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METHOD OF MANUFACTURING PICTURE MOUNTS AND FRAMES.

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FIG. 1.

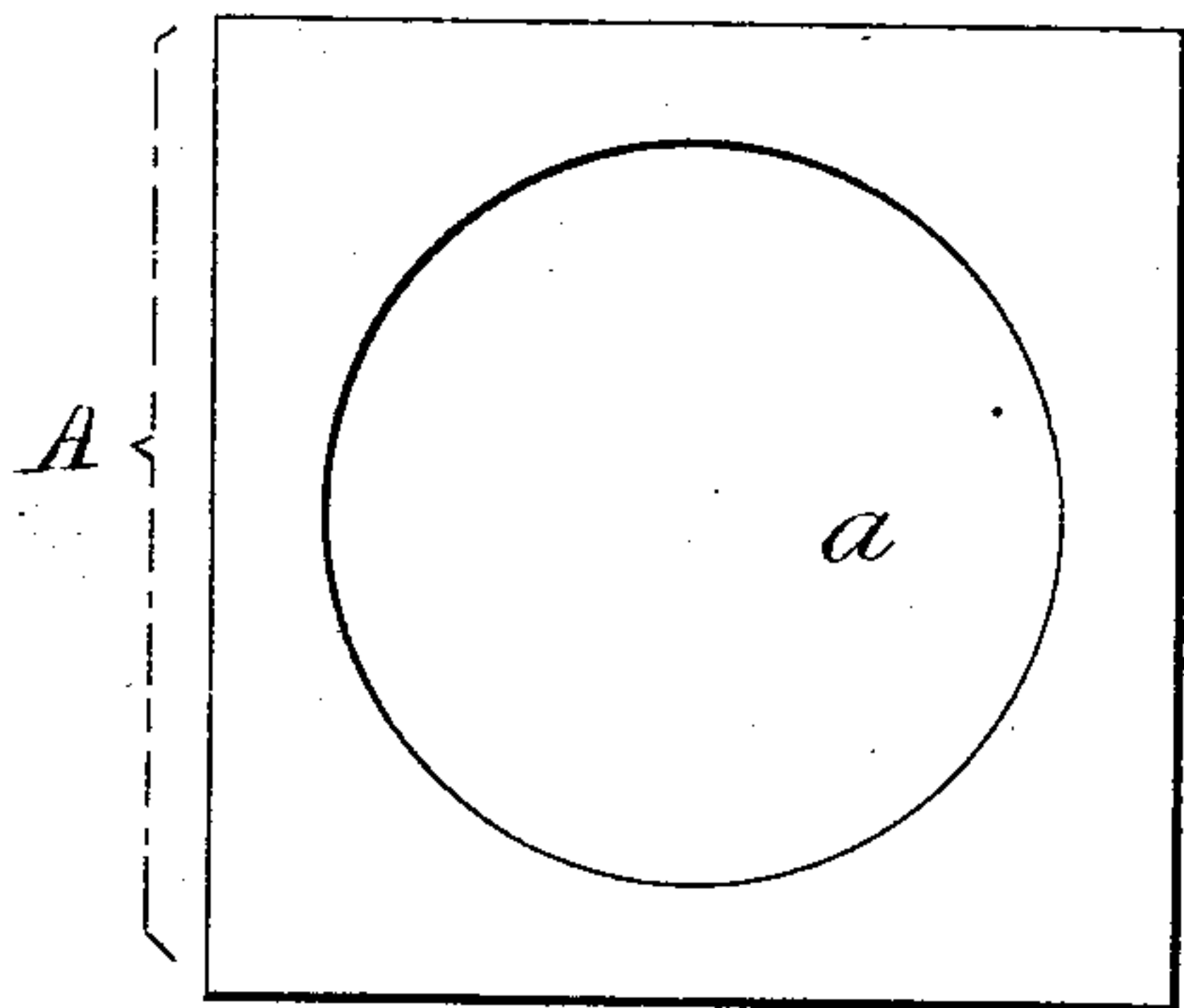


FIG. 2.

