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Fig. 1.

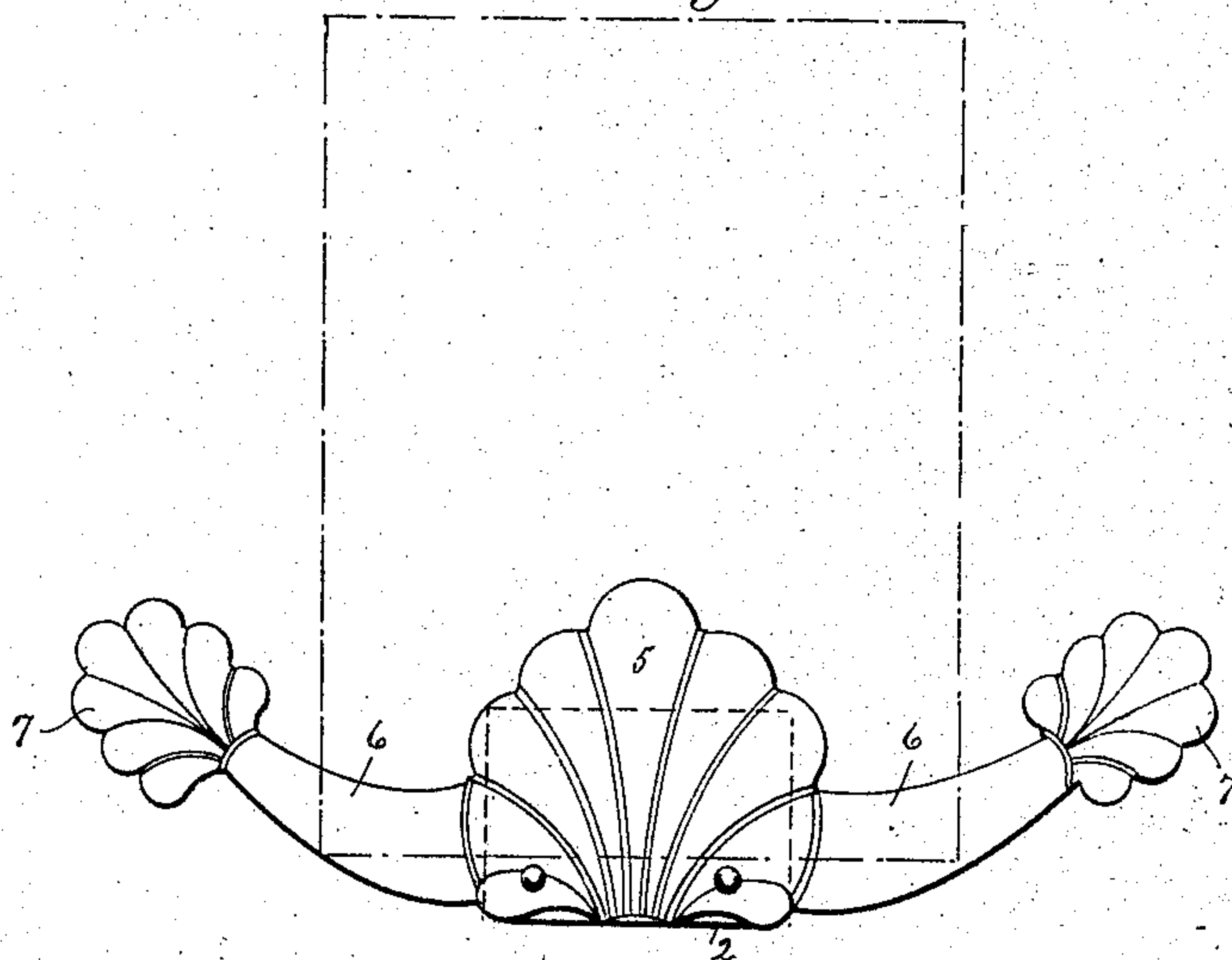


Fig. 2.

