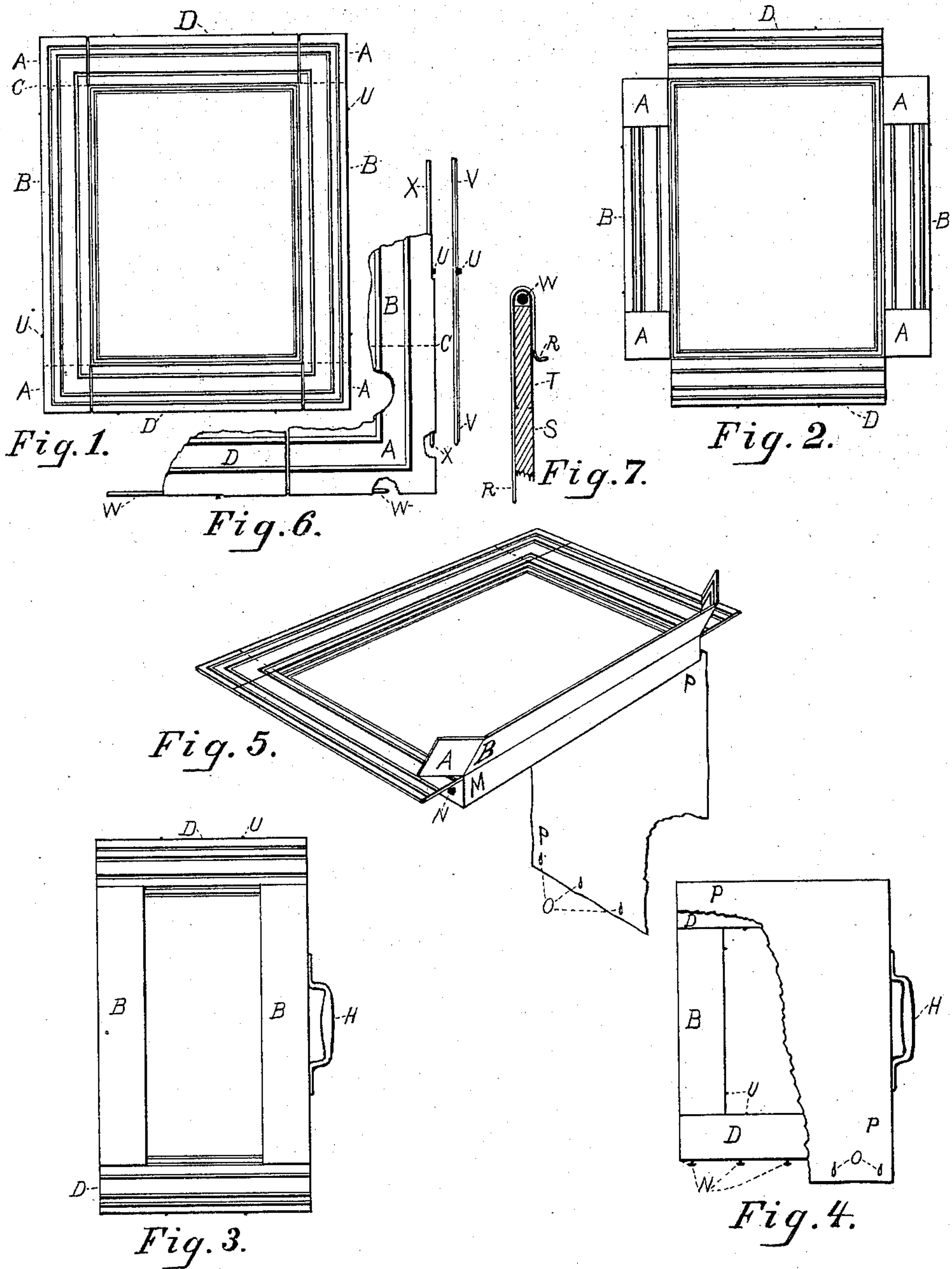


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRIETTA R. HINCKLEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of Waterbury, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Folding Picture-Frame, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in picture frames and especially that class of frames used by canvassers, agents, and others as an exhibition frame, and the object of my invention is to provide a light, handy, handsome, and inexpensive frame for the use of agents, canvassers, and others that shall be light in weight and that can be folded so as to be much less cumbersome than those now in common use for the purposes named, and at the same time be equally beautiful and effective in displaying pictures.

