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Fig 1.

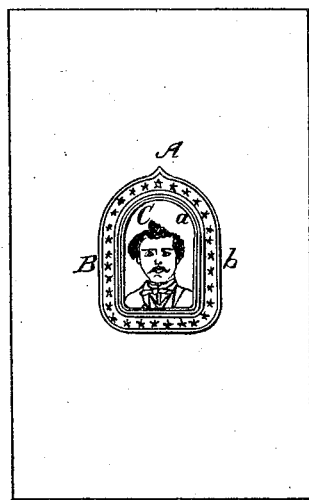


Fig 2.



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PICTURE-CARD FRAME.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, R. W. POTTER, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Card-Frame; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a face view of my invention. Fig. 2 is a transverse vertical section of the same.

Similar letters of reference in both views indicate corresponding parts.

This invention consists of a card provided in its center with a raised frame in such a manner that an ambrotype, daguerreotype or other photographic picture, or a picture of any other description, can be placed in the cavity formed at the back of the card, and said card will form the frame for the picture, and serve to exhibit it to good advantage. Said card-frame is produced by cutting out the center to suit the size of the picture, and embossing the border around the hole thus formed simultaneously, or by one and the same operation by which the cutting is effected.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe it.

A represents a card cut out of thick paper or card-board of the usual size of photographic picture-cards or of any other suitable or desirable size. This card is provided in the center with a frame, B, formed by cutting out a hole, *a*, and embossing or raising the border *b* round the hole by means of dies, or in any other suitable manner.

By the operation of embossing the border of the hole *a*, a cavity, *c*, is formed at the back

of the card capable of receiving the picture C. This picture may be made on paper or on a metal plate, or on a thin piece of glass, or on leather or any other suitable material, and it may be produced either by painting or by the photographic process, and the hole in the card A must be large enough to show the whole picture through it. Said picture is cut out to suit the cavity *c* in the back of the card, and it is placed therein and held by pasting a thin piece of paper or other suitable material over it.

By this simple invention pictures of any description can be inserted in ordinary cards—such as are now generally used and known as photographic picture-cards, and pictures made otherwise than by the photographic process or not made on such a photographic card can be preserved in a simple and cheap manner; or a photographic picture, instead of being pasted on the card as usual, is cut out and placed in the cavity at the back of my card-frame and held there by pasting a piece of paper over its back. The picture will thus show to better advantage than when pasted on in the usual manner. It requires less care to paste it on, and it can readily be removed from the card and replaced by another whenever it should be desired.

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

1. A card-frame, A B, made in the manner herein shown and described.
2. Cutting and embossing the hole *a* in border *b* in the card A by one and the same operation, as set forth.

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