

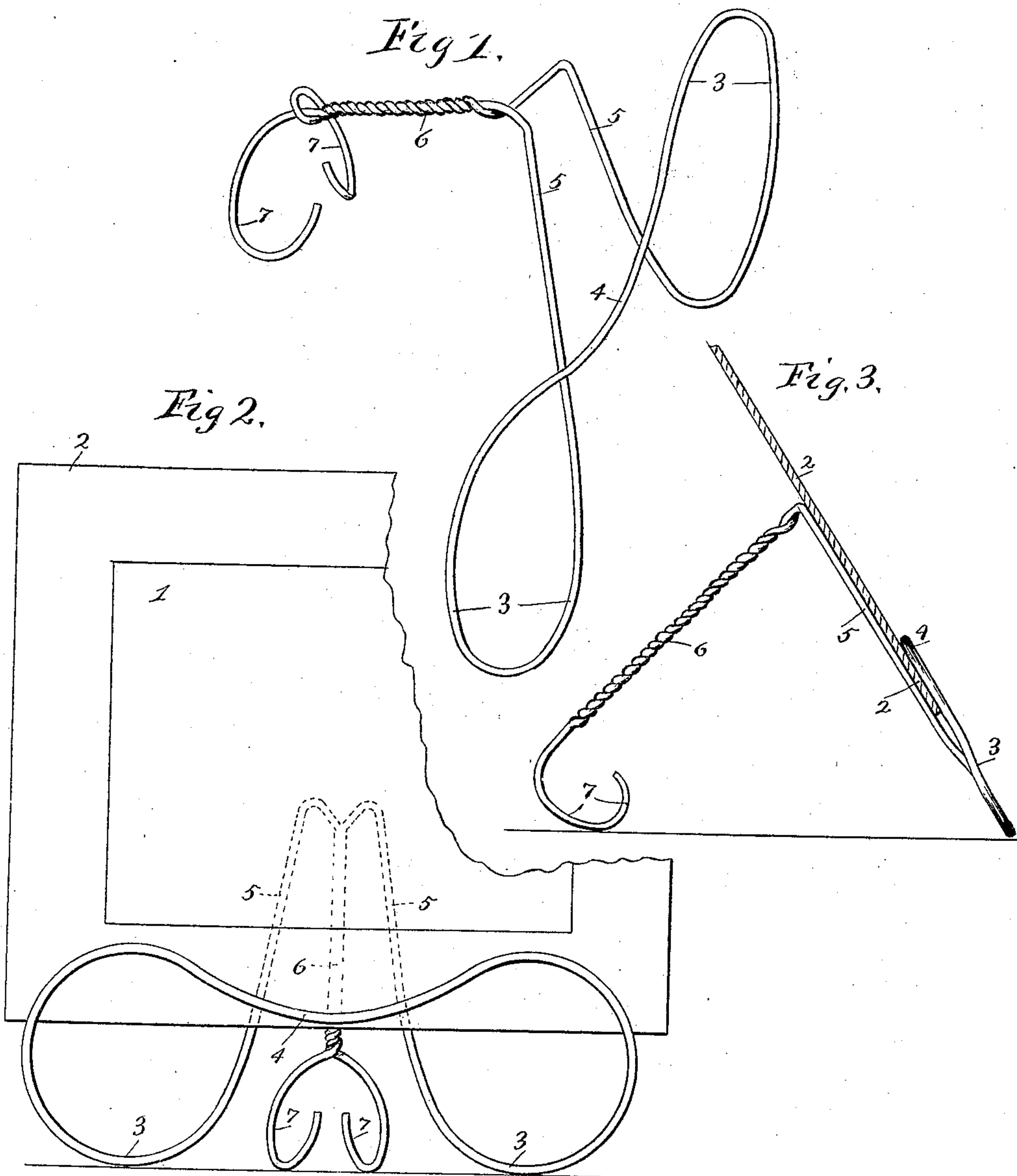
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY R. BROWN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Photograph-Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention has for its object to provide an improved photograph holder or easel of very simple construction and very small cost especially adapted to hold small photographs or pictures; and to these ends my invention consists of the novel device hereinafter described, and defined in the claims.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein like numerals indicate like parts throughout the several views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the holder or easel. Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the holder, showing the same with a photograph held thereby, said photograph being shown in diagram and a portion thereof being broken away; and Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the parts shown in Fig. 2.

1 indicates the outline of a photograph which is secured on a card 2.

As shown, the easel or holder is constructed of a single piece of wire, which is bent upon itself to form two loops 3, that are spaced apart and connected by a transverse bow portion 4. The other ends or continuations of the loops 3 are extended upward in the form of prongs 5, that are spring-pressed against the transverse bow portion 4 and constitute the front support of the holder or easel. The upper ends of the prongs 5 are then turned downward and are twisted together, as shown at 6, to constitute the supporting-stem, and are then again separated and curled, as shown at 7, to constitute supporting-feet. The prongs 5 stand approximately at a right angle to the stem 6, and when the device is placed in work-

ing position, as shown in Fig. 3, said prongs 5 and stem 6 stand approximately at forty-five degrees to the perpendicular.

The card of the photograph is placed in position to be held by the holder or easel by forcing it between a transverse bow portion 4 and the prongs 5, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, and when so positioned it will be held by the spring tension of the parts of the holder and will be engaged thereby nearly across its entire lower portion. This feature is important, as it prevents the card from curling transversely and holds the same very firmly without requiring the card to be tightly pinched at any particular point.

The device is very simple and can be made at a trifling cost.

The device may of course be modified in its construction within the scope of my invention. For example, instead of being constructed of a single wire, as illustrated in the drawings, it might be made out of a wire cable consisting of several strands of small wires twisted together, and, in fact, I prefer to make the device of such twisted cable, as it adds materially to the appearance of the same.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is as follows:

1. The holder or easel consisting of the spring-loops 3 connected by the transverse section 4, and provided with the extensions 5, the ends of which are twisted together and turned downward to form a support, substantially as described.

2. A holder or easel consisting of the spring-loops 3 connected by the transverse bow portion 4, the inclined prongs 5, the downturned twisted stem 6 and curled feet 7, substantially as described.

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

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