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DISPLAY HOLDER

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FIG. 1.

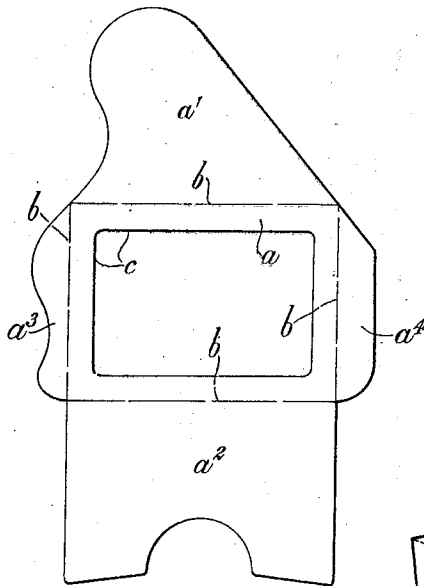


FIG. 3.

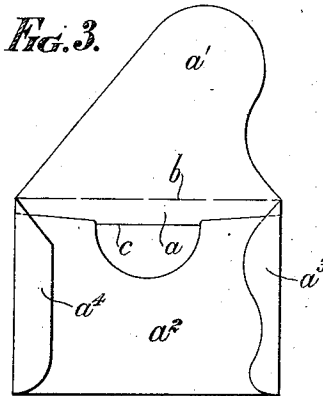


FIG. 2.

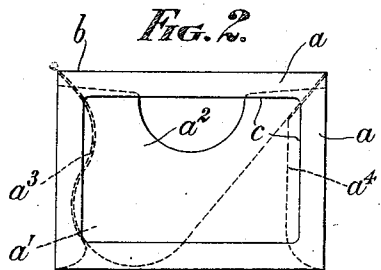


FIG. 4.

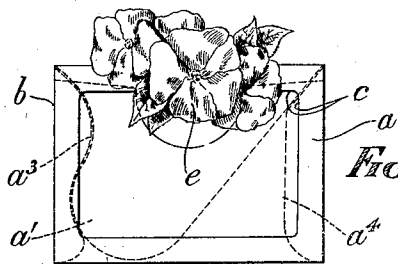
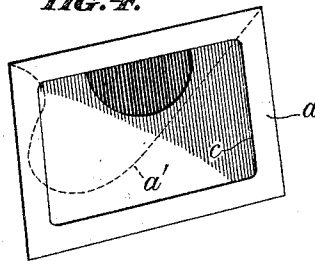
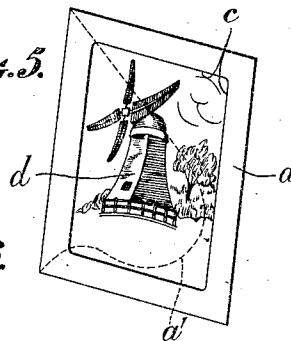


FIG. 6.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE ERNEST OSMOND, a subject of the King of Great Britain, residing at 43 Belford Street, Strand, London, England, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention refers to improvements in or relating to frames or holders for displaying and storing articles such as photographs, picture-post-cards and the like and it has for its object to provide a device of the above kind which can be formed from a single sheet of paper, fabric or other material or metal and which when folded up will provide a simple, neat and efficient holder or frame which can be used in separate units, or adhesively or otherwise secured collectively to the leaves of an album or the like.

According to the present invention I provide a one-piece frame or holder for displaying and storing articles such as photographs, picture-post-cards and the like, formed by shaping and folding paper or other material and having a rear flap or strut hingedly connected to the back thereof and adapted to support the said frame or holder in any one of a plurality of positions.

In order that the present invention may be clearly understood and more readily carried into effect it is hereinafter described with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a front plan view of a frame or holder showing in dotted lines the position about which the various portions thereof are folded;

Figure 2 is a front elevation of the finished frame or holder;

Figure 3 is a back elevation of the frame or holder with the rear flap or strut open as when a photograph is about to be introduced into the frame;

Figure 4 is a perspective view illustrating the frame when used horizontally, and

Figure 5 is a similar view illustrating the frame when used vertically.

Fig. 6 is a view in elevation of the holder having a floral ornament.

As shown and according to the present invention, and in one convenient manner of carrying same into effect I form the frame or holder from a single sheet of stout paper

or the like  $a$  which is cut to suitable shape or outline, as for instance that shown in Figure 1, so that when folded up about the dotted lines  $b$  somewhat after the manner of an envelope it will provide a frame or holder for the reception of the photograph  $d$  with a rear flap or strut  $a'$  by means of which the device may be supported on a table, mantel-shelf or the like in a horizontal or vertical position (Figures 4 and 5 respectively) according to the nature of the photograph held therein.

The sheet of material  $a$  may conveniently be of such proportions as to provide, as shown, a square or oblong-shaped frame having a central aperture  $c$  with suitably outlined inner edges, such, for instance, as straight sides with rounded corners. Disposed at two opposite sides of the blank are two large flaps  $a'$  and  $a''$ , and at the two remaining and opposite sides small side flaps  $a^3$ ,  $a^4$  adapted to be folded or gummed down over one of the main flaps  $a''$  when the same is in position, as shown in Figure 3. The side flaps  $a^3$  and  $a^4$  may conveniently be shaped to the rear flap or strut  $a'$ , as shown, so as to reduce the thickness of the folded article. This arrangement leaves the other flap  $a'$  free to serve as a strut for supporting purposes, as in Figures 4 and 5, and it is preferably so shaped that it will serve for supporting the frame on either its side, as in Figure 4, or on its end, as in Figure 5, as desired. The device may be made in stiff or light materials as desired, and may be embossed or otherwise printed or marked to give it an enhanced artistic appearance.

When the frame is made of an ornamental design whereby it is necessary for a portion of such irregular design to stand above or project beyond the top or other edges, such irregular portion or portions as stand above or project beyond the folding line of the supporting or side flaps is cut out of the said flap portion or portions before same are bent back for use, as for instance is shown in Figure 6, where a floral ornament  $e$  is provided on the top portion of the frame  $a$  and the said ornamentation  $e$  is partly cut out of the supporting flap  $a'$  before the same is bent back into position.

Devices so formed will be found to be suitable for use for holding individual photographs  $d$ , or they may be pasted or otherwise secured in an album leaving the

photograph or the like free to be removed at any time. Obviously, also, instead of providing such a frame or holder *a* with a single frame-like aperture *c* adapted to contain a single print, the frames or holders may be made of larger size and adapted to hold several photographs in position.

If desired the photograph or the like inserted may be protected by the insertion of a loose, thin, flexible sheet of transparent material such as paper, celluloid or gelatine.

What I claim is:—

1. A display holder formed of a single sheet of material having a face section formed with an aperture of slightly less dimension than that of the section, the sheet being extended to form relatively narrow side flaps and in one direction beyond the face section to form a rear flap and in the opposite direction to form a flap adapted to be turned down to serve as a strut for supporting the device with the face section at an incline to the vertical, said strut having a terminal portion shaped and adapted to form a supporting edge longitudinally

or transversely of the strut relative to the face section, whereby the strut is effective for supporting the holder on either its longitudinal or side edge.

2. A display holder formed of a single sheet of material having a face section formed with an aperture of slightly less dimension than that of the section, the sheet being extended to form relatively narrow side flaps and in one direction beyond the face section to form a rear flap and in the opposite direction to form a flap adapted to be turned down to serve as a strut for supporting the device with the face section at an incline to the vertical, said supporting section having a rounded free edge located at one side of the vertical central line of the device whereby said supporting section may be used to support the device on either the longitudinal or side edge of the face section.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name.

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