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 PICTURE HANGER.
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Fig. 1.

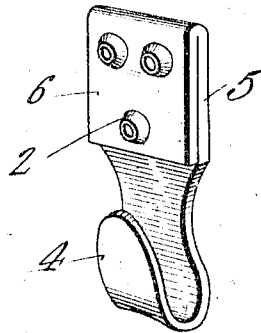


Fig. 2.

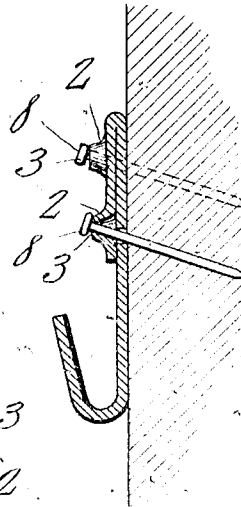
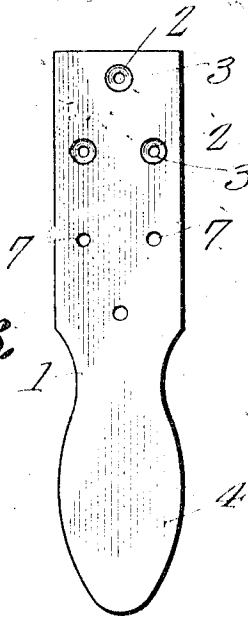


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GUNNAR JOHNSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Picture-Hanger, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to picture hangers.

The object of the invention is to provide an exceedingly strong, simple, durable and inexpensive picture hanger which can be easily and quickly secured in position upon the wall, and which will take a firm enough hold upon the plaster thereof to support a heavy picture.

A further object of the invention is to form a picture hanger from a single blank of metal and to cause the same to hold a plurality of nails in inclined positions at different horizontal places upon the wall.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of invention herein disclosed can be made within the scope of the claims without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of a picture hanger constructed in accordance with the present invention. Fig. 2 is a transverse vertical section through the improved picture hanger showing the same in position upon the wall. Fig. 3 is a plan view showing the metallic blank from which the improved picture hanger preferably is formed.

Like reference numerals indicate corresponding parts in the different figures of the drawing.

The picture hanger of the present invention preferably is formed of a blank of metal or other suitable material such as is shown in Fig. 1. This blank preferably although not essentially is cut away at its edges as indicated at 1 in order to shape the same in an ornamental manner. Adjacent the wide end thereof, the blank preferably is formed with a plurality of out-punched portions 2 each of said outpunched or dome

shaped portions 2 being formed with a perforation or nail hole 3 in the apex thereof. After the blank has been shaped and punched in the manner indicated in Fig. 1, the lower end 4 thereof is bent into hook form as indicated in Fig. 1 to produce a hook or supporting member adapted to receive the picture cord. The upper end of the blank is bent upon itself to form an inner plate 5 and an outer plate 6, the outer plate 6 being provided with the outpunched perforated portions 2 as shown. The inner plate 5 preferably is formed with nail holes 7 adapted to receive the nails 8 as shown in Fig. 2 for the purpose of supporting the picture hanger. The nail holes 7 preferably are formed in the blank before the outer plate 6 is bent over upon the inner plate 5. The outer plate 6 of the picture hanger is so bent that the perforations 3 in the outpunched portion 2 will be slightly out of line with the nail holes 7 in the inner plate 5, said nail holes 7 as shown in Fig. 2 being disposed in a slightly lower position than the perforations 3 when the picture hanger is in position upon the wall. For this reason, when the nails 8 are driven through the perforations 3 and 7, said nails will be disposed on a downward incline and will thus take a very firm grip on the plaster of the wall.

The nail holding means in the plates 5 and 6 are preferably, although not essentially, arranged in triangular position with respect to each other, two of said nail holes being preferably arranged side by side adjacent the upper end of the hanger and one of said nail holes being arranged below the first mentioned pair and at an intermediate point with relation thereto so as to form the lower end of the triangle, the upper corners of the triangle being defined by the two upper out-punched portions 2—2. The purpose in arranging the nail holding means so as to dispose the nails in different horizontal planes on the wall, is to cause a firmer grip to be had by the nails on the plaster than would be the case if all of the nails were arranged in a horizontal line.

The outpunched portions of the outer plate serve to space the nail engaging portions of said outer plate a sufficient distance away from the nail engaging portions of the

inner plate to cause the nails to be firmly held in proper position when properly out of alinement.

5 The picture hanger of the present invention is exceptionally strong, simple, durable and inexpensive in construction as well as thoroughly practical and efficient in use.

What is claimed as new is:—

10 1. A picture hanger comprising a pair of inner and outer parallel plates secured together in contact with each other, each plate having a perforation therein, the perforation in the outer plate being in vertical alinement with and slightly above the perforations in the inner plate.

15 2. A picture hanger comprising two perforated plates, in contact with each other, the perforations of the two plates being out of alinement with each other and adapted to act jointly as nail receiving means, one plate being out-punched adjacent the perforated portions thereof.

20 3. A picture hanger comprising a pair of plates in parallelism with each other, one of said plates having an outstanding perforated portion and the other of said plates

having a perforation slightly out of line with the perforation in said outstanding portion.

4. A picture hanger comprising a pair of 30 plates integrally connected at their upper ends, the inner plate being cut inward at its sides, and bent upward adjacent its lower end to form a hook, said inner plate being 35 provided with triangularly disposed nail holes, and the outer plate being formed with outpunched portions having perforations at the outer ends thereof, the perforations in said outpunched portions being located in a slightly higher plane than the perforations 40 in said inner plate so as to hold the nails which are driven through the perforations of said outpunched portions and the perforations of said inner plate at an incline.

45 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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