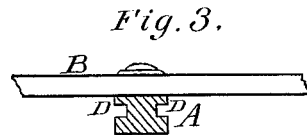
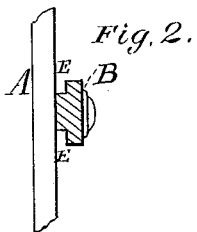
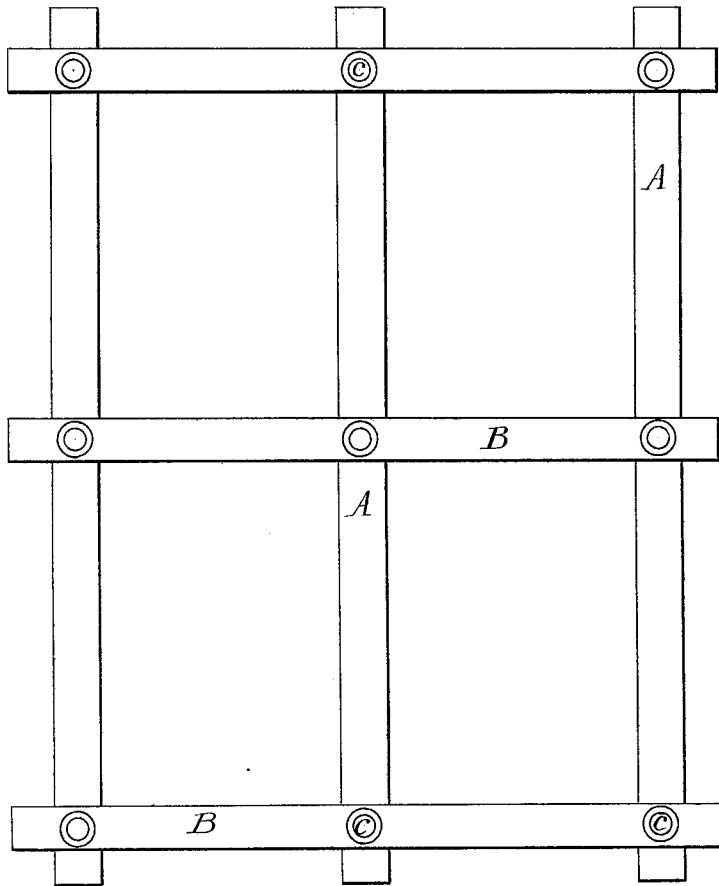


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Frame for Photographs..

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*Fig. 1.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN FRAMES FOR PHOTOGRAPHS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALONZO GRIFFIN, of Meshoppen, county of Wyoming, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Frame or Frames, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved frame; and Figs. 2 and 3 are detail sectional views, showing the ways.

My invention relates to improvements in frames for pictures, business-cards, and the like; and it has for its object to devise a frame or combination of frames which will afford adequate support to the picture or pictures without the employment of the usual fastenings, and which will admit of their ready removal or insertion.

To this end my invention consists in a frame or combination of frames having a groove or slideway for the reception of the picture and its glass cover, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

My frame is composed of a number of strips of wood or other suitable material, A B, crossing each other preferably at right angles, as shown in the drawings. They are simply laid upon each other without halving, and secured together at their points of intersection by nails or screws *c*, the heads of which will be ornamented, if preferred. The vertical strips A will be provided with lateral longitudinal grooves D, which are designed to receive, after the manner of guides or ways, a picture,

photograph, business-card, and the like; and the said grooves or ways may be sufficiently wide to receive, in addition, a sheet of glass, for the purpose of protecting the said pictures. I may also, if desired, use the grooves D simply to contain the glass, and form in rear thereof a second groove, adapted to receive the picture or card, which is thus made removable without disturbing the glass. In some cases these grooves or ways will be made in the horizontal bars B, as shown at E. In this event I prefer to secure the said bars behind those that are vertical, instead of in front thereof, as shown in Fig. 1, and the cards will be passed into the frame from its sides.

By means of the ways D E, I am able to dispense with the usual wood or card-board backing, and the brads or tacks that secure the back to the frame, which latter is thus prevented from being split by the insertion of the brads, and rendered light and durable.

I do not claim a frame made up of crossed strips halved into each other and secured together at their points of intersection; but

What I claim as my invention is—

A frame for photographs composed of crossed strips laid the one upon the other, and secured together at their points of intersection, having slideways D formed therein, adapted for use substantially as specified.

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