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Fig. 2.

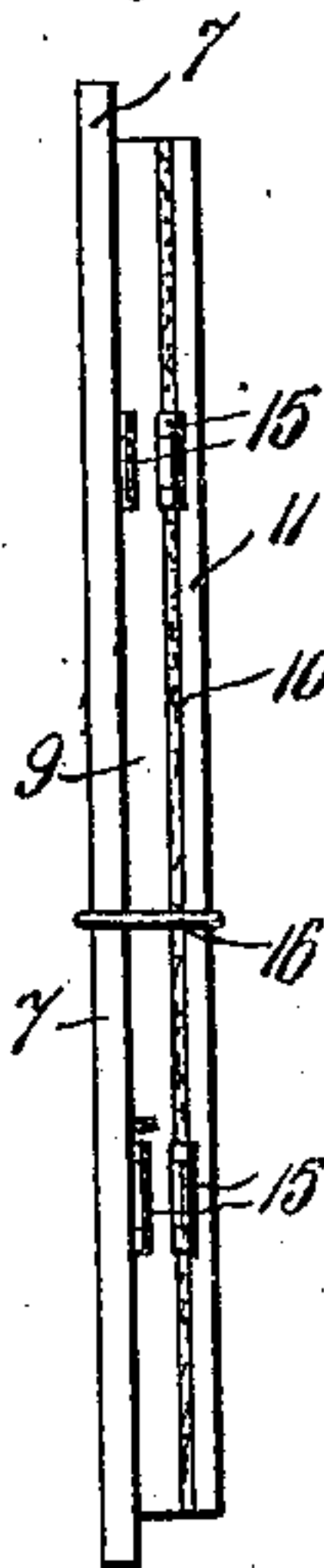


Fig. 1

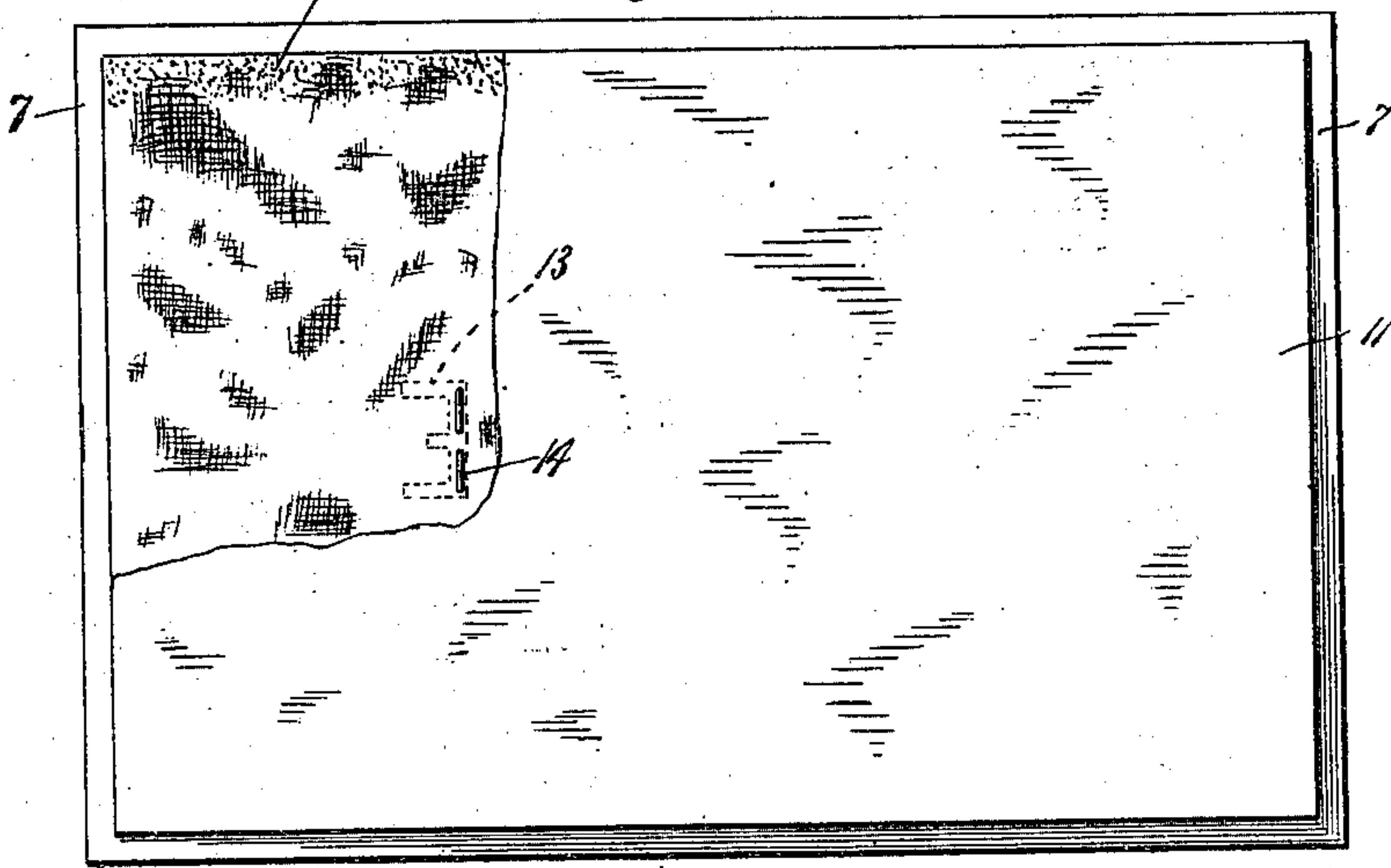


Fig. 3.