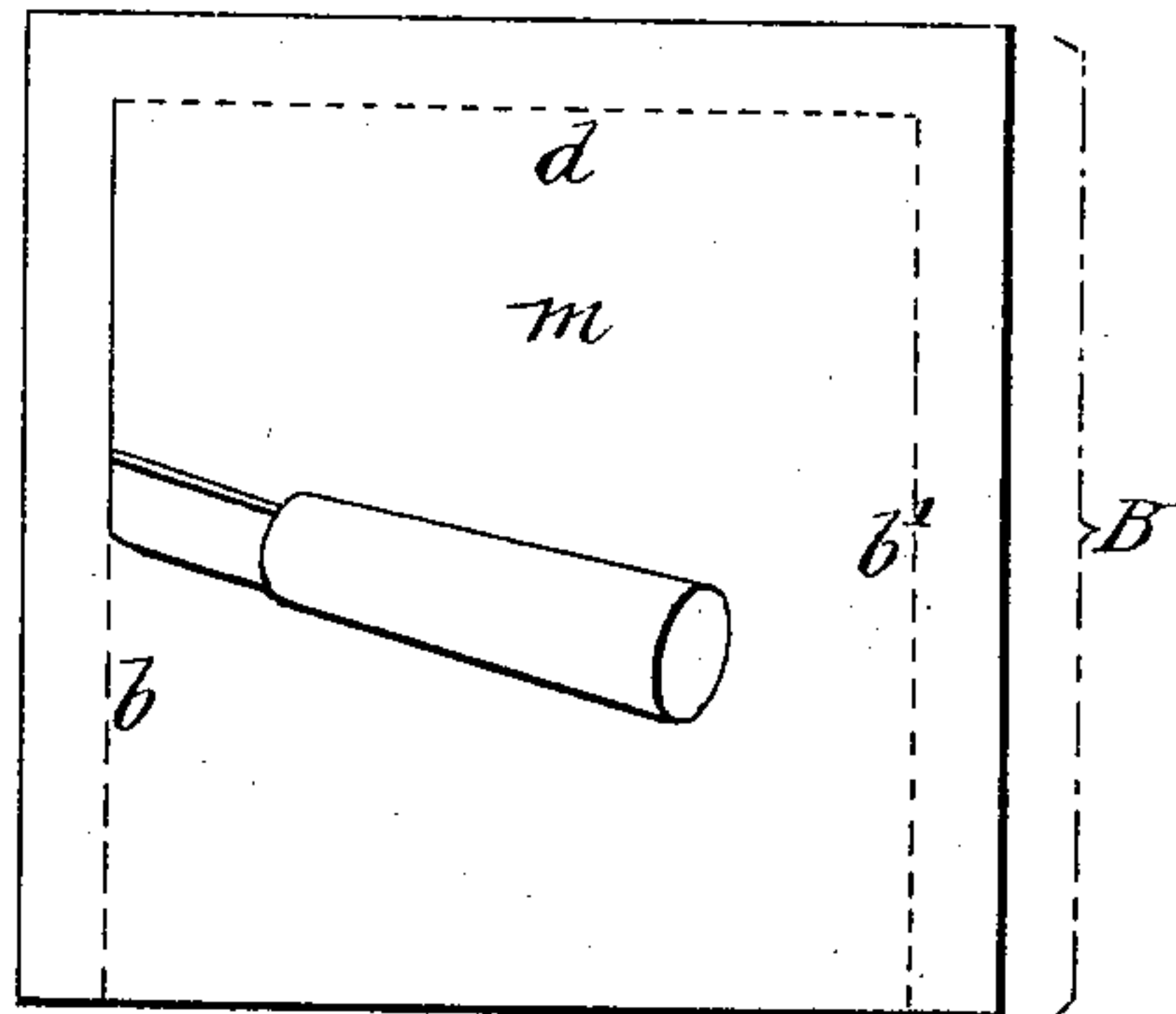


FIG. 3.

