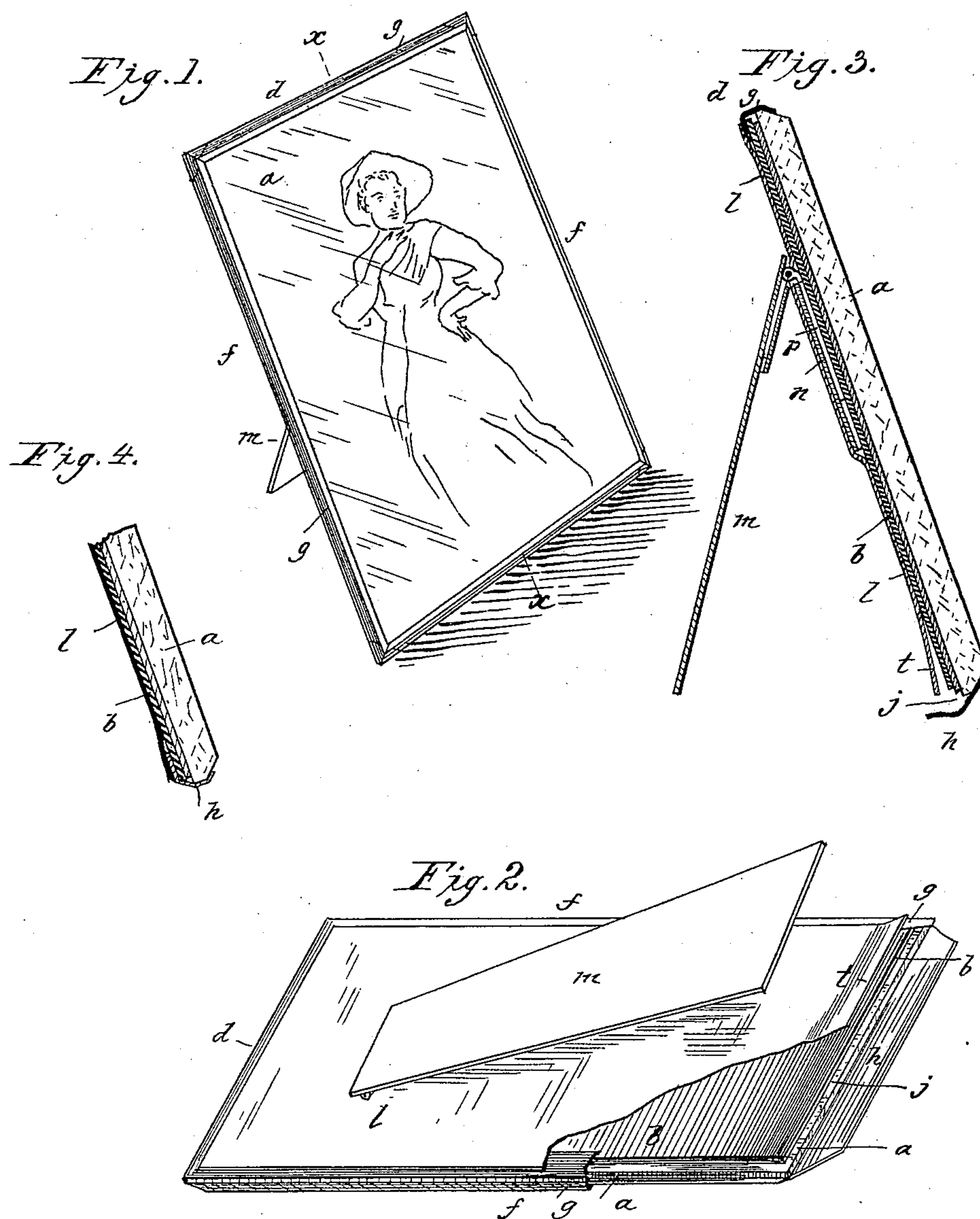


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RICHARD H. L. TALCOTT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Mounts for Photographs and other Pictures, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improved mounts for photographs and other pictures of the character set forth in the Letters Patent of the United States issued jointly to me and Elizabeth Talcott March 23, 1886, No. 338,651, the object thereof being to so construct the mount that it will permit of the insertion and proper disposition of pictures therein by unskilled persons and without the necessity of any appliances therefor, as heretofore required in using picture-mounts of this class, and will permit of the removal of the picture therefrom when desired without impairing the mount, and whereby when a picture is inclosed within same air and moisture will be entirely excluded from said picture, thus preventing any changing or deterioration of the picture for practically an indefinite period; and the invention consists in the construction and combination of the various parts, all substantially as will hereinafter more fully appear, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the mount as supported in an upright position for the display of a picture contained therein. Fig. 2 is a perspective view at the back side of the mount, with some of the parts shown as partially torn or broken away for better illustration, and with the closing or sealing flap open. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section of the mount, taken on the line $x x$, Fig. 1, with a picture-bearing card therein, but with the sealing parts shown as open. Fig. 4 is a sectional view of a portion of the mount at the opening and closing end, the sealing parts being shown as closely secured.

This improved mount comprises a flat envelope of rectangular shape, of which the front a is a flat plate of glass and the back b is formed of any suitable stiff sheet material—such, for instance, as comparatively thick card or leather board—of about the same area as

said front, which is placed behind same, and the edges of said front a and back b , at the top d and opposite sides $f f$, are united by narrow strips g , of flexible material—such as leather or cloth—which are cemented to the edges of said back and overlap and are cemented to the edges of the glass front, and also to the face thereof for a short distance, as shown.

Attached to the lower edge of the front is a flexible sealing-flap h , which is adapted to extend over the mouth j of the envelope and lie upon the rear face of the back for a suitable area, as desired, and to be cemented thereto, the parts all being formed of impervious material and closely arranged and joined, so that when a photograph or other picture is inserted within the enveloping-mount and the said closing-flap secured, all air and moisture will be excluded from the interior and the picture will be preserved and protected; and, further, when said picture is inserted between the glass front and the back, which latter has a considerable body or rigidity, it is by said back pressed firmly against the rear face of the front and there maintained with practically as great firmness and evenness as if cemented to said glass, and is capable of being withdrawn when desired.

