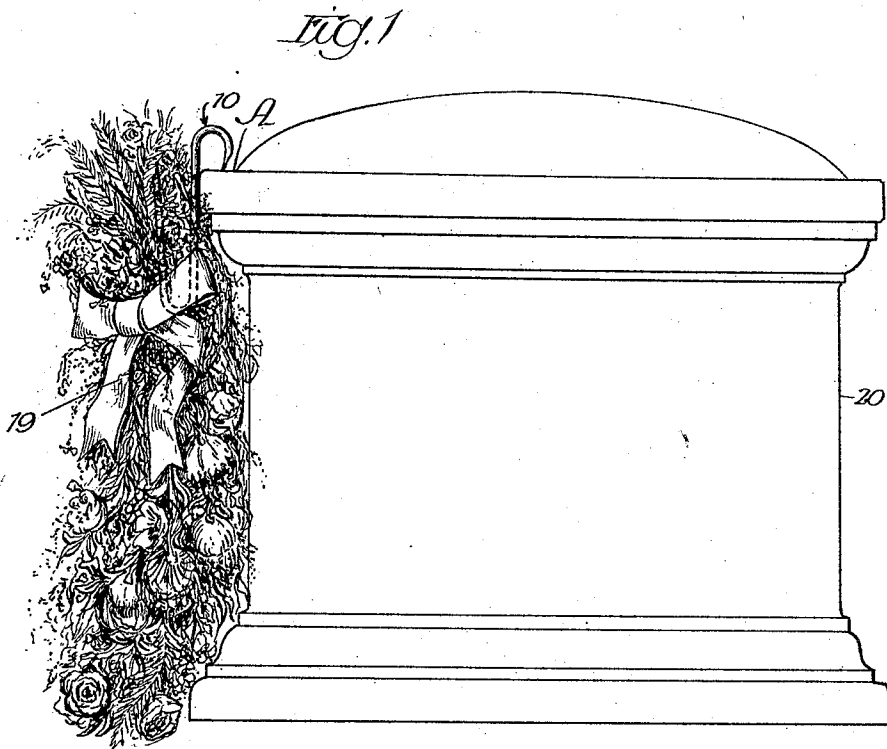
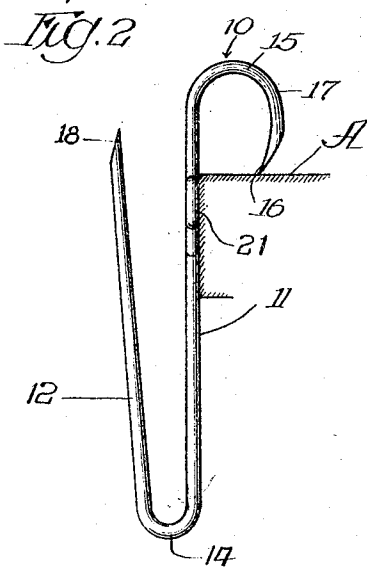
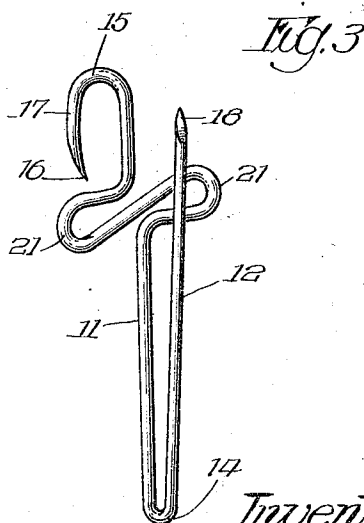


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH C. JAMES, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Antioch, in the county of Lake and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Floral Hangers; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the characters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to a novel floral hanger for suspending flowers and other decorations from a suitable support, constructed to permit the decorations to be readily applied to and removed from a support and to permit said decorations so suspended to be draped, hung, or otherwise placed in a variety of different ways, depending upon the scheme of the decorations and the taste of the decorator.

A hanger embodying my invention is particularly well adapted for use by funeral directors. The said hanger may, however, be used for suspending floral decorations or other articles for other purposes:

The purpose of the invention is to produce a very simple hanger provided with an anchoring point, which is so disposed relatively to the hanger proper and to the weight suspended thereby that said point, when engaged over a support which is to sustain the hanger and a floral decoration or other parts suspended by the hanger, meets said support at such angle that the weight suspended on the hanger causes said point to penetrate the support to afford an anchorage for the hanger, so as to thereby avoid dislodgment or detachment of the hanger from the support while the suspended weight is carried by the hanger.

Another object of the invention is to provide a hanger device for the general purposes set forth which is simple in its construction, light in weight, which occupies but little space, and which can be made at small cost.

The invention consists in the combination and arrangement of the parts shown in the drawings and described in the specification, and is more particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawings;

Figure 1 illustrates an outline end view of a casket, showing the manner of apply-

ing my improved hanger thereto to support floral decorations at the side of the casket.

Figure 2 is a side view of the hanger and of a support on which it is suspended, said hanger assuming a position which it occupies when carrying weight.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the hanger.

