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PICTURE HANGER.

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Fig. 1.

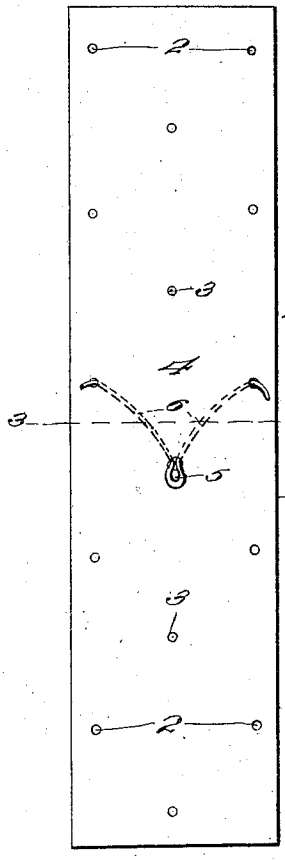


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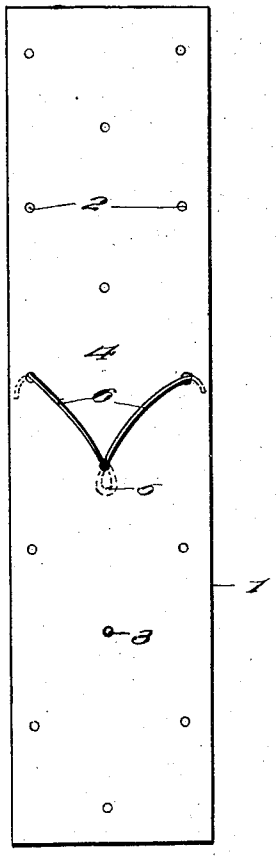


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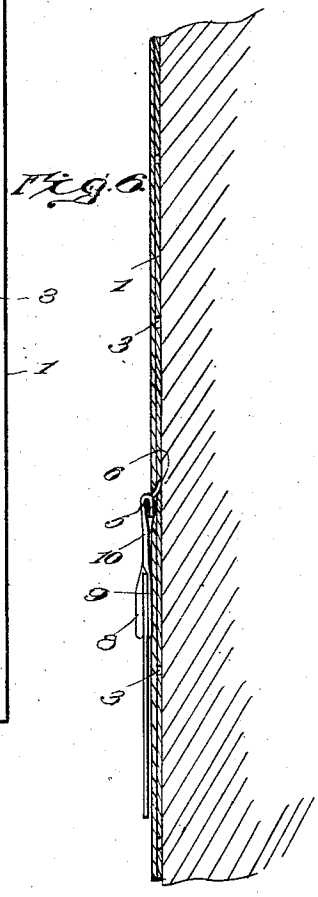


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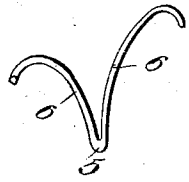
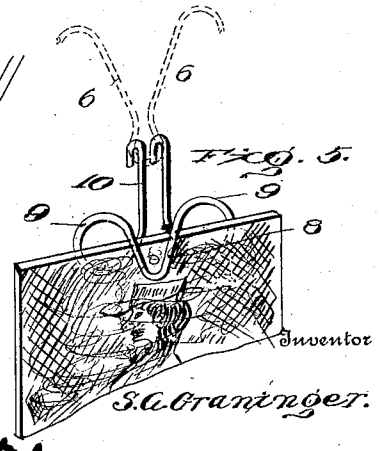


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL A. GRANINGER, citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Picture-Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is a new and useful device which is adapted to secure small pictures, photographs, calendars or the like to a wall without the necessity of mutilating the plaster thereof by driving tacks or similar fastening devices in the wall.

A further object of the invention is a simple, durable, and efficient construction of device of the character described, which is designed to be applied to a wall before the latter is papered, and which is substantially out of sight and out of the way until it is desired for use.

With this and other objects in view that will more fully appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists in certain constructions and arrangements of parts that I shall hereinafter fully describe and claim.

For a full understanding of the invention and the merits thereof, reference is to be had to the following description and the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved picture hanger; Fig. 2 is a rear elevation thereof; Fig. 3 is a cross-section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1; Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of a fastener; Fig. 5 is a similar view of a clamp, that may be employed; and, Fig. 6 is a vertical section showing my improved picture hanger applied to a wall.

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

My improved picture hanger comprises a supporting strip 1 constructed of paper, cloth or other suitable material and formed with a vertically extending series of transversely spaced side holes 2. Between each pair of side holes 2 and lower than the same, a middle hole 3 is formed.

A plurality of fasteners 4 are secured to the supporting strip 1, each fastener being preferably constructed of an integral strip of wire or the like doubled upon itself intermediate of its ends to form a loop 5 and diverging ends 6. These loops 5 are designed to protrude downwardly from the middle holes 3 and lie flat against the strip 1, the diverging ends 6 extending upwardly behind the supporting strip 1 and protruding from the respective side holes 2 as shown, the protruding extremities being slightly reversely curved.

The strip 1 is designed to be pasted or otherwise secured to the wall and the wall-paper is then applied thereto and serves to substantially cover said strip.

In the practical use of my improved picture hanger, whenever it is desired to hang a small picture on the wall, one of the wire loops 5 is radially uncovered by means of some sharp instrument such as a knife, and is easily and quickly bent outwardly to constitute a hook adapted for engagement with the string or wire of the picture or a hole formed therein.

In order to hang pictures or photographs not having suspension cords or formed with openings, I have provided a clamp which may be removably attached to such pictures and which is arranged for engagement with my improved hanger. This clamp is formed of an integral strip of wire doubled upon itself intermediate of its ends as indicated at 8, the ends being curved outwardly, downwardly and inwardly to form two substantially circular members 9. The extremities of the wire extend upwardly and are hooked as shown at 10. The upper edge of the picture to be hung is inserted between the doubled portion 8 and the circular members 9 and is securely held therebetween, the hooks 10 are then engaged with the loop 5 of the improved hanger to suspend the picture on the wall as desired.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is:

1. The combination with a wall or similar support, of a supporting strip secured thereto and covered by the paper of the wall, and a fastener constructed of pliable material and secured to the strip, said fastener being designed to be uncovered and bent outwardly from the wall through an opening in the paper, as and for the purpose set forth.

2. A device of the character described comprising a supporting strip formed with transversely spaced side openings and a middle opening between and lower than the side

openings, and a fastener secured behind the supporting strip and constructed of an integral strip of wire doubled upon itself intermediate of its ends to form a loop protruding through the middle opening and diverging ends secured in the side openings, as and for the purpose set forth.

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

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