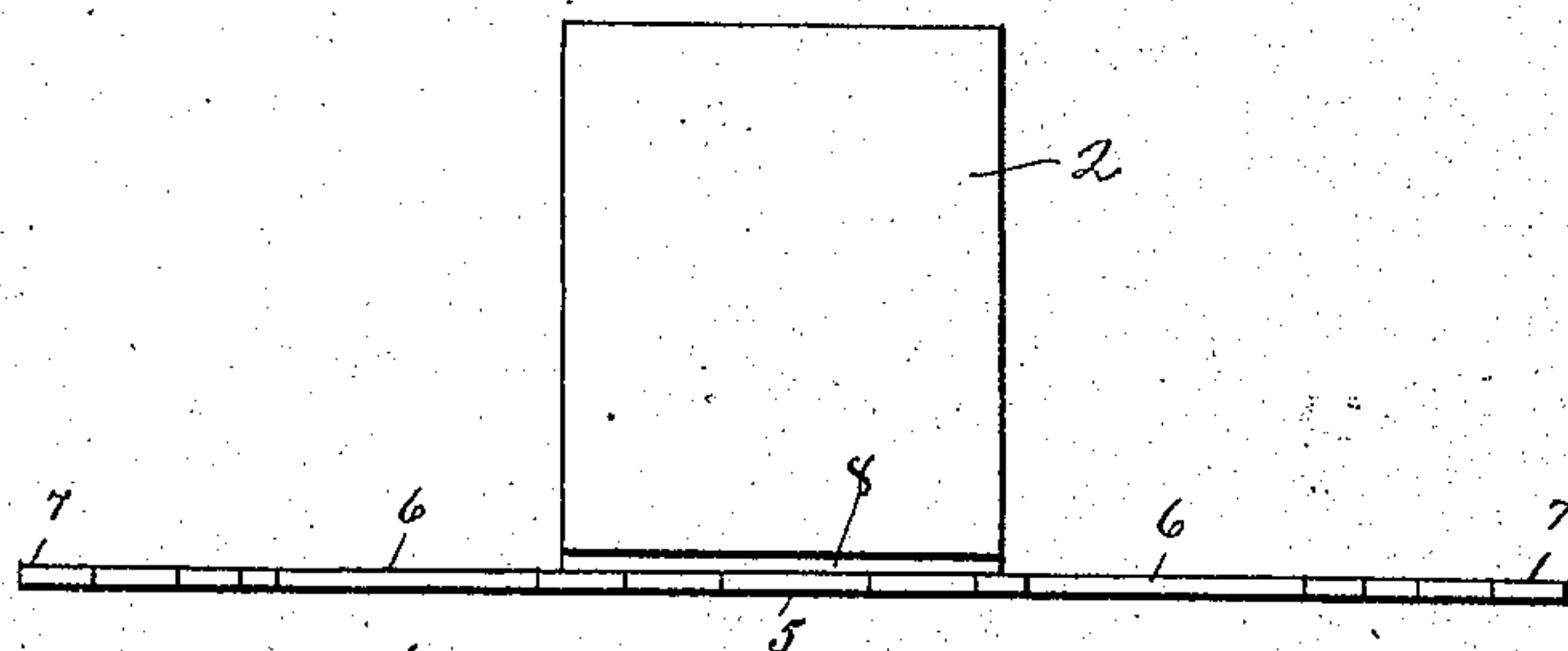
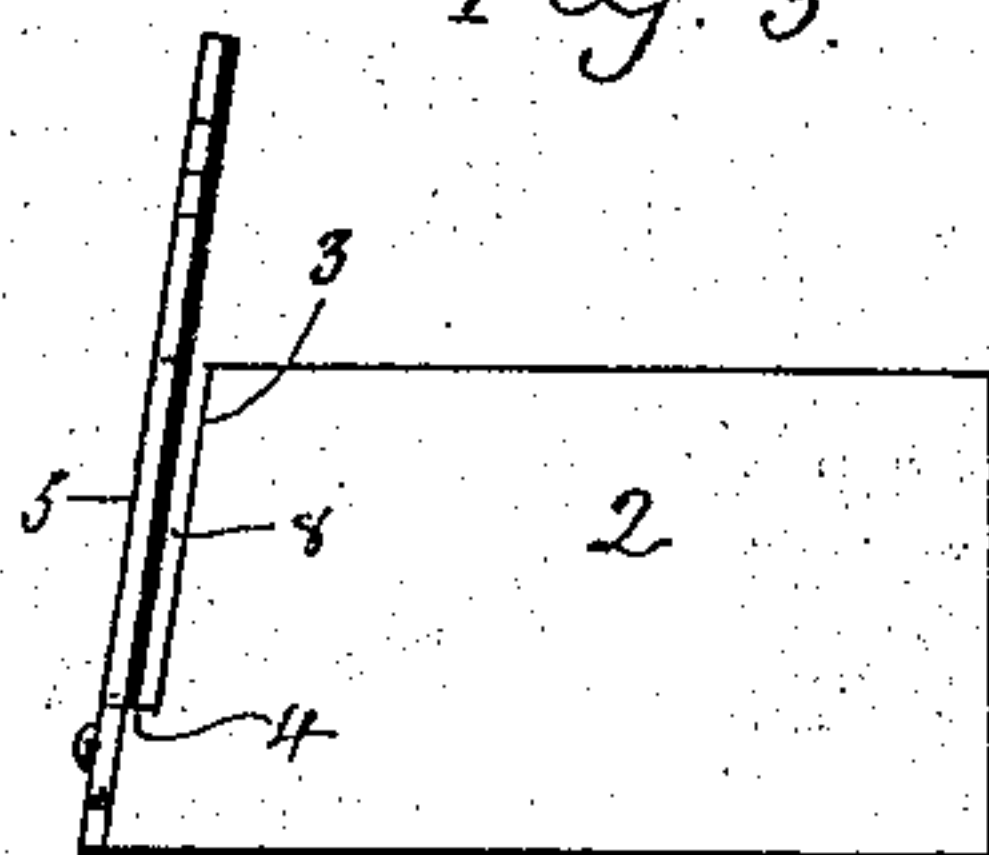


