or ornament without the use of prongs or claws, and is an improvement upon the device for which Letters Patent were granted to me, No. 240,272, dated April 19, 1881. The locket described and claimed in said Letters Patent is composed of two hinged sections, each section provided with a rectangular box-frame struck up in two parts, which, after being formed, are completely joined together, except that a longitudinal opening or slot is left on the inner side of the frame for the purposes described in said Letters Patent.

My present improvement consists in dispensing with the side lining of the box-frame and in providing other means for holding the stone or ornament in place.

Referring to the drawings that accompany this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate like parts, Figure 1 is a front view of a finished locket. Fig. 2 is an interior view of one-half of the same, illustrating my invention. Fig. 3 is a section of Fig. 2 on the line *x x*. Fig. 4 is a section of Fig. 2 on the line *y y*.

I carry out my invention in the following manner:

The face *a* and side rim, *a'*, of the frame A can be struck out at right angles to each other in one operation by means of a suitable die, so formed that it will strike out both members at once, leaving a central opening for reception of the stone or ornament, which should preferably have its side edges slightly beveled to prevent its falling out forwardly.

In order to prevent the setting B from falling out rearwardly, I provide narrow strips or bars C C, which are soldered against the longer inner sides of the frame. The stone or ornament, being placed within the frame from the rear, is then firmly secured in place by means of cross-bars *c c*, the ends of which are respectively slid under the strips C C and are firmly held in place by solder, as plainly shown in Fig. 2.

I am aware that stones have been forced within the raised rim of a collet and have had a solid lining placed as a backing to the stone, and that sometimes such linings have had their edges turned down against the sides of the collet, as shown in Angell's patent, No. 237,669; but such construction requires special dies and tools, and the pressure employed is liable to break the collet. I lay no claim to such device.

My improvement economizes material, is very simple, and can be made without any special tools, besides providing means for setting transparent settings which would become opaque if lined with solid plate linings.

Having now fully described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A frame for articles of jewelry having a central opening for a stone or ornament and side edges at right angles to each other, in combination with interior side bars, C C, and cross-bars *c c*, substantially as described.

2. In a locket or analogous article, the hollow frame A, having face *a* and rim *a'* at right angles to each other, having within the inner surfaces of its longer sides strips C C, in combination with cross-bars *c c*, all arranged as described, adapted to hold the setting B firmly in position within said frame A, as and for the purpose intended, substantially as described.

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