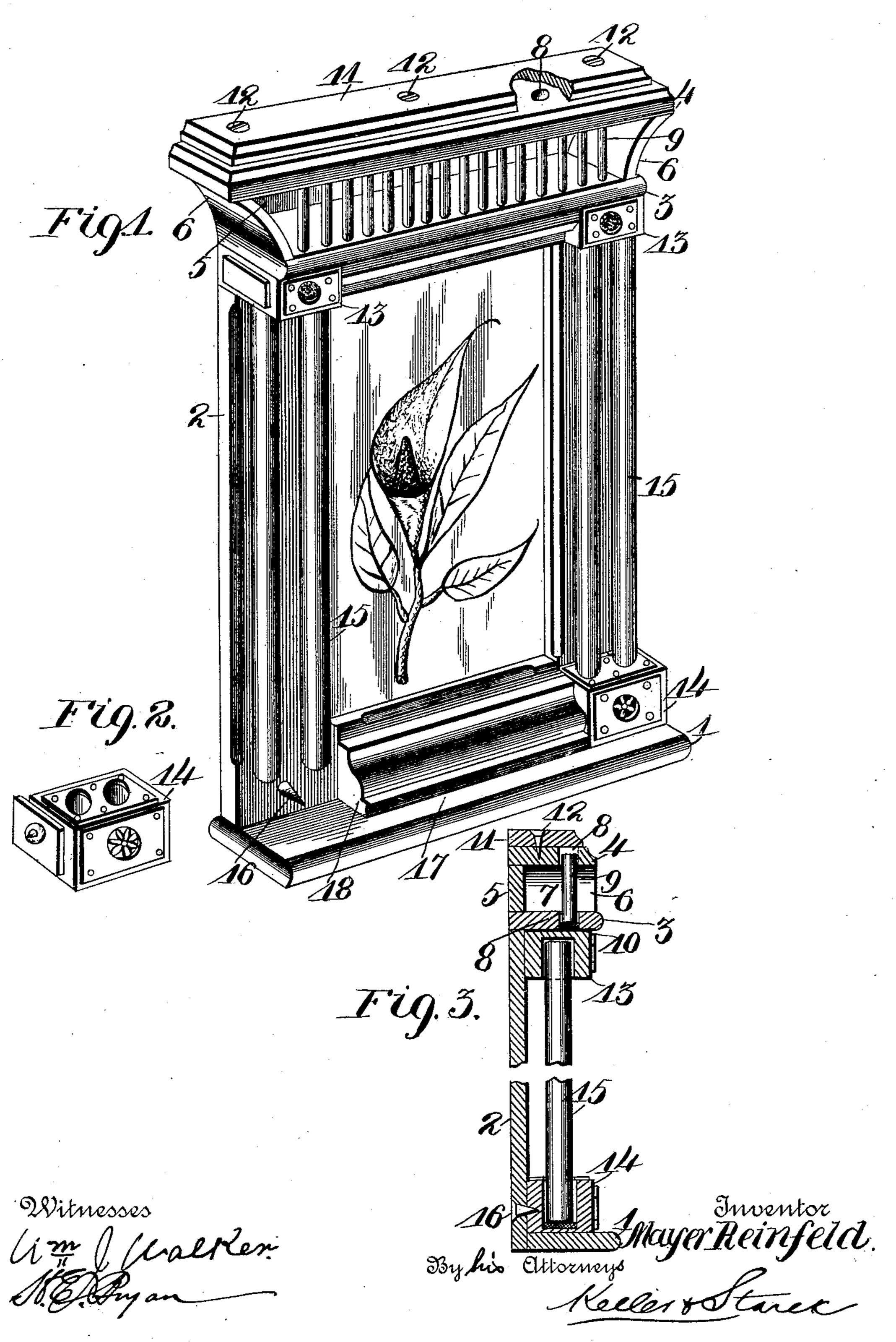
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAYER REINFELD, of the city of St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improve-5 ments in Frames for Pictures and Similar Purposes, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

My invention relates to improvements in frames for pictures and similar purposes; and it consists in the novel arrangement and combination of parts, as will be more fully described in the specification, and set forth in 15 the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my complete invention having one of the removable sockets removed. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of one of the removable 20 sockets; and Fig. 3 is a vertical longitudinal section of the frame, taken through the stationary and removable sockets and the parts adjacent thereto.

