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Picture-Frame.

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Fig. 1.

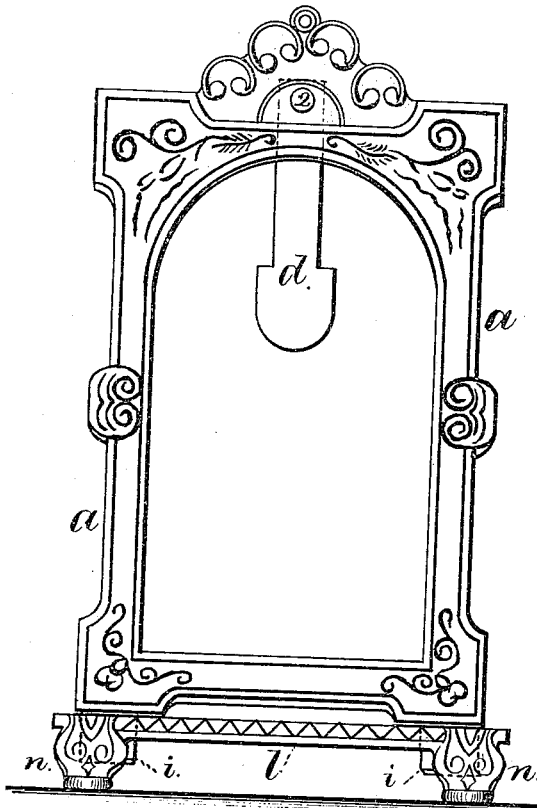


Fig. 2.

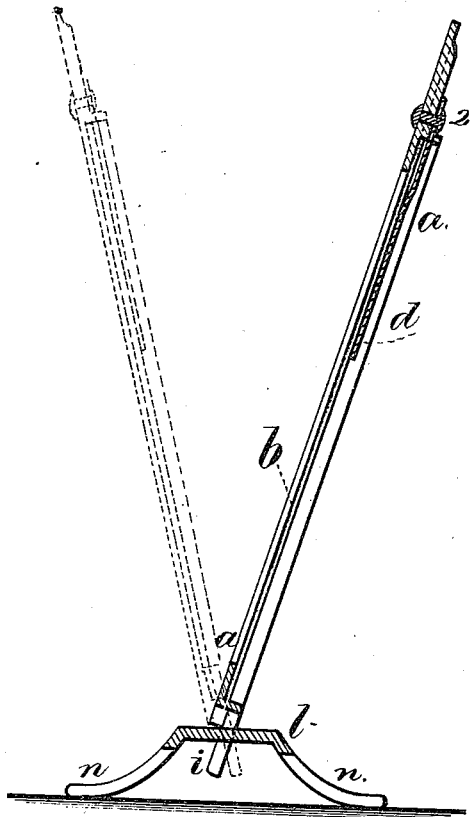
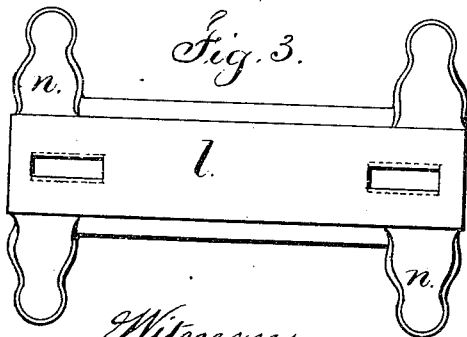


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN PICTURE-FRAMES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT D. JUDD, of New Haven, in the State of Connecticut, have invented an Improvement in Frames for Photographs and other pictures, of which the following is a specification:

Small frames for holding photographic pictures have been made of various materials, such as wood and metal, and in some instances there have been feet or a base for such frame; but usually the frame has been supported in an inclined position by a wire or back strut that is connected near the top of the frame; but this is unsightly, and will only allow the picture to lean backwardly.

In many instances the picture shows to a better advantage when the top leans forward. This is especially the case where the picture is above the observer.

My invention is made for dispensing with the back strut or leg, and for allowing the frame to be inclined either backwardly or forward, as circumstances may render desirable.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is an elevation of the frame without a picture, and Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the frame complete. Fig. 3 is a plan of the base.

The frame *a* is of metal, by preference, and of any desired ornamental shape, and of a size to receive the picture *b*, that is upon cardboard, or a backing that sets within the recess formed for it, as shown in Fig. 2; and in order to hold the picture into place in the frame, I make use of the metal spring *d*, that

is riveted at one end to the back of the frame, as at 2, and said spring allows of the picture being entered or withdrawn, but holds the picture when in the frame.

At the lower corners of the frame there are two tongues or projections, *i i*, extending downwardly, and these pass loosely through holes in the base *l*, which holes are beveled, so that the tenons and the frame can stand at an inclination backwardly to the base, as shown in Fig. 2, or at an inclination forward, as shown by dotted lines. This construction gives facility for placing the picture in the most advantageous position, according to the light and the surrounding circumstances.

This base *l* is more or less ornamental, and preferably it is made with feet *n*, that raise it up, and by the feet projecting forwardly and backwardly from the base the frame is firmly supported at the required inclination.

I claim as my invention—

The picture-frame made with the tenons or projections below its lower edge, in combination with the base, containing holes receiving such projections, and allowing the frame to be inclined either forward or backward, substantially as set forth.

Signed by me this 18th day of May, A. D. 1875.

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