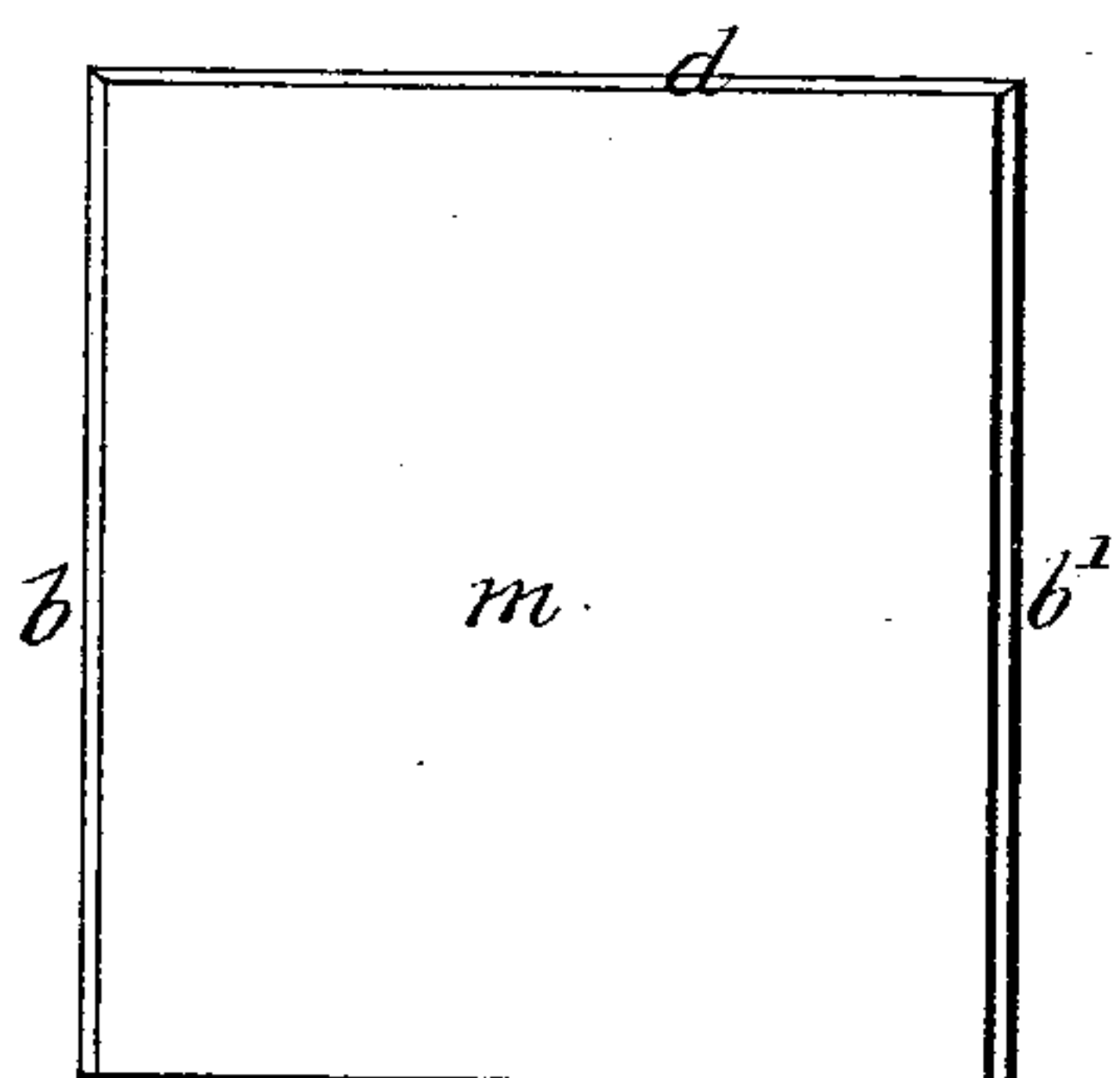


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