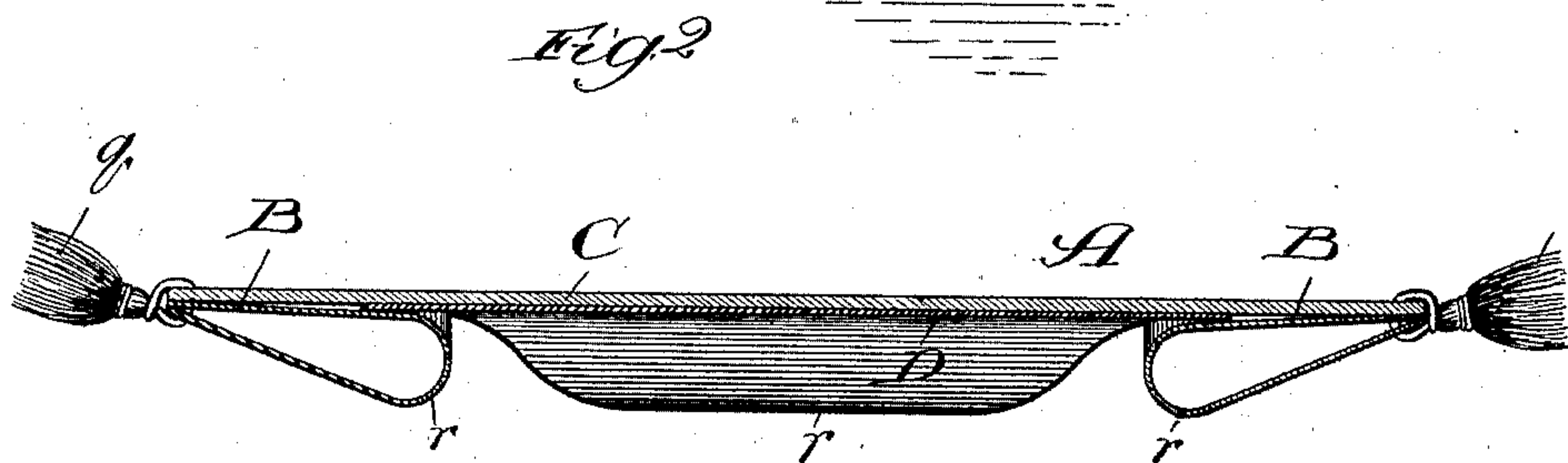
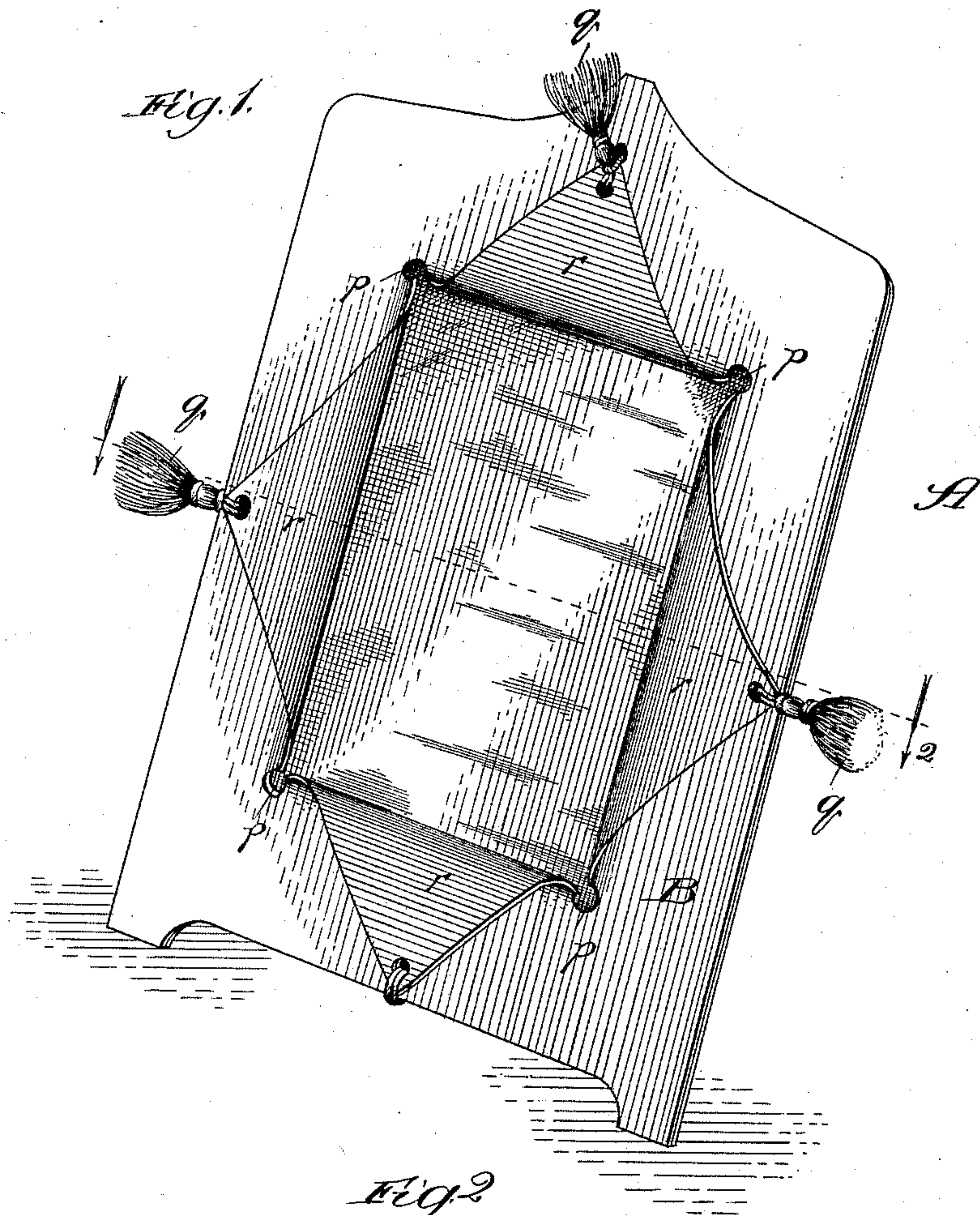


