

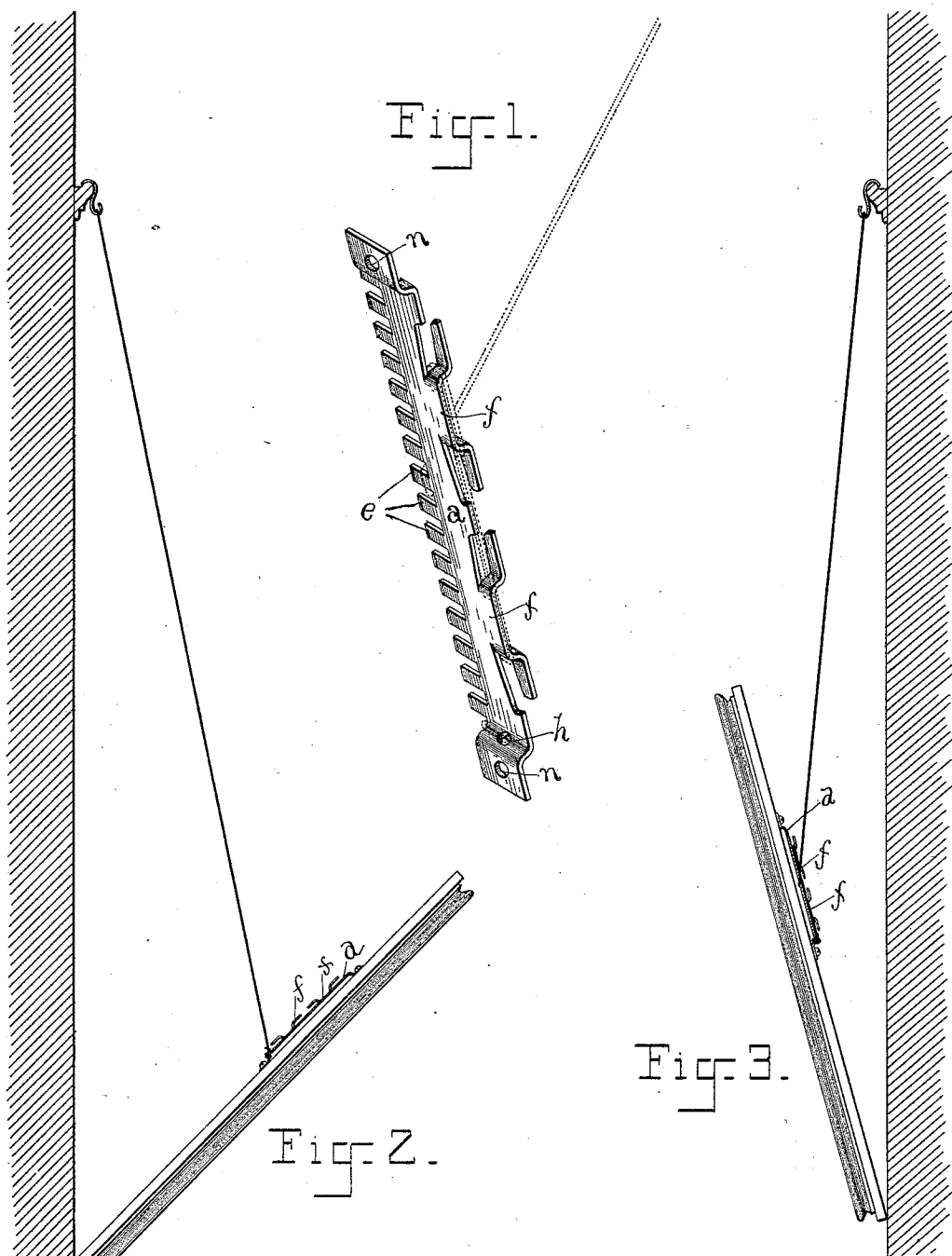
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIS GRIFFIN, of Lynn, in the county of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Picture-Hangers, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification.

This invention has for its object to provide means whereby the pitch or angle of inclination of a suspended picture frame or other suspended body may be varied and modified while the picture or body hangs and also whereby the altitude of the suspended frame or body may be similarly varied.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a hanger formed in accordance with this invention. In this view the suspending cord is represented by dotted lines in combination with the hitch. Fig. 2 represents the hanger combined with a picture frame and its suspending cord and illustrates the hanger in use. Fig. 3 is similar to Fig. 2 and illustrates the hanger in use under engagement with the suspending cord, whereby the angle of inclination of the suspended article is modified.

As shown in Fig. 1, the hanger is formed of a single piece of metal. In this instance a metallic strip, *a*, composes the body portion of the hanger and is provided with holes, *n*, through which screws may be inserted for securing the hanger to a picture frame or other body. The hanger is provided with an opening, *h*, for receiving the attaching end of a suspending cord. The hanger is suitably bent to raise the body portion thereof slightly above the picture frame or other body to which it is temporarily attached and from said raised portion extend lateral projections, *e*, and upwardly projecting extensions, *f*, which, as represented in this instance, are formed integral with the metallic strip, *a*.

In use the hanger having been secured by suitable attaching screws to the picture frame or other body, a suspending cord has one end tied or otherwise secured to the hanger at its bottom end and has its opposite end similarly attached to a hanger applied in like manner to the opposite side of the frame. The frame or body is suspended from a picture hook

which, being suitably fixed in the wall or molding of a building, supports the frame or body through the medium of the suspending cord, the cord being, for that purpose, looped over or otherwise connected with the picture hook, after the usual and customary manner.

In order to vary the inclination or pitch of the suspended frame, the suspending cord is made to engage with projections, *e*, of the hanger and more or less inclination may be obtained by engaging the cord with a projection, *e*, less or more remote from the point of established connection between the hanger and said cord. As represented, the hitch is provided with numerous projections, *e*, extending along its body portion, so that any desired angle of inclination may be obtained by engaging the suspending cord with a projection suitably near to or remote from the established connection between said cord and hanger.

To vary the altitude of the suspended frame the suspending cord is wound about the upwardly projecting extensions, *f*, in order to take up the required amount of the cord and subsequently the cord is engaged with such of the projections, *e*, as may be required to give the desired inclination. All this is represented in Fig. 1 of the drawings by dotted lines. As represented, in this instance, the hanger is provided with a hole, *h*, at both ends. The object of this construction is to thereby adapt the hanger, without change, for use on the right or left hand side of a frame or other body. The suspending cord is attached, in use, to that end of the hanger which is at the bottom of the article, when suspended.

I claim—

A picture hanger comprising a plate provided upon one edge with a series of cleats and upon the other edge with a series of lateral projections, said plate being further provided at each end with a shoulder whereby it is held out from the frame, and means for securing the end of the picture cord to the hanger; substantially as described.

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