As shown in said drawings, 10 designates the hanger as a whole. It is herein shown as made of a single piece of suitably formed wire. Such material is recommended because of the lightness by which it can be made up, and of a weight consistent with the necessary strength of the device. The hanger comprises a shank 11, and a prong 12 joined to the shank by a curved portion 14 and extending generally parallel to but preferably slightly diverging from said shank. Said shank is formed at its upper end to provide a laterally curved hook 15, and said hook terminates in a sharpened point or spur 16, which is adapted to engage over and penetrate a support A from which the hanger is to be suspended; said support to be of a material which will permit said point to slightly penetrate it. The side member 17 of the hook remote from the shank 11 is curved downwardly from the closed portion of the hook and inwardly towards the upper end of the shank, so that the point or spur 16 of the hook lies closer to the upper end of the shank 11 than that portion of the said side member 17 immediately above said point or spur. The end of the member 17 of the hook 15 is preferably sharpened to give it a point or spur formation by cutting the material at the end of said member on a downwardly and inwardly inclined bevel, as best shown in Figure 2, so that the point or spur is sharpest at its side adjacent to the upper end of the shank 11. When making the hangers of pieces of wire that are cut in suitable lengths from a continuous wire, the lengths or sections of the wire to produce the individual hangers can be severed by suitable bevel shears. In this way the end of the prong is also formed with a sharp, penetrating point 18 to penetrate the floral decoration, such, for instance, as the spray piece 19, shown in Figure 1 as suspended from and alongside a casket 20. As shown in said Figure 1, the pointed end of the anchoring hook 15 is adapted to be set on and anchored to any suitable upwardly facing, horizontally projecting part of the

casket. The hook formation given to the upper end of the hanger also permits the hook to be engaged over a support, such as the handle or other metal fixture of a casket.

5 Preferably the hanger is provided between its ends with wings 21, 21, which are disposed across the plane of the shank 11. These wings are adapted to bear against a laterally facing side of a support, on the
10 upper face of which the pointed end of the hook is engaged or anchored, as shown in Figure 2. The said wings serve the purpose of steadying the hanger from swinging about the point or spur 16 and this aids to hold the hanger more firmly in place than if
15 such wings or steadying means be not employed. When the hanger is made of a single piece of formed-up wire the said wings can be made by forming loops in the wire, arranged in the same plane, with one loop
20 projecting from one side of the shank and joined thereto, and with the other loop joined to the anchoring hook and extending in the opposite direction.

25 In the use of the device, the prong 12 may be first inserted into the body of the floral decoration, as the spray 19 shown in Figure 1, a wreath, or other piece, to afford a secure attachment of the floral piece to the
30 hanger, and thereafter the hanger may be placed with the spur or point on the upper face of the support A. When the hanger is released, the weight of the floral piece or other article suspended from the hanger
35 causes the hanger to assume the position shown in Figures 1 and 2, and the total weight supported by the hanger causes the point or spur to penetrate the upper face of the support to afford a good anchorage for
40 the hanger. By reason of the peculiar formation of said point or spur and its inclination toward the shank 11 and to the general horizontal face of the support, it will be observed that the weight carried by
45 the hanger causes the point or spur to penetrate the support in a way to prevent the hanger's being detached from the support by slipping thereon towards the lateral side thereof; and by reason of such inclination
50 of the point or spur the heavier the weight suspended by the hanger the firmer will become the anchoring hold of the hanger on said support.

When placing the hanger in position on a
55 support, the point or spur is engaged with the top of the support when the lower part of the hanger is disposed at an outward inclination to the side or lateral face of the support. Therefore, when the shank swings
60 to a vertical position the steadying wings squarely engage the side face of the support. Any tendency of the lower end of the hanger to swing inwardly due to the weight and center of gravity of the floral piece will
65 cause the outwardly turned spur to pene-

trate more firmly in the upper face of the support in an angular direction and thereby afford a firmer connection of the hanger to the support. The action of the hanger to cause reliable penetration of the spur or
70 point in the support will, of course, occur whether or not the steadying wings be used.

The space between the shank 11 and prong 12 can be sufficient to receive a portion of a floral decoration or other article
75 to be suspended by the hanger. For instance, an elongated floral decoration may be supported horizontally at the side of the casket through the medium of one or more of the hangers with the body of the decoration
80 or the like resting between the shanks and prongs, or the prongs may penetrate the body of the decoration, piece, or the like. With respect to the use of the
85 hangers as a means for supporting floral decorations on a casket, it will be observed that said hangers make it possible to produce a great variety of decorative schemes. Moreover, the individual pieces or parts of
90 a decoration can be readily removed by merely lifting the hooks upwardly from their sustaining support and the decorations can be quickly placed to one side when they have served their purpose.

The hanger shown is also capable of sus-
95 pending other articles for different uses, as, for instance, suspending wreaths on window frames or on the wall molding, and the deep hook formed by the integral shank and prong provides means for receiving and
100 supporting the articles to be suspended which may not be capable of being penetrated by the prong.

I claim as my invention:

1. A hanger for the purpose set forth
105 comprising a shank having means to suspend an article therefrom and provided at its upper end with a hook, said hook having a member which is turned downwardly and laterally towards the shank and formed at
110 its extreme end which is closest to the shank with an anchoring point or spur.

2. A hanger for the purpose set forth comprising a shank formed with an integral
115 prong and provided at its upper end with a hook, said hook having a member which is turned downwardly and laterally towards the shank and formed at its extreme end which is closest to the shank with an anchoring point or spur.
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3. A hanger for the purpose set forth comprising a shank having means to suspend an article therefrom and provided at
125 its upper end with a hook, said hook having a member which is turned downwardly and laterally towards the shank and formed at its extreme end which is closest to the shank with an anchoring point or spur, and steadying wings extending laterally and oppositely from said shank.
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4. A hanger for the purpose set forth made of a single piece of wire comprising a shank, a prong turned upwardly from the lower end of said shank, and a hook at the upper end of said shank having an outer member turned downwardly and inwardly with its terminal nearest said shank, the terminal of said hook being formed to provide an anchoring spur.
5. A hanger for the purpose set forth made of a single piece of wire comprising a shank, a prong turned upwardly from the lower end of said shank, and a hook at the upper end of said shank formed with a terminal spur, said shank being formed below said hook with oppositely extending loops to produce steadying wings.

In witness whereof I claim the foregoing as my invention, I hereunto append my signature this sixth day of October, 1921.

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