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Fig. 1.

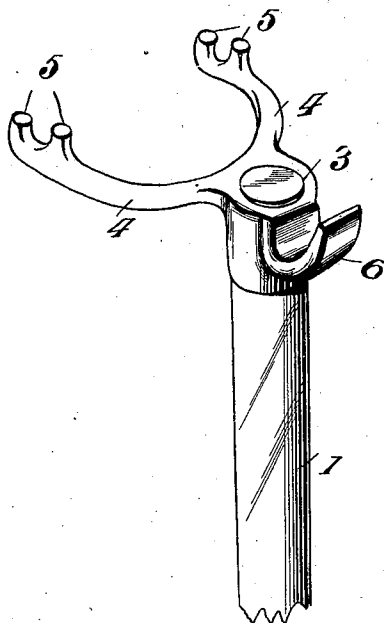


Fig. 2.

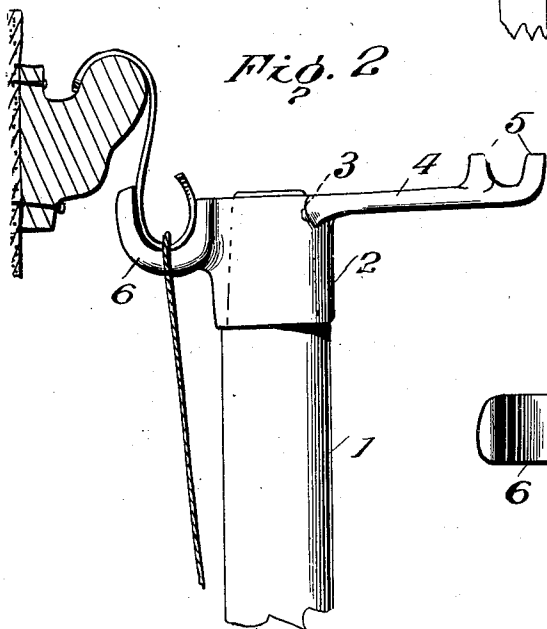
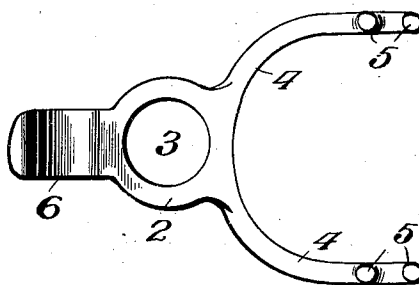


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLARA S. ARMSTRONG, a citizen of the United States, residing at Columbus, in the county of Franklin and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Picture-Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention consists of a lifting device for raising and lowering pictures in its preferred adaptation in hanging the same upon a wall or similar support.

The invention contemplates the provision of a suitable pole at one end of which is secured a head having spaced arms provided with means for engaging the supporting-wire of a picture to conveniently raise or lower the same from or to a nail or similar member upon which the picture is or is to be suspended.

The invention includes also a special lifting member devised especially for use in bodily lifting pictures, together with the molding-hooks for supporting the same, in placing the picture upon the wall, suspending the same from the molding, or in lowering the same.

For a full description of the invention and the merits thereof and also to acquire a knowledge of the details of construction of the means for effecting the result reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a device embodying the invention. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the invention, showing the same as when in use for lowering a picture suspended from a molding-hook. Fig. 3 is a top plan view bringing out more clearly the formation of the lifting-head of the device.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

The invention comprises the pole 1, having the head 2 at one end, said head being preferably cast or otherwise formed and having a socket or opening 3 extending entirely therethrough to receive the end of said pole. The head 2 has the laterally and outwardly curving arms 4 spaced from each other and preferably integrally formed with the head, by which they are carried, the arms 4 extending throughout their length in the same horizontal plane as the upper edge of the head 2 and are provided at their outer ends with integral upwardly-projecting spaced short and blunt lugs 5, each arm having two of these lugs, so that the wire by which the picture is

suspended may be received therebetween and prevented from slipping when the arms 4 are once engaged therewith.

In actual use to lower a picture from a nail or like member supporting the same the pole 1 is so manipulated that the arms 4 are engaged with the picture-wire upon opposite sides of the supporting nail or member, the lugs 5 of each arm 4 receiving the wire therebetween. By raising the pole slightly the picture will be disengaged from the nail and may be readily lowered, and the operation of raising or hanging a picture is obvious. When the device is to be used for raising or lowering a picture to be suspended from a molding-hook, it is preferred to use the hook 6, which projects laterally from the head 2 upon the side opposite that from which the arms 4 project. The hook 6 is of peculiar form, being flat in cross-section and widened, so as to conform with the curvature of the lower portion of a molding-hook commonly in use. The said hook 6 extends downwardly from the upper edge of the head 2 and about half the height of the latter and thence extends outwardly from the head and upwardly and terminates in substantially the same horizontal plane as the upper edge of the said head. In effect the hook 6 is partially formed by the head 2 itself. It will be seen from the drawings that the head 2 is flattened on one side from its upper edge to a point about halfway its height to form one side of the hook 6. If the picture is suspended from the molding-hook, it is only necessary to engage the hook 6 with the lower portion of the molding-hook and raise said hook bodily with the picture, the weight of the picture on the wire carrying the same being sufficient to hold the molding hook firmly upon the hook 6 aforesaid. In suspending or hanging a picture from a molding-hook the molding-hook is first engaged with the suspending-wire, and the hook 6 of the lifter device is engaged with the lower portion of the molding-hook, the latter being bodily elevated with the picture in engaging said hook with the molding.

It will be seen that the arrangement of the parts of the head 2 is very convenient and gives rise to a very simple and cheap construction of device from the standpoint of actual manufacture.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new, and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is—

The herein-described improved article of

manufacture consisting of a picture-hanging
device or lifter formed of one integral struc-
ture having a central head or socket 2 pro-
vided with an opening extending entirely
5 therethrough to receive the end of the pole,
and spaced integral arms extending laterally
from said head at the upper edge thereof and
extending throughout their length in the
same horizontal plane as said upper edge and
10 provided at their free ends with short and
blunt spaced lugs, that portion of the said
head opposite the bases of said arms being
flattened from its upper edge downwardly

for a portion of its height whereby to consti-
tute one side of an upwardly-facing hook and 15
the said hook curved outwardly and up-
wardly from the said flattened portion of the
head with its end terminating in a plane ap-
proximately coincident to the upper edge of
the head as and for the purpose set forth. 20

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

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