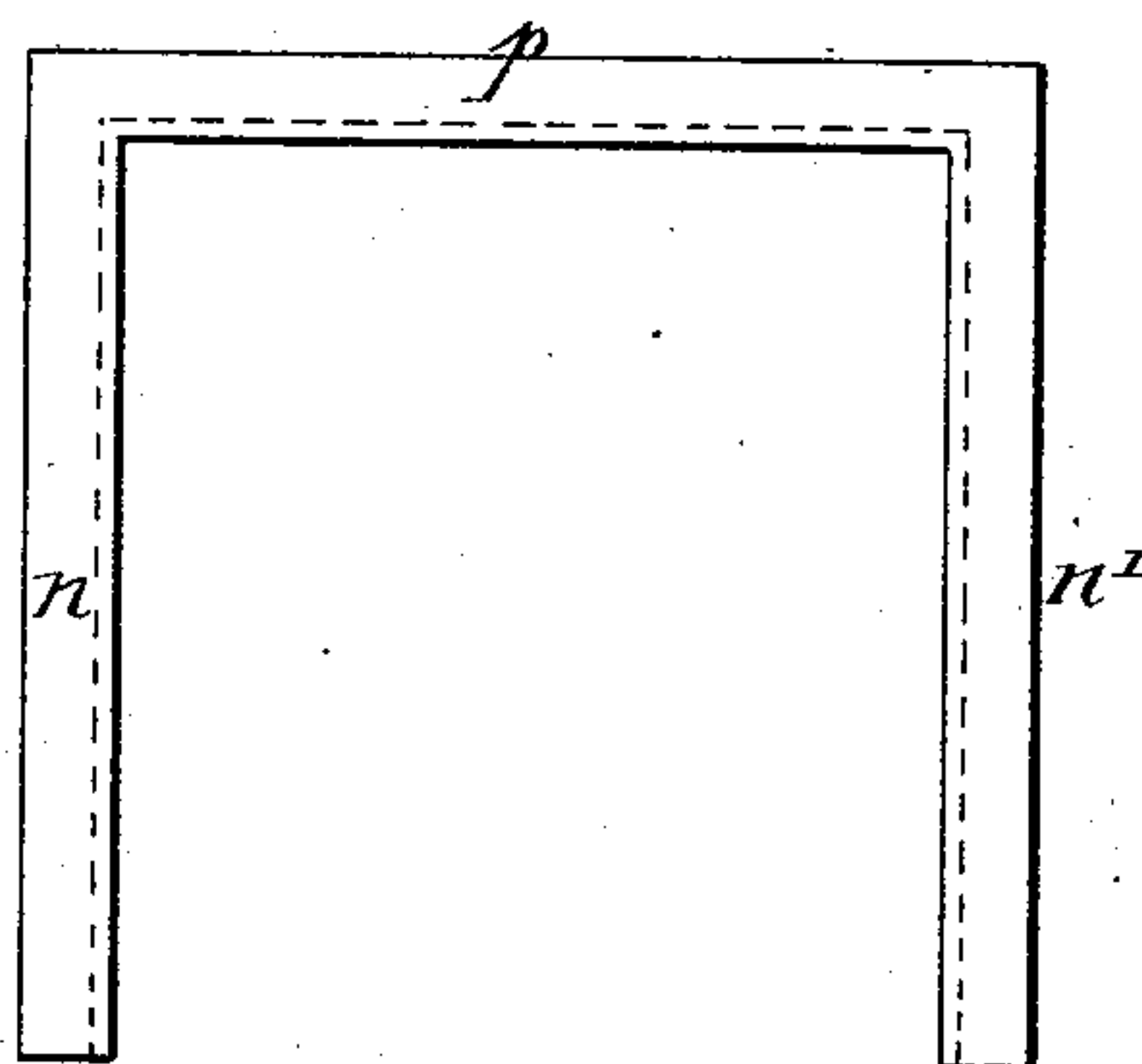


