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PICTURE HANGER.

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Fig. 1.

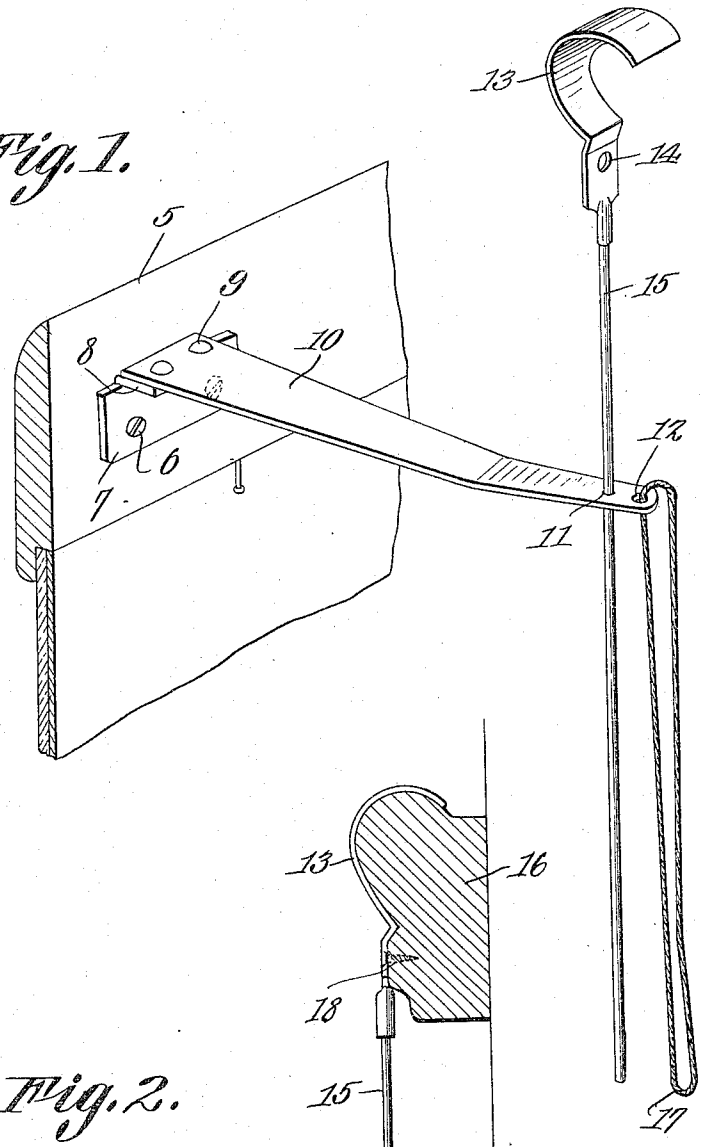


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE I. SCHLEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented new and useful Improvements in Picture-Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to devices for hanging framed pictures from moldings or other supports on a wall, and its object is to provide a device of this kind which will provide a safe and strong support for the picture and which enables the picture to be readily mounted in place, and also easily adjusted as to height.

The object stated is attained by means of a novel combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter described and claimed, and in order that the same may be better understood, reference is had to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification.

In the drawing,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device, and

Fig. 2 is an edge view of the device in supporting position, and partly in section.

Referring specifically to the drawing, 5 denotes the top rail of the frame of a picture. To the back of this rail is secured, by means of screws or fasteners 6, a base plate 7 having at the top a short horizontal outstanding flange 8 to which is riveted or otherwise secured, as shown at 9, a bracket arm 10 extending horizontally rearward from the back of the picture frame. The outer end of the bracket arm has two vertical apertures 11 and 12, respectively.

At 13 is shown a hook similar to an ordinary molding hook employed for hanging pictures. The shank of this hook has an aperture 14 and is also provided with a depending rod 15 of such a length as to reach from the molding 16, over which the hook 13 is engaged, down to the picture. The rod 15 passes loosely through the inner aperture 11 of the bracket arm 10, and through the outer aperture 12 of the bracket arm is passed a looped cord 17.

In use, the bracket arm 10 being secured to the picture frame as described, and the hook 13 being engaged over the molding 16, the bracket arm is slipped over the rod 15 by passing the latter through the aperture 11. The bracket arm is now slidable on the rod, and the picture may be placed at the desired elevation. Upon releasing the picture, it tends to tilt forward, whereupon the edges of the aperture 11 bind on the rod, and the bracket arm is locked on the rod, the weight of the picture sufficing to hold the arm locked. The hook 13 will be fixed to the molding 16 by passing a screw or other suitable fastener 18 through the aperture 14. In order that the picture may have the desired outward tilt, the bracket arm may be bent upward to position the picture at the desired angle, the arm being flexible for this purpose. To adjust the picture, it is necessary only to give the cord 17 a downward pull, which tilts the arm 10 back to release its grip on the rod 15, and the picture may now be raised or lowered, the bracket arm sliding freely on the rod, and when the picture is released, the arm again grips the rod and is locked thereon to hold the picture at the desired height. The releasing device will be found especially useful in connection with heavy pictures, so that an adjustment may be made by degrees without danger of the picture dropping to the floor.

I claim:—

The combination with a picture frame having a rearwardly extending horizontal bracket arm apertured vertically at its outer end, of a vertical rod passing loosely through the aperture of the bracket arm, means for mounting the rod in holding position, and a pull device connected to the outer end of the arm beyond the aperture through which the rod passes.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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