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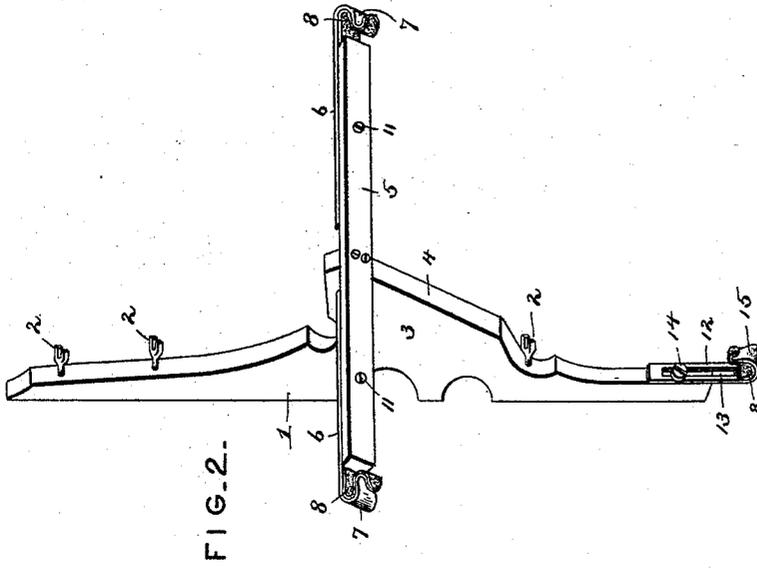


FIG. 2.

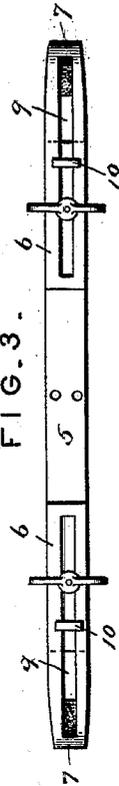
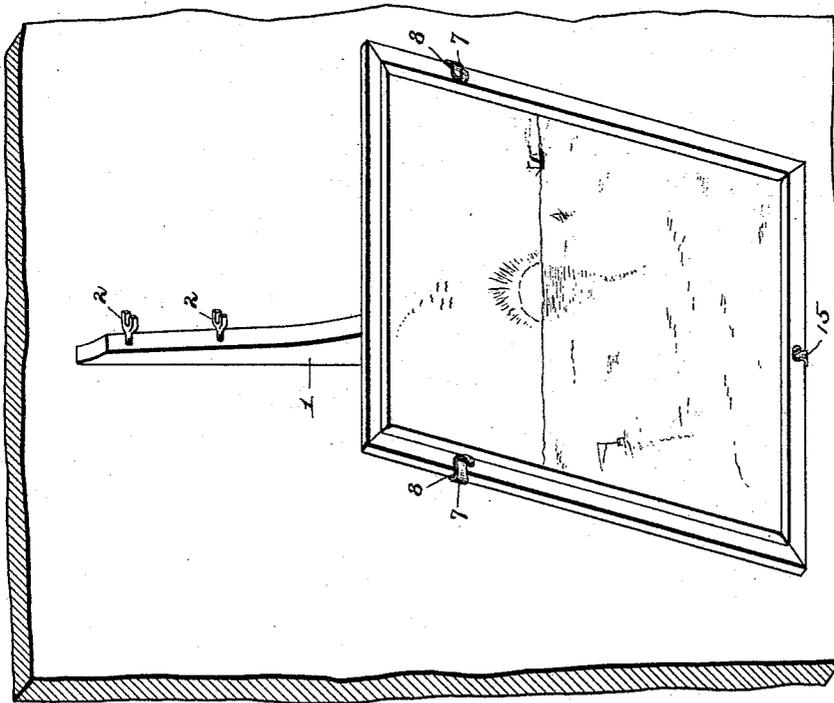


FIG. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT L. LYNCH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Leeport, in the county of Trimble and State of Kentucky, have invented a new and useful Picture-Support, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to picture supports or hangers, and has for its object to provide means for conveniently supporting a picture against a wall without the use of suspending cords or wires, and providing means for dismounting or mounting the picture as may be desired without the necessity of the use of a step-ladder or other means to properly place the same.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists of the construction and arrangement of the parts thereof as will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved device shown applied to a wall and supporting a picture. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the device detached and on a larger scale. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the rear part of a transverse supporting bar.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures of the drawings.

In the drawings, the numeral 1 designates a vertical support having the opposite ends thereof reduced and supplied with fastenings 2, and at the center formed with an extension 3, with a front inclined edge 4. The rear part or edge of the support 1 that bears against the wall may be so constructed as to remove as much bearing surface as possible and avoid injury to the wall against which it may be placed, or the paper or other covering on the wall. Secured to the apex, or greatest point of extension of the part 3, is a rigid transverse supporting bar 5, that has adjustably secured to the opposite ends thereof metallic clamping slides 6, supplied with forwardly-projecting hooked ends 7, that stand over the ends of the bar 5, and have a lining of felt or other cushioning material, as at 8, to prevent injury to the frame of the picture engaged by the said hooked ends. Each of the slides is formed with an elongated slot 9, and a T-headed stud 10 engages the supporting bar 5 in connection with each of the slides to hold the latter inseparably against the said supporting bar. A screw 11 passes through the supporting bar from the front thereof and through the slot of the clamping slide and movably receives a binding nut of elongated or other suitable form that clamps against each side to hold the same in adjusted position.

On the outer edge of the lower part of the support 1 is mounted, or adjustably attached, a slide 12, having an elongated slot 13 therein through which passes a clamping screw 14, the latter being tightened or loosened to hold the said slide in adjusted position or to permit the same to be adjusted. The lower end of the slide 12 is formed with an upturned hook 15, that is also provided with a suitable felt, or other cushion, lining and is arranged to engage the lower edge of a picture-frame. The clamping slides 6 are applied to the back part of the transverse supporting bar 5, and are therefore removed from contact directly with the picture-frame, and the relative position of the said supporting bar to the support 1 is such that a picture-frame can be adjusted at an angle and still be supported by the device as set forth. It will be understood, of course, that the change of angle of the picture-frame will be governed by the size of the same, to some extent, though it is intended that each device will have the parts thereof arranged in the proper angle to clearly and correctly exhibit the picture supported thereby.

The device can be made in various sizes to suit very small frames or those having a decided reduction of dimension relative to the size of the device as it will be usually manufactured. Of course these grades of sizes will be proportioned to the known sizes of picture-frames, and it is obviously apparent that changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

The combination of a vertical support hav-

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ing a central extension, screws for holding
said support in position, a slide adjustably
fitted to the bottom of said support and hav-
ing a lower hooked end, a transverse support-
5 ing bar rigidly secured to said extension, and
a clamping slide adjustably secured to said
supporting bar on each end thereof and hav-
ing hooks extending over the opposite ends
of said supporting bar at the front, the hooks

of all the slides being provided with a cushion re-
lining, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as
my own I have hereto affixed my signature in
the presence of two witnesses.

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