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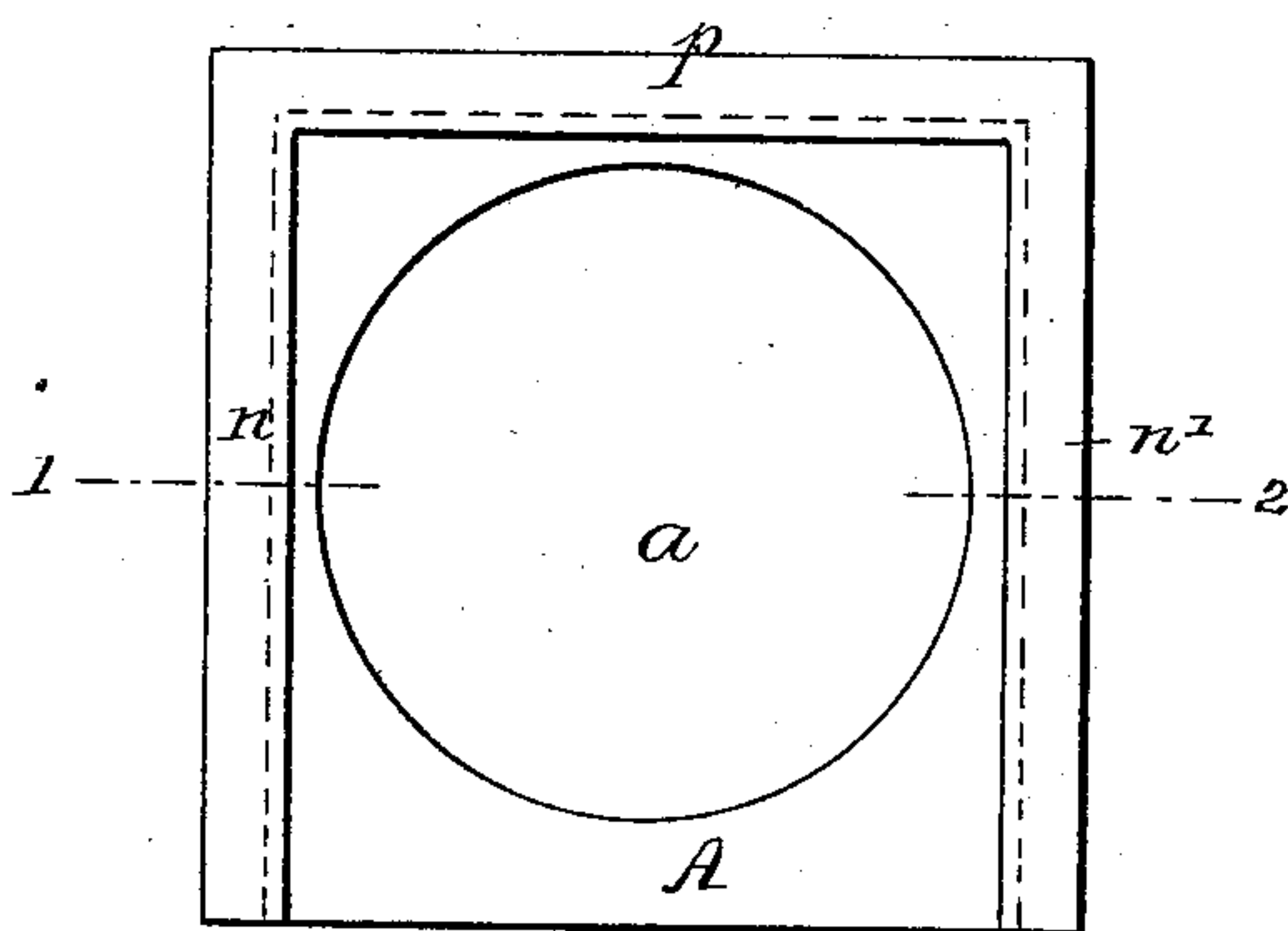
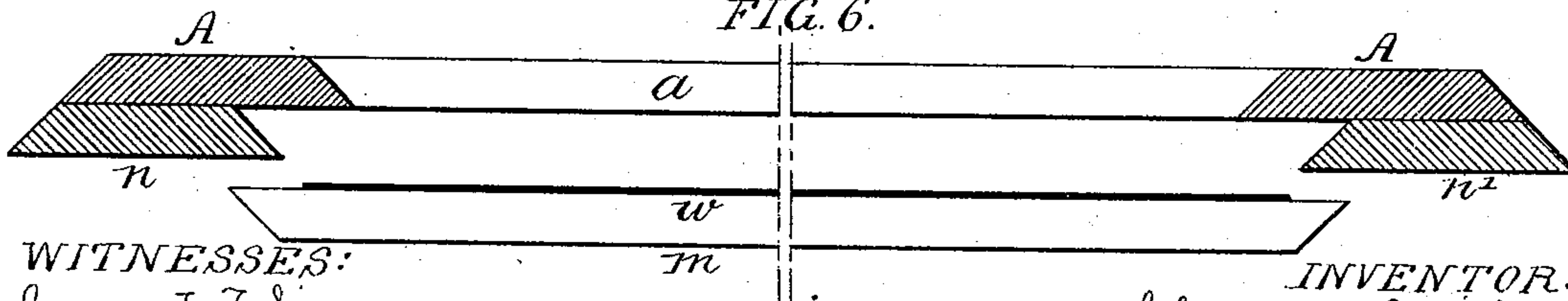


FIG. 6.