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM E. HANCOCK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Yalesville, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Photograph-Holders; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a front view of a photograph-holder constructed in accordance with my invention, indicating a card in connection therewith; Fig. 2, a top or plan view with the card removed; Fig. 3, a side view thereof.

This invention relates to an improvement in photograph-holders, and particularly to that class which are of the easel type, the object of the invention being to produce a simple and ornamental device which will support pictures or cards of various sizes; and the invention consists in the construction as hereinafter described, and particularly recited in the claims.

In carrying out my invention I provide a block or base 2, substantially rectangular and formed with a beveled forward end 3. Near the lower edge of the forward end is a shoulder 4. Secured to the forward face of this shoulder 4 is a plate 5, which is preferably somewhat larger in dimension than the end of the block and may be ornamented in any desired design. From each side of the plate an arm 6 extends, the ends of the arms being preferably turned slightly upward and terminating in tips 7, preferably corresponding in design to the design of the plate 5. The plate being secured to the shoulder 4 leaves a clearance-space 8 between its rear face and the forward end 3 of the block, and into this space a photograph, card, or other similar article may be inserted, so as to be supported in a rearwardly-inclined position, the dimensions of the block being sufficient to balance the card. In the case of a very wide card the tips 7 will assist in holding the card in place. To support very large cards or pictures, two or more of these holders may be employed. The plates, with their arms, may be readily formed from metal and are highly ornamental

and may be secured to the blocks or bases by screws, nails, or other means. These devices occupy but little space and not only form a perfect support for a photograph or card, but being highly ornamental add to the appearance of the picture. For very heavy pictures it might be desirable to form the block or base from metal, and the general form of the block may be changed at will, as also the form of the arms 6. I therefore do not wish to be understood as claiming, broadly, such as my invention, but hold myself at liberty to make such departures therefrom as fairly fall within the spirit and scope of my invention.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A photograph-holder comprising a base having a forwardly-projecting shoulder near its lower edge, a plate secured to said shoulder and extending upward therefrom so as to provide a space between its rear face and the forward end of the block, substantially as described.

2. A photograph-holder comprising a base having an inclined forward end and a shoulder near the lower edge of said forward end, and a plate secured to said shoulder and extending upward therefrom substantially parallel with but forward of the forward end of the block substantially as described.

3. A photograph-holder comprising a block having a forwardly-projecting shoulder near an edge thereof, a plate secured to said shoulder, and arms extending from opposite sides of said plate, substantially as described.

4. A photograph-holder comprising a base having an inclined forward end and a forwardly-projecting shoulder near the lower edge of said forward end, a plate secured to said shoulder and extending upward parallel with but forward of the forward end of the base, and arms extending outward from opposite sides of said plate, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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