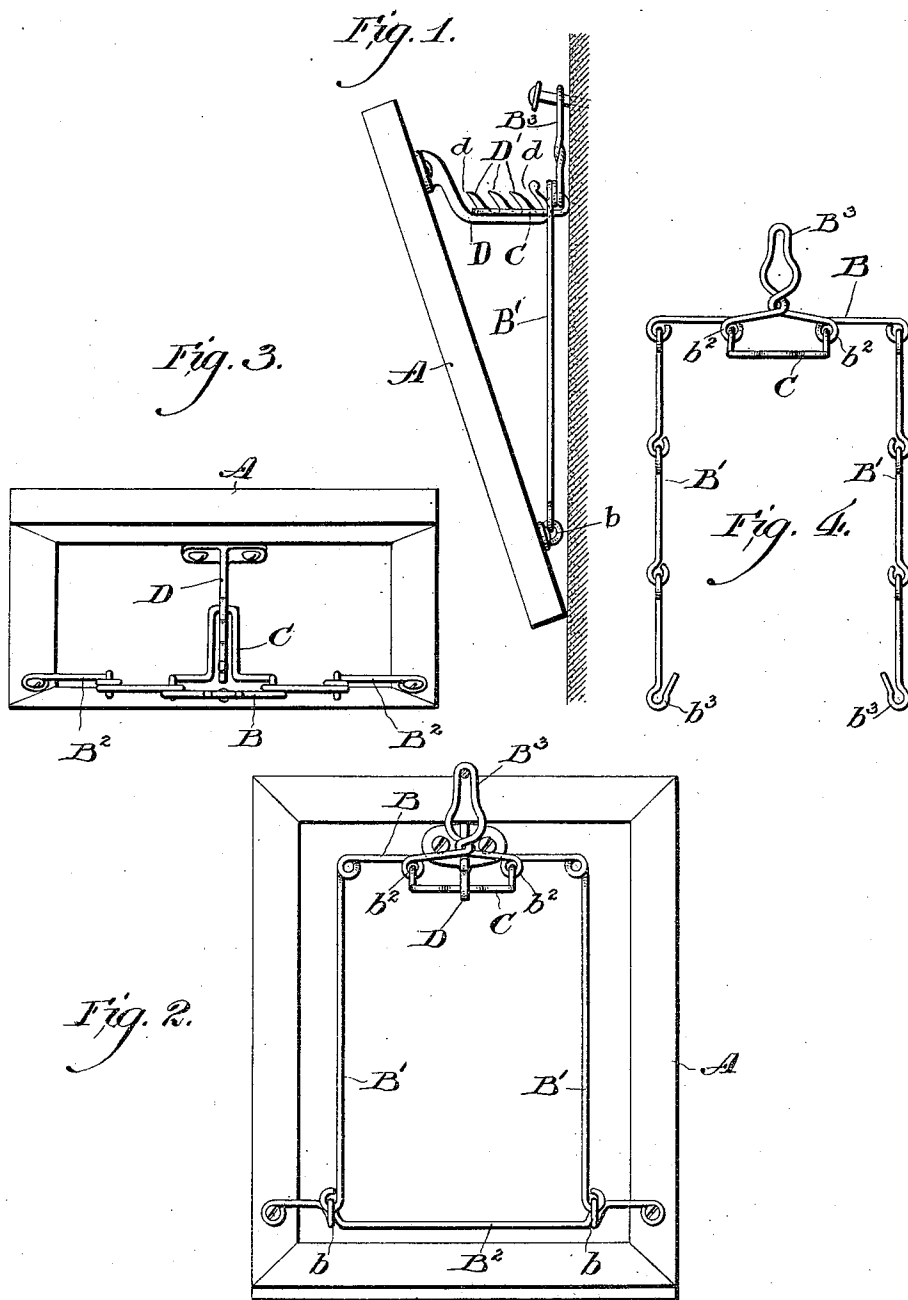


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. FREEMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Picture-Frame Hangers; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in picture-hangers; and it consists in a certain novel device to be attached to the rear side of picture-frames, more fully described hereinafter, and specifically pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a picture-frame, showing my improved hanger attached thereto. Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a plan view; and Fig. 4 is a detached view of the hanger similar to that shown in Fig. 2, but of a modified form of my invention.

Referring by letter to the drawings, A represents the picture-frame, to the rear of which at or near the bottom is secured the rod B², having formed upon it the eyes *b*. Secured to these eyes are the projecting portions B' B', which form part of the supporting-frame B.

B³ designates a loop formed by twisting the supporting-frame B in the center, through which passes a nail or any suitable device for securing the frame to the wall. At each side of the loop B³, formed on the supporting-frame B, are the eyes *b*² *b*², which engage with an adjusting-loop C.

D is a bar secured to the back of the picture-frame and having inclined projections D' D', between which are formed the insets *d d* for the reception of the adjusting-loop C.

In Fig. 4 I have shown a modification, in which case the rod B is dispensed with and the portions B' B', extending downward from the supporting-frame B, are formed of sections linked together and to the supporting-frame B, the last section being secured di-

rectly to the picture-frame by screws passing through the eyes *b*³.

It will be readily seen that by placing the adjusting-loop C in the last inset on the bar D and then pressing the upper portion of the frame forward the loop C will slide upward over the projection D' and engage the insets *d d*. In this manner the picture-frame may be quickly adjusted to any angle desired.

I am aware that picture-frame hangers are not novel, as is plainly shown by the state of the art. I therefore do not claim, broadly, a means for supporting and adjusting picture-frames, but a device of peculiar construction whereby a picture-frame may be quickly and safely adjusted, and in a sense automatically, inasmuch as it requires no resetting or adjusting of the parts comprising the hanger, but simply to press the picture-frame to the angle required when the parts engage each other and hold the frame securely in the position to which it has been adjusted.

Having now shown and described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination of the picture-frame, a bar D rigidly secured and projecting from the rear portion of said picture-frame, a series of forwardly-inclined projecting teeth D' formed on the upper surface of said bar, a supporting-frame B having downwardly-extending legs B' adapted to be secured to the lower end of the fixed frame, said frame B having at its central upper portion an integral hanging-loop B³, and a horizontally-disposed loop C hinged or looped at its rear end to the picture-frame B, and adapted to engage with one or other of the projecting teeth D' of said bar D, substantially as specified.

2. The combination of the picture-frame, a bar D rigidly secured to and projecting rearwardly from the upper portion of said picture-frame, a series of forwardly-inclined projecting teeth D' formed on the upper surface of said bar, a supporting-frame B comprising the upper horizontal bar, a centrally-disposed integral loop B³, and depending rods or legs B' terminating at their lower ends in loops or eyes, a horizontal bar B² secured to the lower end of the picture-frame and provided with

loops or eyes *b* engaging with the similar
loops or eyes at the lower end of the rods or
legs *B'*, and a horizontally-disposed loop
hinged to the upper bar of the supporting-
5 frame and having its forward end adapted to
engage with the teeth *D'* of the said bar *D*,
substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature
in presence of two witnesses.

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