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## METHOD OF MANUFACTURING PICTURE MOUNTS AND FRAMES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. WRIGHT, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented an Improved Method of Manufacturing Picture-Mounts and Frames therefor, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists of an improvement in and mode of constructing picture-mounts and frames therefor, the main object of my invention, which is fully described hereinafter, being economy in construction and in material used.

In the accompanying drawings, Figures 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 illustrate the different steps in the manufacture, from two strips of pasteboard, of the frame and mount; and Fig. 6, a transverse section, exaggerated, of the frame and mount.

In carrying out my invention I take two quadrangular strips, A and B, Figs. 1 and 2, of comparatively thick card-board, the strips being of the same or nearly the same size. In the strip A, I cut a sight-opening, *a*, of dimensions and conformation suitable for a proper exposure of the picture. The strip B is cut through on the lines *b*, *b'*, and *d* by a knife, which, during the cutting operation, is held in an inclined position, as shown in Fig. 2. This severs the strip B into two parts—namely, the central part, *m*, which is shown detached in Fig. 3, and which has been beveled at the three edges *b*, *b'*, and *d* by the action of the inclined knife, the other or outer portion (shown detached in Fig. 4) consisting of the ribs *n n'*, united to and forming part of the transverse rib *p*, the inner edges of these ribs being necessarily beveled to accord with the three beveled edges of the central portion, *m*, Fig. 3. The outer portion, Fig. 4, is pasted or otherwise cemented to the back of the strip A, as shown in Fig. 5, and the central portion, *m*, is converted into the desired picture-mount by pasting to its front side a photograph or other picture.

By reference to the exaggerated view, Fig. 6, which is a section on the line 1 2, Fig. 5, it will be observed that a frame with a dove-

tailed recess is made by the combination of the strip A with the outer portion of the strip B, and that the inner portion, *m*, of the said strip B, which has become a picture-mount, is adapted to slide into the said dovetailed recess, its beveled edges according with those of the ribs on the back of the strip A, sufficient of the photograph or other picture *w* (indicated by a thick black line in Fig. 6) being displayed through the opening *a* when the mount has been fitted into the frame.

The frame may have beveled and gilt edges, and the edge of the sight-opening may also be beveled and gilt, the exposed portion of the frame being ornamented by fancy paper or otherwise, as the taste of the constructor may suggest.

As regards the mode of utilizing the strip B, there can be no waste of card-board, for the outer portion of the strip becomes an essential part of the frame, while the inner portion becomes the picture-mount. As regards the cost of manufacturing, it will be seen that it is trifling, as by the act of severing the strip B into two portions by an inclined knife one portion is at once in a condition to become a part of the frame and the other portion in a condition to be fitted at once into the said frame.

To facilitate the introduction of the picture-mount into the frame, the cuts *b b'* in the strip B may be made slightly inclined, so that the recess for the reception of the strip *m* will be wider at the bottom than at the top.

In some cases the edges of the strip *m* and strips *n*, *n'*, and *p* may be straight instead of beveled, reliance being placed on the snug fit of the strip *m* in the recess for the retention of said strip, or a sheet of thin paper being pasted over the back of the frame for this purpose.

I claim as my invention—

1. The mode described of manufacturing picture-mounts and frames therefor, said mode consisting in severing one strip of card-board into two parts, cementing the outer part to a second strip having a sight-opening, thereby forming the frame, and securing the picture to the central cut-out part of the first strip, which



is adapted to a recess formed in the frame by the combination of the outer part of the first strip with the second strip, as set forth.

2. The mode herein described of manufacturing picture-mounts and frames therefor, the said mode consisting in severing with inclined cuts one strip of card-board into two parts, cementing the outer part to a second strip having a sight-opening, thereby forming the frame, and securing the picture to the central cut-out portion of the first strip, which is adapted to

slide in a dovetailed recess formed in the frame by the combination of the outer part of the first strip with the second strip, all substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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