

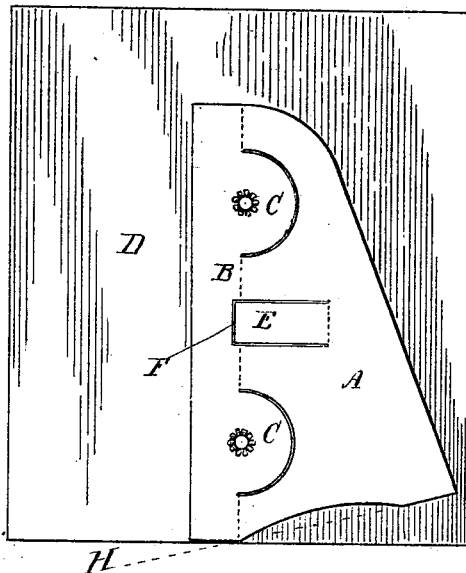
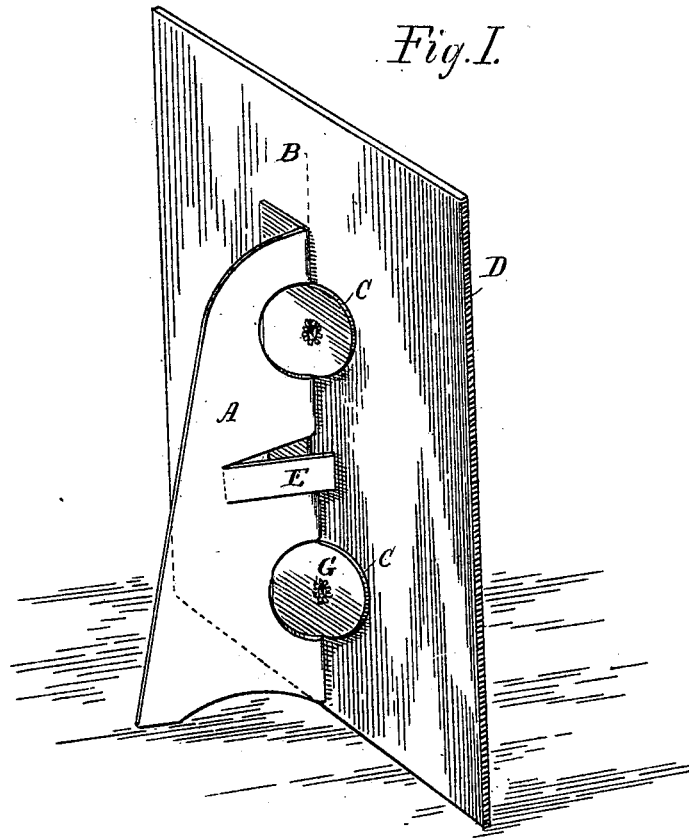
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE A. PETERSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at San Francisco, county of San Francisco, and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Easel-Supports; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

My invention relates to easel-supports for cards, pictures, mirrors, and the like and to certain improvements therein, as hereinafter set forth and described.

My improvement consists in a peculiarly-formed support or brace formed from scored cardboard or other suitable material, adapted for bracing and holding cards, pictures, mirrors, and the like in an inclined position and when not in use to fold flat against the back thereof; and it consists, essentially, in the form of such support, the method of its attachment, and means of fixing it when erected or in use.

The object of my invention is to provide a symmetrical support or brace of the kind described that can be attached in the axis of its line of flexure, having a brace integrally formed therewith that will hold the support at a right angle or normal to the face on which it is attached.

To this end I construct my improved braces or supports as shown in the drawings herewith and forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a display card or picture provided with one of my improved supports. Fig. 2 is a flat view of the back of the same card and support, showing the contour and shape and manner of scoring the latter.

The support or brace A is made from cardboard or other suitable material that is flexible and will act as a hinge when the sheet is scored on one side. The pieces A are cut or punched out of sheets or boards and may at the same time be scored so as to bend on the line B, the outer contour and the fastening-lugs C being wholly cut through. At two or more points I provide two or more lugs C, preferably semicircular in shape, by means of which the support is attached to the card or picture D by eyelets or in any other suitable

manner, such attachment being central in respect to the card D or on the line B.

To lock or fix the support normal to the back of the card D, I provide a strut E, cut out transverse on the line B and to extend within that line a short distance, as seen at F in Fig. 2, so that when the support is erected this strut or brace E will hold it normal to the back of the card D. When the support A is large or long, two or more of these braces E can be provided. The lugs C, which can also be more than two in number when the support A is large or long, can be attached to the card D by eyelets G, as shown, or can be fastened by paste or gum. Eyelets are, however, preferable.

The angle or inclination of the card D, indicated by the line H in Fig. 2, can be arranged to suit the requirements and is varied accordingly by providing a loose or adjustable side to a punch, such as is commonly employed in cutting out such devices.

The score on the line B and perforations for the eyelets in the lugs C are made at the same time, so the device is one of inexpensive construction and permits its extended use for all kinds of display-cards, large or small.

Having thus described the nature and object of my invention and the manner of making and applying the same, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In an easel-support, the member A scored on a line B to form a line of flexure, and cut through to leave unflexed lugs C, C, integral with the attaching portion of the support, said attaching portion thus extending on both sides of the line of flexure, substantially as specified.

2. In an easel-support, the member A scored on a line B to form a line of flexure, cut through to leave unflexed fastening-lugs C, C, integral with the attaching portion of the support; and cut through to form the brace E, free from A except at one attached edge, said brace having its free end extending slightly beyond the line B, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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