

A. KOMP.  
Picture-Frame.

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Fig. 1.

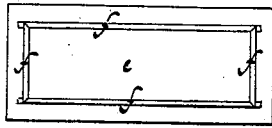


Fig. 2.

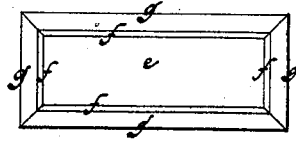


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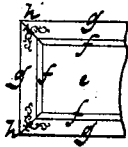


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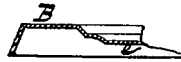


Fig. 5.

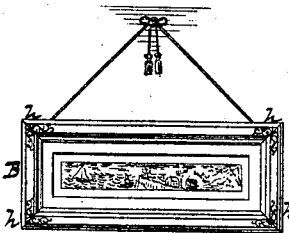
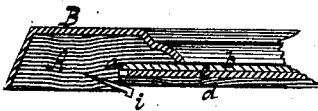


Fig. 6.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN PICTURE-FRAMES.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 207,532, dated August 27, 1878; application filed December 5, 1877.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALBERT KOMP, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Frames for Pictures, Mirrors, and other Articles, which invention is fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figures 1, 2, and 3 show face views of the shell of my frame during several stages of its manufacture. Fig. 4 is a transverse section of the same. Fig. 5 is a face view of the frame when finished, and Fig. 6 is a transverse section of the same.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

This invention consists in a frame for pictures and other articles, said frame being composed of a body which is made of wood and provided in its under side with a recess intended to receive the facing or pane of glass, the picture, and the back-plate, and of a hollow ornamental shell, stamped up of metal, paper, pasteboard, or other flexible material, so that the advantages of an ordinary wooden frame are retained, and at the same time a frame of a highly ornamental character can be produced at a low price.

In the drawings, the letter A, Fig. 6, designates the body of my frame, which is made of wood and provided in its under side with a recess, *a*, into which are placed the glass pane *b*, the picture *c*, and the back-plate *d*. With this body is combined a shell, B, Figs. 4 and 6, which is stamped up of any suitable flexible material, and secured to the body A by cement or any means which will accomplish the desired result.

The shell which I have represented in the drawing is prepared of paper and pasteboard or card-board in the following manner: I take a piece of pasteboard, *e*, Fig. 1, and paste thereon strips *f* of gold or other fancy paper, at a suitable distance from its edges. The spaces between these strips and the edges of the pasteboard are covered with strips *g*, Fig. 2, of any suitable fancy paper. After this has been accomplished the faces of the strips *f*, or the corners only, are ornamented by impressions *h*, which are produced in the same manner as on book-covers, and which may be of any suitable nature.

After the pasteboard *e* has been prepared and ornamented, as above stated, it is subjected to pressure under suitable dies, so as to produce a shell of the form shown in Fig. 4, or of any other form desirable for the purpose. When the shell is finished, that portion of the pasteboard inside the strip *f* is cut out and the shell is secured to the body A by glue or any other suitable means.

It will be readily seen that by following my invention a great variety of highly-ornamental shells can be produced at a comparatively low cost; and by securing such shells to wooden bodies A picture-frames are obtained which retain all the advantages of the ordinary wooden frames, while their cost is considerably lower.

I am aware that ornamental frames have been made of paper-pulp; also, that mats have been made from wood with attached paper strips; also, of a composition of glue and saw-dust, and of other materials; but the disadvantage of such frames is that the materials from which the same are made are too hard to allow of driving tacks into them, and it is difficult to secure the back-plate, and with this the picture itself, in the frame.

In my frame the body A is made of pine wood, and the picture, together with its back-plate, can be readily secured by tacks *i*, (see Fig. 6,) while the face of the frame can be made highly ornamental at a comparatively low cost.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As a new article of manufacture, the picture-frame A, having the ornamental molded exterior surfaces wholly covered and concealed by a shell, B, stamped up from paper or other suitable flexible material to the same configuration as the ornamental molded exterior surface of the wooden frame, as and for the purpose described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 27th day of November, 1877.

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