Referring to the drawings, 1 represents the 25 base of the frame, to which the back 2 is permanently fastened in any desirable manner.

3 represents a transverse piece or strip, which forms the base of the top portion of the frame and is secured to the upper edge of 30 the back 2 in any well-known manner. 4 represents a similar transverse piece, which forms the permanent top of the upper portion of the frame and is secured to the transverse piece 3 by means of a back 5 and curved 35 end pieces 6, leaving a space 7 of sufficient dimensions for purposes hereinafter mentioned. The transverse pieces 3 and 4 are each provided with circular openings 8, which register with one another and which are 40 adapted to receive short poles or rods 9, holding the same in their proper position in the space 7, as best illustrated in Fig. 3. A sufficient amount of soft material or padding is placed in the openings formed in the lower 45 transverse piece 3, upon which the lower ends of the rods or poles 9 normally rest.

11 represents a removable strip, which is of sufficient width to cover the openings formed in the upper transverse piece 4, the object of 50 which is to prevent the poles or rods 9 from passing out of the opening formed for their

screws 12 for securing the said removable strips 11 to the stationary transverse piece 4, or, more properly, the stationary part of the 55 frame, by which construction I am enabled to remove said poles or rods with but very little inconvenience should one or more become broken or poles of different ornamentation are desired to be inserted without in any 60 way disturbing the remaining or body portion of the frame.

Fixed to the back 2 of the frame and also to the under side or bottom of the transverse piece 3 are two stationary sockets 13, which 65 are located at each end of the frame and are adapted to receive the upper ends of suitable poles, rods, or tubes of any desired ornamentation. Located at the lower corners of the said frame and resting upon the base 1 and 70 against the back 2 are removably secured two sockets 14, which are adapted to receive the lower ends of the said pole or rod 15 after the same or the upper ends thereof have been previously inserted in the stationary sockets 75 13. The said removable sockets 14 are secured by a screw 16, which is passed through the back 2 and into the solid portion of the said socket. Thus it will be seen that poles of various ornamentations may be inserted 80 at pleasure and removed from the frame by an inexperienced person and without in any way affecting or altering the body of the frame. By removing the screw 16 the removable sockets 14 can be displaced, in which op- 85 eration the pole 15 may be removed from the locked position without removing the stationary sockets 13, the upper end of the said rod gradually passing out of the socket 13 as the socket 14 is moved from the back 2 of the 90 frame.

Interposed between the movable sockets 14 and fixed to the back 2 and base 1 of the frame is molding 17, which not only gives the frame an ornamental appearance, but 95 provides stops by the solid ends 18 for the said removable sockets when placed in their position in relation to the frame.

Having fully described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent— 100

1. A frame having stationary sockets fixed rigidly to the same near the top thereof, poles 15, the upper ends of which are adapted to reception. By preference I employ ordinary I be received by said sockets, and sockets 14, adapted to be removably secured to the frame at the opposite lower end of the frame for receiving the lower ends of said poles for locking the same in place, substantially as de-5 scribed.

2. A frame consisting of a base and back, transverse pieces 3 and 4, forming a stationary part of said frame and providing a space 7, openings 8, formed in the said transverse pieces registering with one another, short rods or poles 9, inserted within said openings, and a removable strip 11, adapted to be secured to the upper transverse piece 4 and cover the openings formed in said strip for preventing the said rods from passing out of said openings formed for their reception, substantially as described.

3. A frame having stationary sockets fixed

rigidly to the top thereof, poles 15, removable sockets 14 to receive the lower ends of said 20 poles and locking the same, transverse pieces 3 and 4, forming the stationary part of said frame and separated by the space 7 and having openings 8 therein registering with one another, short removable rods inserted in said 25 openings, and a removable strip 11, secured to the upper transverse piece 4 and cover the openings formed in said strip and retaining said rods 9 in place, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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