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Fig. 1.

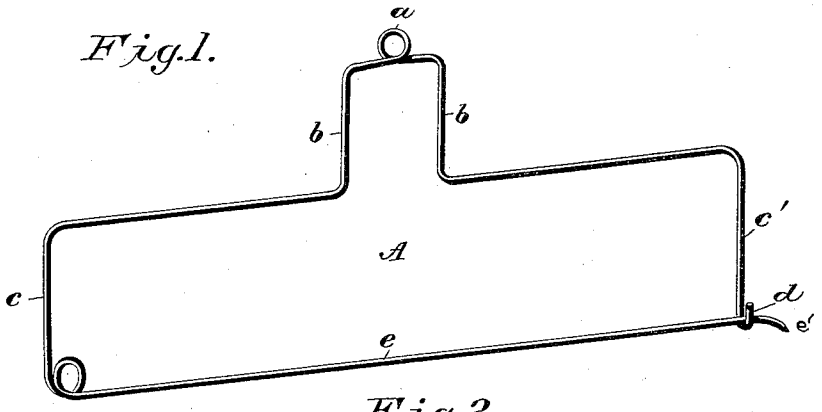


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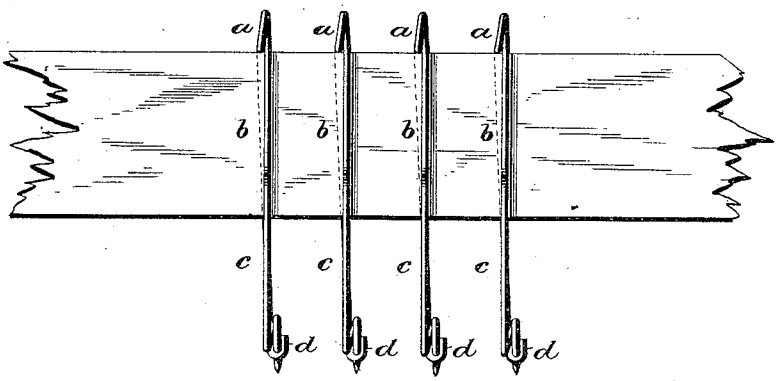
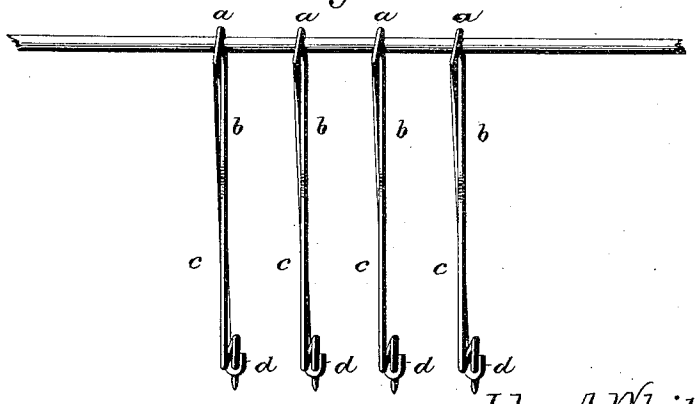


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN A. WHITEMAN, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Wentworth, in the county of Rockingham and State of North Carolina, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tobacco-Hangers; and I do hereby 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 letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in tobacco-hangers.

The object of the invention is to provide a cheap, simple, and effective device upon which tobacco-leaves can be strung and cured by hanging the same upon a support; and it consists in the improvements hereinafter described and set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a tobacco-hanger constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a side view showing the hangers in place upon supports, which, in the present instance, are ordinary laths. Fig. 3 is a similar view showing the hangers strung upon wires.

A refers to my improved hanger, which is made up of a single piece of wire bent into the shape shown, so as to provide an eye *a*, below which is located a transverse portion and vertically-depending pieces *b b*, from which the wire is bent outwardly and then downwardly, as shown at *c* and *c'*, the end of the member *c'* being bent upwardly upon itself to form a hook *d*. From the lower portion of the member *c* the wire is bent or coiled upon itself and extends for a sufficient length to form a supporting-bar *e*, which engages with the hook *d*. The end of the member or supporting-bar *e* is bent slightly downwardly beyond that portion which engages with the hook *d*, and is sharpened or formed into a point.

To apply the tobacco-leaves to my improved hanger it is only necessary to force the point *e'* through the leaves and move said leaves toward the member *c*, and the supporting-bar *e* is of such length that the leaves from one or more stalks can be secured to each hanger. The end of the member *e* being bent downwardly not only assists in retaining the same in the hook, but also makes an oblique opening in the end of the leaf, so that it will the better engage the member *e* and not slide thereon after being once adjusted. These supports or hangers are adapted to be hung upon laths, arms, or wires, and the coil or eye *a* not only adapts the device to be hung upon wires, but also allows the members *b b* to expand when the stick or stringer is of greater width than the space between said members.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A tobacco-hanger made up of a single piece of wire having a loop at its central portion, upper and lower depending side arms *b b c c'*, the arm *c* having a bar with a pointed end, upon which the leaves are adapted to be strung, and the arm *c'* having a portion *d* to engage said bar, substantially as set forth.

2. As an improved article of manufacture, a tobacco-hanger made up of a single piece of wire having a central looped portion with vertical sides and an eye above said looped portion, laterally-extending members with downwardly-bent ends, one of said ends being formed into a hook, the end of the opposite member being extended to engage with said hook, the extremity thereof beyond said hook being pointed and bent, substantially as set forth.

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

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