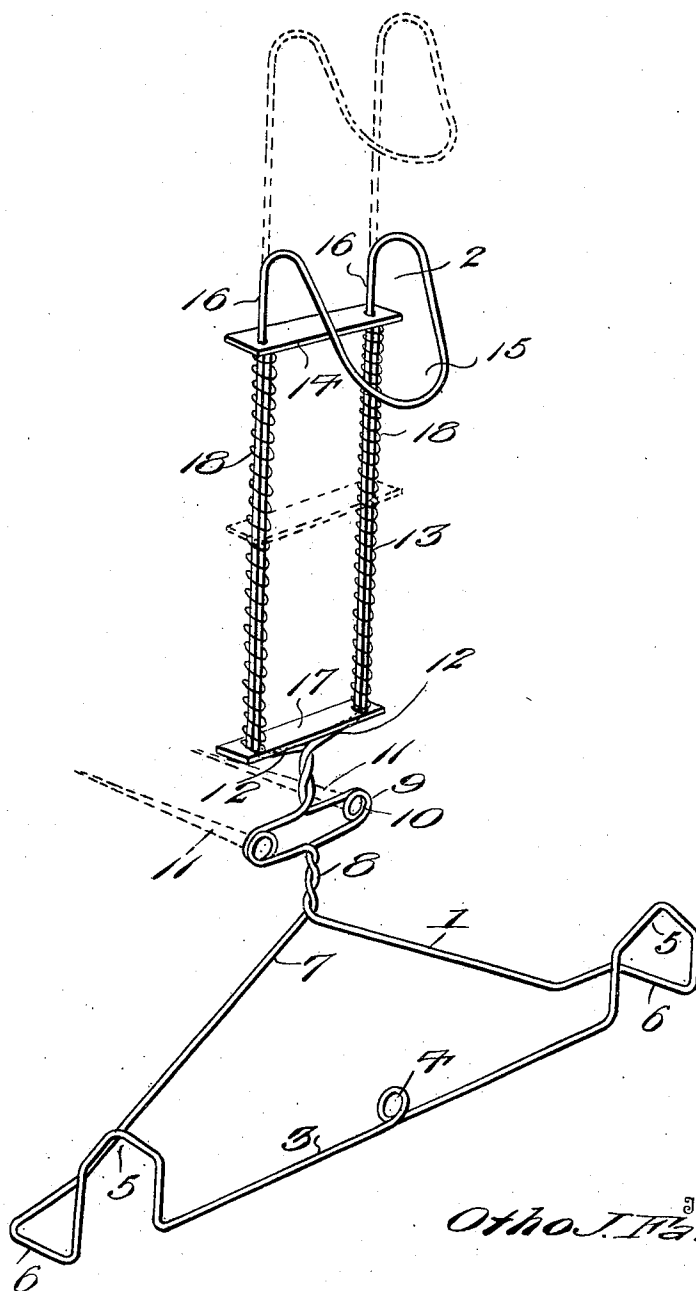


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OTHO J. FARIS, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Cashmere, in the county of Monroe and State of West Virginia, have invented new and useful Improvements in Picture-Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is an improved device for hanging pictures of various sizes or other like objects against a wall or other support, and the said invention consists in the construction, combination and arrangement of devices hereinafter described and claimed.

The accompanying drawing is a perspective view of a picture hanger embodying one form of this invention.

This improved picture hanger comprises a plurality of members adjustably connected together provided with means for engaging a picture or the like object, one of such elements having means to facilitate attachment thereof to a wall or other supporting object. In the present embodiment of the invention such picture hanger comprises a lower member 1 and an upper member 2. The lower member is formed of a single piece of wire bent to form a foot or base portion 3 to lie against the outer side of the lower portion of a picture at or near the center thereof and provided with an eye portion 4 to bear against the outer side of such picture. From the outer portions of the said loops rearwardly extending portions 6 project which bear directly under the picture, to support the same. Upwardly extending converging arms 7 are at the inner or rear ends of such transverse portions 6. Said arms are united at their upper inner ends by vertical portions 8 of the wire which are twisted together and which include oppositely extending loops or arms 9, each of which is formed at its outer end with a coil which constitutes an eye or opening 10 for the reception of a nail, screw or other like device, indicated at 11, in dotted lines, for securing the lower member of the hanger to and against a wall or other supporting object. The intertwisted portions 8 of the wire constituting the lower member of the picture hanger extend also above said arms 9 for a suitable distance, and then the said wire extends outwardly in opposite directions, as at 12, for a suitable distance. The ends of the said wire termi-

nate in parallel vertical portions 13. A cross bar 14 connects the upper ends of such parallel portions 13, as shown. The upper hanger member 2 is also formed of a single piece of wire, the central portion of which is bent to form a U-shaped hook 15 to engage the upper side of the picture. Vertical arms 16 extend downwardly from the upper ends of the sides of such hook, pass through guide openings in the cross bar 14 and have their lower ends connected together by a cross bar 17 to which they are secured, such cross bar having openings through which the vertical guide portions 13 of the lower hanger member extend. Coiled retractile springs 18 are here shown disposed on the parallel arms 13, 16 of the lower and upper hanger members and bearing between the cross bars 14 and 17 and have their ends respectively attached to such cross bars so that they serve to move such cross bars from each other and hence also serve to draw the hanger members toward each other and cause them to engage the upper and lower sides of the picture. Hence the picture hanger is longitudinally adjustable and is provided with springs which normally shorten the same to permit such hanger to be lengthened as may be required to engage its ends with opposite sides of pictures or other like objects of varying sizes.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new, is:—

A picture hanger comprising a lower member and an upper member, each of such members made of wire, such lower member having a base portion provided with means to engage the lower and outer sides of a picture, upwardly converging arms to lie behind the picture, portions extending upwardly from said converging arms, twisted together and providing oppositely extending arms formed with coils forming openings for the reception of nails or the like, upwardly extending parallel arms rising from said twisted portions and a bar connecting the upper ends of said parallel arms; the said upper member being also formed of wire, bent to form a U-shaped hook, and having vertical arms depending from the upper ends of the sides of such hook and a bar connecting the lower ends of such arms together, such bar having openings for the reception of the vertical parallel arms of

the lower member, the said bar at the upper
ends of the said parallel arms of the lower
member having openings for the reception
of the parallel arms of the upper member,
5 and springs connecting said bars together
and normally drawing the lower and upper
members toward each other.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature
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