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN F. McBRIDE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Picture-Frames, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my improvement is to provide a novelty in picture-frames, particularly of the smaller variety and the kind adapted to hold and display photographs, by the construction of which it shall be rendered highly ornamental and serve to enhance the attractiveness of the picture displayed by it.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved device. Fig. 2 is a section taken on the line 2 of Fig. 1 and viewed in the direction of the arrow.

A is the picture-frame, comprising as its essential elements the front B, in which the display-opening is formed according to my improved construction, hereinafter described, and the back C. For the front I employ thin sheet-celluloid in any of various attractive colors cut to the desired ornamental contour, of which the drawings represent a specimen, and having the opening through which the picture is to be displayed of general rectangular shape, formed by cutting diagonally through the sheet with two cuts crossing each other at or near the center thereof, bending the V-shaped sections back toward the respective sides of the frame to form gracefully-curved bulging margins *r* of the opening and fastening the severed sections at their free ends or apexes by ornamental fastenings *q*—such as the tassels represented—to the respectively adjacent sides of the sheet. The means employed for fastening the V-shaped sections also may serve, as I prefer to have them, to fasten the front B to the back C, which may be of pasteboard or any other suitable material, and from which the frame is supported either by suspension or (and by preference) in a standing position, for which last-named purpose a folding leg (not shown, but resembling that commonly provided on an easel) may be secured to extend from the back.

The points from which to make the cuts described should be first defined by forming the

circular holes *p*, since thereby the sections to be bent submit to manipulation for the purpose and assume the desired shapes the more readily and liability to breaking of the brittle material at the corners is greatly reduced.

To still further enhance the displaying effect in my improved frame, I interpose between the front B and back C a thin sheet D of dimensions sufficient to cover the display-opening, formed of transparent celluloid, behind which the picture to be displayed is to be inserted into the frame.

While for my purposes above stated sheet-celluloid is much preferable to any other material for the front B, I wish to include as within the scope of my invention sheet metal and other similarly-flexible material which may be rendered highly ornamental and formed into the shape produced by my improved construction, and though the particular V shape illustrated of the sections bent to produce the bulging margins *r* is preferred modifications of that shape for them will afford pleasing ornamentation of the frame, and I do not, therefore, essentially limit my improvement to the exact form of the said sections.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a picture-frame A, the combination of a back C, a front B, formed of a sheet of suitable flexible material cut to form sections bent back to produce the display-opening, having convex bulging margins *r*, and ornamental fastenings *q*, securing the sections at their free ends to the frame, substantially as described.

2. In a picture-frame A, the combination of a back C, a front B, formed of a sheet of suitable flexible material severed by a cross-cut through the center, forming V shaped sections bent back to produce the display-opening, having convex bulging margins *r*, and ornamental fastenings *q*, securing the sections at their free ends to the frame, substantially as described.

3. As a new article of manufacture, a picture-frame A, having the back C, the front B, of sheet-celluloid severed by a cross-cut through the center, thereby forming V-shaped sections bent back to produce the display-

opening, having convex bulging margins *r*, and ornamental fastenings *q*, securing the sections at their apices to the frame, substantially as described.

- 5 4. As a new article of manufacture, a picture-frame A, comprising, in combination, a back C, a front B, of sheet-celluloid severed between defining-apertures *p* by a cross-cut through the center, thereby forming V-shaped
10 or substantially V-shaped sections bent back to produce the display-opening, having con-

vex bulging margins *r*, ornamental fastenings *q*, securing the sections at their free ends to the frame, and a sheet D of transparent celluloid interposed between the back and front 15 and covering the display-opening, substantially as described.

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