With the above recited and other minor objects in view the invention consists of the construction, arrangement and combination of parts, as hereinafter fully described, illustrated, in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawings,—Figure 1 is a plan view of the frame open and with the folding sides fastened in position and shows the frame as it will appear when in form to exhibit pictures. Figs. 2 and 3 are similar views showing the frame partially folded. Fig. 4 is a view of the frame folded or closed and showing the handle and flap cut away to expose the folded sides to view. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the entire frame and shows the box like back to which the folding sides are attached. Fig. 6 is a plan view of one corner of the frame and shows the device for holding the folding parts of the frame in place when the frame is open, and Fig. 7 is a transverse sectional view of the said fastening device.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

The foundation of the entire invention is composed of paper, board, wood or some other light material and covered with a water proof cloth, leather, or some other suitable material, the folding parts being lined with some kind of showy and attractive material such as richly embossed paper, plush or velvet so as to present a pleasing and effective appearance. The covering of the sides and ends of the fold-

ing part of the frame extends over the back or box like part and forms the hinge on which the folding parts of the frame swing. The corners are hinged in a like manner to the side pieces.

In Fig. 1 A shows the corner pieces which are attached to the side pieces B by the covering before mentioned and forming the hinge like device which enables them to fold over onto the face of the side pieces B as shown in Fig. 2.

B shows the folding side pieces and D the folding ends of the face of the frame.

C is the lining and is made of any ordinary picture frame lining and made to fit snugly in its place so as to hold the picture, mat, and glass in place and at the same time capable of being easily removed.

U is the thumb piece of the fastening device by means of which the slide is pushed into the tube arranged to receive the same, and which slide in connection with the tubes, hold the corners, ends and sides of the folding part in place when open as shown in Figs. 6 and 7 and hereinafter more fully explained.

In Fig. 2 the same parts are shown as in Fig. 1 but have the corner pieces A folded. In use these corners should be the first parts folded, followed by the folding of the side pieces B as shown in Fig. 3 and lastly by the end pieces D as appears in Fig. 4 in which figure also is shown the handle for carrying the frame when folded, and P the flap made of the same material as the covering of the frame and attached to the top part of the frame in such a manner that it can be brought over the entire front of the frame when folded and fastened to the bottom of the box part of the frame by means of the buttons N in connection with the holes O.

The corner and side pieces are held firmly in their place when the frame is open, by means of the device shown in Figs. 6 and 7 in which W and X are wire rods with a push pin attached to each wire. These rods slide in a metal case or tube attached to the edge of the folding parts B and D and enter similar tubes attached to parts A. These tubes are formed by passing a piece of sheet metal T over the edge of the folding parts and leaving an opening at the edge of the board large enough for the wire rods to work in. The tubes on parts

B and D are provided with slots for the operating of the push pin. The metal thus forming the tubes also serves as a protection to the corners of the frame and gives added strength
5 and durability to the entire device.

The advantages of my invention will be readily apparent from the foregoing description when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings.

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

1. The herein described picture frame composed of the folding parts A, B, and D, the
15 body or box part M, the handle H and the

flap P adapted to cover the face of the frame when folded, as and for the purpose set forth.

2. In a folding picture frame the combination of an open box, folding side and end pieces hinged to the sides and ends of said 20 box, corner pieces hinged to the folding side slides and tubes to hold the folding parts in place when open, and a handle, substantially as set forth.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand 25 in the presence of two witnesses.

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