The back is overlaid by a sheet l , of "leath-erette" or other flexible material, which covers the rear edges of said binding and strengthening strips g , protecting them against becoming forced from their adhesion to the back b , as might occur on the insertion within the mount of a photograph-card, said overlying sheet l , at its portion toward the opening end of the mount, being, in the manufacture of said mount, left unattached to the back, as seen at t in Figs. 2 and 3, so that when the picture has been inserted and the sealing-flap closed and secured against the back b the said end portion of the sheet l may be then pasted or cemented to said flap, thereby concealing same and making its security doubly insured.

The mount is to be provided at its back with a supporting-leg m , secured thereto in any suitable manner, and in the drawings, Fig. 3, is shown a preferable construction of said leg and of the back to permit of the attachment thereto of the same, which consists

in securing on the back *b*, in any suitable manner, a flat tubular socket *n*, and hinging onto the leg *m* a stiff metal tongue *p*, which is entered into said socket. By hinging the
5 leg to the back, as described, the same may be swung up against the back to occupy the least amount of space in transportation and to permit of the mount being placed at desired angle of inclination for the most advantageous display.
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As would readily appear from the foregoing that, if desired, the sealing-flap might be primarily attached to the back and adapted to lie over and be, lastly, secured to the edge
15 of the glass for closing the mount, such arrangement of the flap might be made without departing from the invention; but the arrangement of the sealing-flap shown and first described is the preferable one.

20 With a picture within the mount and the same sealed by the flap *h*, cemented against the back *b*, and the end portion of the sheet *l* cemented over said flap, when certain kinds of cement are used, if desired to remove the
25 picture from the mount, the cohesion of the parts may be broken and the picture removed, leaving the mount more or less nearly as perfect as originally made.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, 30 is—

1. A mount for photographs, consisting of the glass front *a*, the card or pasteboard back *b*, and the strips *g*, overlapping and secured to said front and back at all but one of their
35 edges to form an envelope, and the sealing-flap *h*, secured at the unbound edge of said envelope, substantially as described.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a mount for photographs, consisting of the glass front 40 *a*, the card or pasteboard back *b*, and the strips *g*, overlapping and secured to said front and back at all but one of their edges, to form an envelope, the overlapping flap *h*, secured at the unbound edge of said envelope, and the 45 sheet *l*, of flexible material, overlying the back *b* and the rear edges of said strips *g* thereon, and secured thereto for the greater area of said back, but unsecured toward the flap end of the envelope, all substantially as shown and 50 described, for the purposes set forth.

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