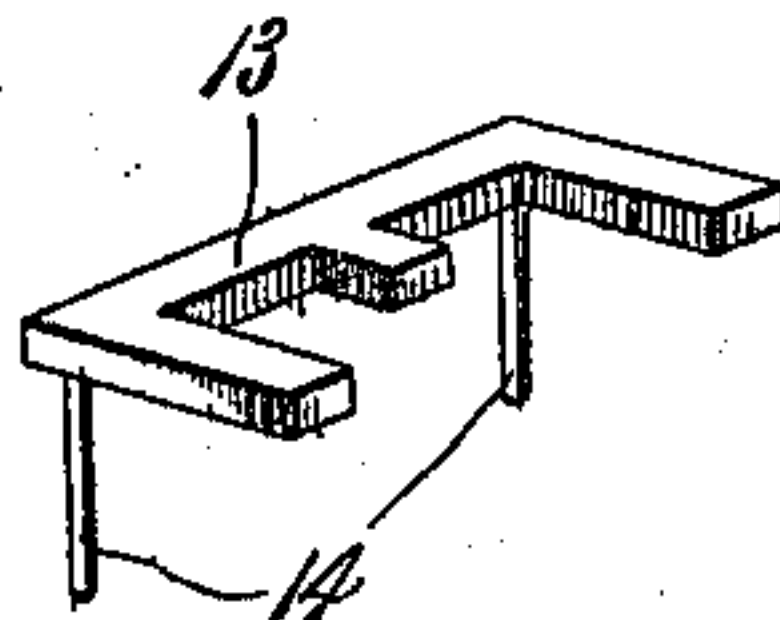


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN E. CARLSON, a subject of the King of Sweden, residing at Bingham Canyon, in the county of Salt Lake, State of Utah, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Picture-Frames; 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.

The present invention has reference to picture frames, and it resides primarily in the production of an extremely simple, and inexpensive device of the type specified, in which the various parts thereof are connected together in such a manner as to admit of their being readily detached or otherwise separated from each other, so as to enable the owner to remove the card or other ornament exhibited and to replace the same by one of a different character.

More especially, however, the invention resides in the employment in connection with a frame constructed as above described, of a number of ornaments of various sorts which are adapted to be attached to the mat and to be disposed in various different combinations, either singly, or in groups, to produce different effects when visible through the plate of glass with which the frame is provided.

The preferred embodiment of the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein,

Figure 1 is a front elevation, partly in section, of the improved frame. Fig. 2 is a side elevation showing the hinge connection between the members thereof. Fig. 3 is a rear elevation, partly in section. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of one of the ornaments.

Reference being had to said drawings, and to the designating numerals marked thereon, 7 indicates the skeleton front or outer member of the frame, which may be of any preferred size, shape, and material, and is generally termed the frame proper. Against the inner face of this member the usual plate 8 of glass or other transparent material is placed, said plate being retained in position by means of a second skeleton member 9 which is of the same shape as the front member, but is slightly smaller in size. The member last mentioned serves as a spacer, as hereinafter explained, and may be of any preferred width and thickness.

In the rear of the inner or spacing member is located a mat 10 constructed of cloth, pasteboard, or other suitable non-metallic material and preferably colored. This mat, which is solid, is of exactly the same size as the solid back plate 11, and is pinned or otherwise connected to the latter, as indicated by the numeral 12, in such a manner as to admit of its being readily detached therefrom and replaced by another of a different color.

The mat is adapted to serve as the base to which the ornaments 13 are attached. These ornaments may be of any desired character and substance and may be arranged in various positions with reference to each other upon the mat, to which they are fastened by means of pins or similar devices 14 secured to their backs and adapted to be inserted in the mat. In the present instance, enameled or otherwise ornamented letters are employed for this purpose, the letters being so arranged as to present the name or initials of the owner, or to form the various words of a motto or the like. Where ornaments of other types, as for example, scrolls or bars, are made use of, they may be positioned upon the mat in such a manner as to form a design, which may be varied by shifting the relative positions of certain of the ornaments. Owing to the employment of the central or inner frame member, it will be apparent that the front member will be spaced a sufficient distance from the back plate to prevent the ornaments attached to the mat from interfering with the back plate being folded against the adjacent face of said inner member.

To permit the swinging movement incidental to such folding, the members 7 and 9 and the back plate 12 are hinged to each other at one side, as shown in Fig. 2, wherein the hinges are indicated by the numeral 15, said parts being retained in folded position by means of a swinging clip or similar device 16, said device being pivoted to any one of the parts, as circumstances may require.

What is claimed, is:—

1. In a picture frame, the combination of a skeleton front member, a transparent plate disposed against the inner face thereof; a back plate with which said front member is connected; a mat interposed between said transparent and back plates and connected along one edge of said back plate whereby

said mat may be swung bodily toward and away from said back plate when the latter is removed away from the front member; and a series of ornaments disposed against said mat and visible through the transparent plate; each ornament being provided with means whereby it may be attached to said mat.

2. In a picture frame, the combination of a skeleton front member; a skeleton spacing member located against the inner face thereof; a transparent plate interposed between said members; a back plate with which the front member is connected; a mat interposed

between the spacing member and the back plate and secured along one edge to said back plate, whereby said mat may be swung bodily toward or away from the latter when said back plate is moved away from the front member; and a series of ornaments attached to said mat and visible through said transparent plate.

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

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