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FIG. 1.

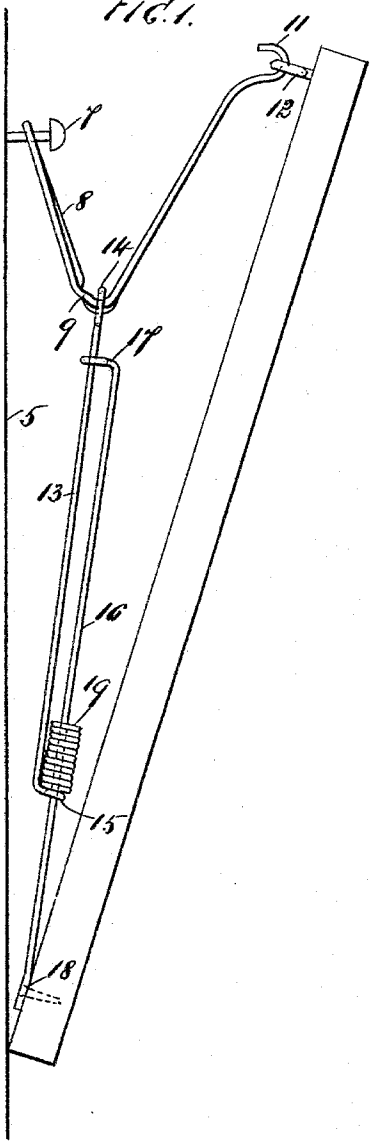
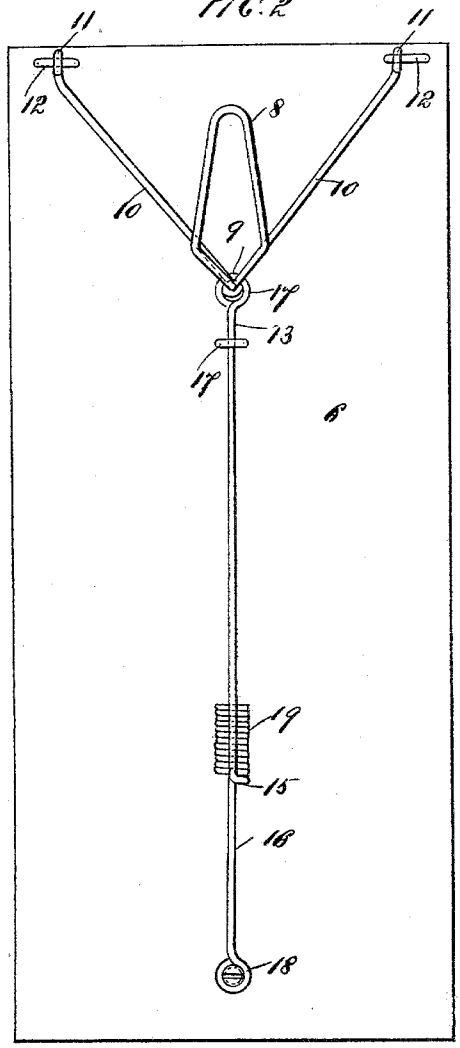


FIG. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES THOMAS MUMFORD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Central City, in the county of Linn and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Supports for Picture-Frames, of which the following is a full and complete specification, such as will enable those skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to supports for picture-frames, mirrors, and similar articles; and the object thereof is to provide an improved device of this class which is simple in construction and operation and comparatively inexpensive.

The invention is fully disclosed in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawings form a part, in which the separate parts of my improvement are designated by the same numerals of reference in each of the views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of my improved support, showing the same connected with a picture-frame and showing the method of its operation; and Fig. 2, a back view thereof.

In the drawings forming part of this specification I have shown at 5 a portion of a wall, and at 6 an ordinary picture or mirror frame, and in the practice of my invention I secure in the wall 5 a nail, hook, or similar device 7, and I provide a support of the class specified, which consists of two parts, each of which is composed of spring-wire or small rods. The upper part of the said device consists of a wire or rod bent centrally to form a loop 8, the sides thereof being brought together at 9 and then bent outwardly and upwardly to form arms 10, which are provided with hooks or eyes 11, through which are passed staples 12, which are driven into the upper end of the back of the frame. The other part is telescopic in form, and consists of a rod 13, which is provided at one end with a ring or eye 14, through which the upper part of the device is passed, the arms 10 thereof being passed through said ring or eye 14 before being bent outwardly and upwardly, as described, and the lower end of the rod 13 is provided with a ring or eye 15, which is bent at right angles thereto and through which passes a rod 16, which is provided at its upper end with a ring or eye 17, through which the rod 13 passes, and the lower end of the rod 13 is provided with a head 18, by means of which it is secured to the lower portion of the frame of the picture.

Mounted on one of the rods 13 or 16 (on the rod 16) as shown on the drawings, is a friction-coil 19, and the form of these parts is such that the space between the rods 13 and 16 is slightly wider at one end than at the other, and by moving said friction-coil 19 in one direction the said rods 13 and 16 may be longitudinally adjusted, while by moving said friction-coil in the opposite direction the said rods 13 and 16 will be held at any desired point, and the lower part of the holder may thus be adjusted to suit frames of different lengths.

It will be understood that this device may be connected with picture-frames, mirror-frames, or any kind or class of frames or devices which it is desired to suspend from a wall or other support, and in practice all that is necessary is to connect the attachment with the back of the frame, as shown, and then suspend the same from the nail or other device 7 by means of the loop 8.

This device is simple in construction and operation, and is perfectly adapted to accomplish the result for which it is intended, and is also comparatively inexpensive.

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

1. In a support for picture-frames, an adjusting device consisting of telescopic arms each of which is provided at one end thereof with an angular extension which is provided with a ring, and the angular extension of one arm being longer than the angular extension of the other arm, each arm being adapted to pass through the ring of the angular extension of the other arm, and a friction-coil mounted on one of said arms and adapted to engage the other arm when adjacent to the end of the arm having the shorter angular extension, substantially as shown and described.

2. A support for picture and other frames, which consists of an upper and a lower part, composed of wire or small rods, the upper part consisting of an upwardly and backwardly directed loop, and of upwardly and

outwardly directed arms, which are provided at their upper ends with hooks or eyes, and the lower part being longitudinally adjustable, and being connected with the upper part, and the lower end thereof, being adapted to be connected with the lower end of the frame, the upwardly and outwardly directed arms of the upper part being adapted to be connected with the upper end of the frame, said lower part, consisting of two rods, the lower rod being provided at its upper end with an eye or ring, through which the upper rod passes, and the upper rod being provided at its lower end with an eye or ring through which the lower rod passes, and one of said rods being provided with a friction-coil which is mounted thereon, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of the subscribing witnesses, this 15th day of April, 1897.

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