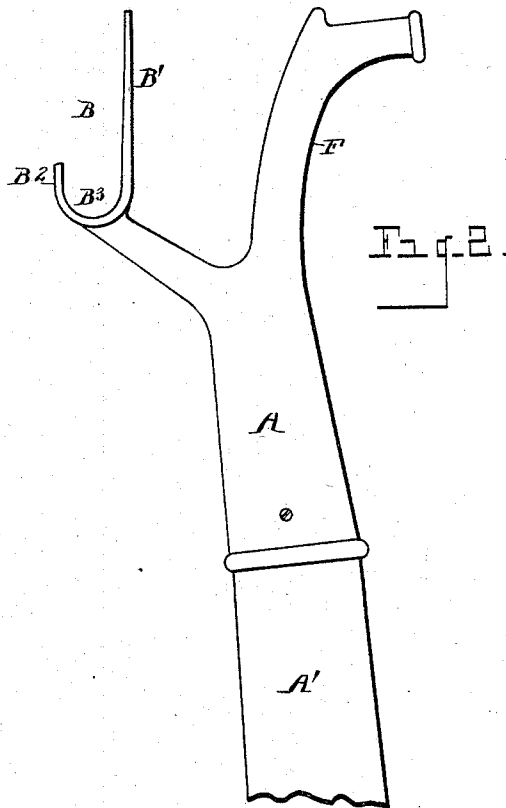
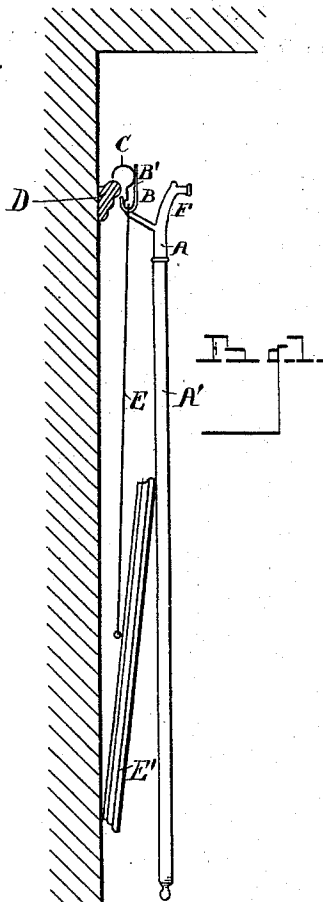


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. WILLARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Detroit, county of Wayne, State of Michigan, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in a Picture and Picture-Hook Hanger; and I 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, which form a part of this specification.

My invention is designed to provide a picture and picture-hook hanger of simple and economical construction; and it consists of the device hereinafter described and claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view in elevation, showing the device with a picture and picture-hook in place ready to engage the hook over a molding upon the wall. Fig. 2 is a view in detail, illustrating the device with a window-hook attachment.

The desirability of a device which may be readily operated to hang a picture and a picture-hook without the necessity of climbing onto a chair or upon a step-ladder is evident. It is the aim of my invention to supply such a device which shall be efficient and useful and of great convenience.

I carry out my invention accordingly as follows:

A represents any suitable shank adapted to be engaged with a handle A', the shank being formed with a socket to receive the end of a handle, as indicated in Fig. 2. This shank is provided with an integral picture-hook support B, constructed with integral upwardly-projecting rigid supporting-arms B' and B², forming a seat B³ therebetween to receive an ordinary picture-hook C, as shown in Fig. 1.

It will be obvious that the arm B² and seat B³ form a support for the base of the hook, while the arm B' forms a support for the upper portion of the hook. Said arms and seat are made of sufficient breadth, as clearly indicated in Fig. 2, to receive and support an ordinary band-hook.

The arm B² is made shorter than the arm B', so that the rearward portion of the hook

may project above the arm B² to freely engage over a molding D against the wall. The arm B' efficiently supports the upper portion of the hook, the hanger device still leaving the hook perfectly free to be engaged over the molding on lowering the hanger. The cord E of a picture (indicated at E') may be engaged with the picture-hook, as indicated in Fig. 1, and so the picture and picture-hook be readily and simultaneously lifted into position upon the molding; or, by the same device the picture-hook and the picture may be separately placed in position by the use of my improved device.

The hanger device is equally well adapted to remove a picture or picture-hook, separately or simultaneously, from the molding upon the wall by simply raising the hanger under the lower portion of the hook and lifting the hook off from the molding.

To facilitate the operation of raising and lowering the hook into place upon the molding, I prefer that the hook B should offset from the vertical plane of the handle to carry the handle a suitable distance away from the wall, and yet allow the hook B to be raised into proper position to engage the picture-hook upon the molding and to disengage it therefrom. Another important feature to facilitate the disengagement of the hook from the molding is to make the shorter arm B² of the hook tapered on its lateral edges at the upper end thereof, as shown particularly in Fig. 3.

It will be understood that the picture-cord E will extend downward from the picture-hook at an acute angle or inverted-V shape, the portions of the cord on each side of the hook being closely adjacent one to the other, so that were the upper end of the arm not tapered it would be difficult to engage said arm behind the cord in order to engage the hook B under the picture-hook to lift it off the molding.

In Figs. 1 and 2 I have shown the shank A provided with an integral window-hook F for raising and lowering a window in a well-known manner.

The combination of the window-hook F and the picture-hook support B upon a single shank and integral therewith in a single implement forms an implement of special utility and usefulness, adapted for a variety of uses,

making the combined implement a very desirable device.

It is evident that any and all kinds of picture-hooks having two hooks and a framed picture or other article desired to be hung
5 can be placed in position and suspended by means of my improved hanger upon the end of a pole or handle of desired length, the handle enabling the hook and picture or other
10 article to be raised together to any desired height and position in a room by simply manipulating the pole or handle supporting the hanger at the top thereof.

What I claim as my invention is—

15 A picture-hanger comprising a handle or

pole, a socket or ferrule, a shank extending at an angle from the socket and lying in a different plane therefrom, a support for a picture-hook at the end of the shank, said support consisting of two arms of unequal lengths
20 forming a curved seat between them, and an upwardly and outwardly curved hook extending from the socket opposite the picture-hanger, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I sign this specification in the presence of two witnesses.

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