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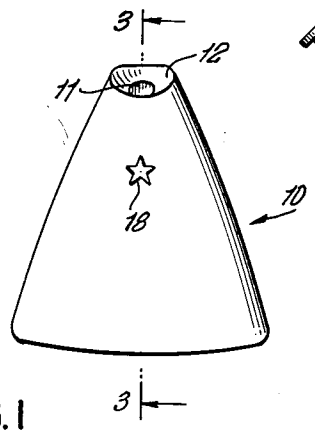
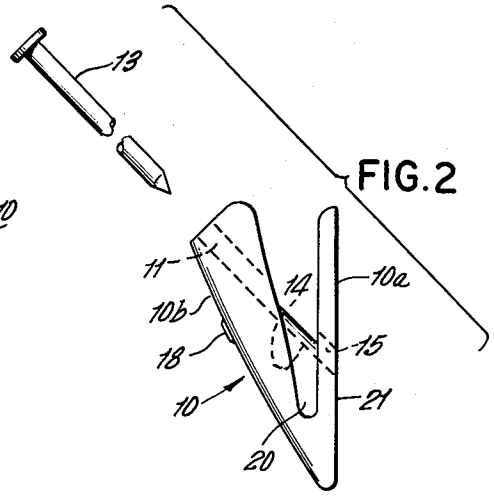


FIG. 1



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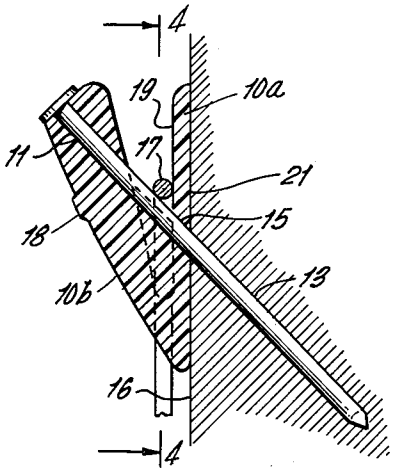

FIG. 3

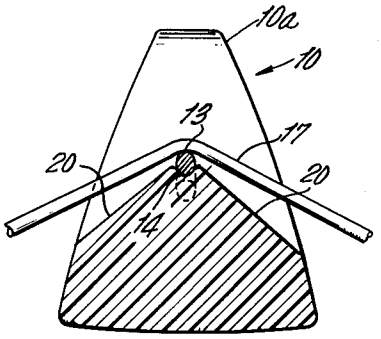

FIG. 4

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This invention relates to hangers employed for hanging pictures, mirrors and other heavy objects on walls.

In performing such hanging operations according to customary practice, it has been found that a number of problems have arisen. Thus, it has been found difficult to align properly the nails employed to secure such hangers. Moreover, the supporting members, such as the wire used in conjunction with the picture or other objects to be hung, is subject to slippage and consequent misalignment of such picture or other object supported thereby. Moreover, in some cases the wire will abrade the hanger or produce undesirable concentration of stress thereon.

Furthermore, the affixation of the nail in the hanging operation frequently results in undesirable chipping or other damage to the wall to which the hanger is secured.

Accordingly, it is an object of the present invention to provide an improved hanger which incorporates means for aligning the nail used therewith in a suitable position.

Another object of the invention is to provide a hanger of the character indicated which has improved means for resisting abrasion by wires or other flexible members employed for hanging pictures, mirrors and other heavy objects.

Another object of the invention is to provide a hanger of the character indicated which has means for minimizing the stress concentrations produced by such wires or other flexible members.

Another object of the invention is to provide a hanger of the character indicated which has improved means for reducing the slippage of such wires or other flexible members.

Another object of the invention is to provide a hanger of the character indicated which is adapted to minimize chipping and other damage to the wall to which it is secured.

Another object of the invention is to provide a hanger of the character indicated which has improved means for resisting deformation due to the stresses imposed thereon during operative use.

A further object of the invention is to provide a hanger of the character indicated which is composed of a plastic material.

Yet a further object of the present invention is to provide an improved hanger of the character indicated which is of inherently simple design and which may be economically manufactured.

Other and further objects of the invention will become apparent from the following description as read in connection with the accompanying drawing.

In the drawing:

FIGURE 1 is a front elevational view of a portion of one embodiment of the present invention;

FIGURE 2 is an exploded side view of the said embodiment of the invention;

FIGURE 3 is a cross-sectional view taken about the line 3—3 of FIGURE 1 and depicting said embodiment of the invention in operative position; and

FIGURE 4 is a cross-sectional view taken about the line 4—4 of FIGURE 3.

As shown in the drawing, one form of the instant invention comprises a plastic hanger which is abuttable against a wall so as to reduce chipping thereof during affixation of the hanger upon the wall surface. Thus, as appears in FIGURE 1 of the drawing, this form of the

invention includes a hanger, generally designated by the numeral **10** and composed of a plastic or other elastomeric material. This hanger is provided with an aperture **11** and an inclined marginal perimeter **12** surrounding said aperture **11**, said marginal perimeter **12** serving as a seat for the nail hereinafter referred to.

As appears in FIGURE 2, a nail **13** of conventional form may be employed with the hanger **10**, the said nail being receivable in the aperture **11**. This aperture **11** is inclined at a predetermined angle deemed suitable for hanging purposes.

As may be seen in FIGURE 2, the hanger **10** is of generally V-shaped conformation, one leg **10***a* of said V-shaped conformation being disposable in vertical position to conform with the vertical disposition of a wall, the other leg **10***b* of said conformation being inclined in a direction generally corresponding to the inclination of said nail.

The aperture **11** is aligned with a channel **14** communicating between the legs **10***a* and **10***b*, the said channel **14** also being aligned with an aperture **15** formed in the leg **10***a*.

When the nail **13** is inserted into the apertures **11** and **15**, as well as the channel **14**, and driven into a wall **16** so as to dispose the hanger for operative use, as appears in FIGURE 3, a wire **17** or other flexible member attached to a picture or other heavy object in the customary manner may be disposed upon the nail in the position depicted in the last-mentioned figure. The position of the wire **17** upon the nail **13** may be advantageously noted by observing the position of the mark or indicia **18** provided upon the external surface of the leg **10***b*. This mark or indicia **18** is preferably in the form of a boss having a star-shaped conformation, the center of said boss being at an elevation corresponding with the position of the said wire **17** upon the nail **13**.

It will be noted that when the wire **17** is in the position depicted in FIGURE 3, it tends to be wedged against the outer surface **19** of the leg **10***a*. Since the surface so presented is that of the plastic material of which the hanger is composed, a somewhat resilient gripping action is exerted between said surface **19** and the wire **17**, thereby preventing undesirable slippage of said wire and consequent misalignment of any object attached thereto.

It will also be seen in FIGURE 4 that the said wire rests solely upon the nail **13** and the inclined surfaces **20** of the hanger **10** do not contact the wire **17**. Instead, these surfaces **20** define that portion of the hanger **10** which is disposed between its legs **10***a* and **10***b* and which includes the channel **14**, the said portion of the hanger serving as a sturdy base for the channel **14**. However, since the wire **17** makes no contact with the inclined surfaces **20**, the possibility of abrasion thereof by the wire **17** is eliminated. Any tendency of the wire to cut or extrude the plastic material is similarly eliminated.

It will also be seen that since the hanger **10** is composed of a plastic material and since the inward face **21** of the leg **10***a* presents a planar surface and of a generally triangular conformation and abuttable against the surface of the wall **16**, any tendency of the nail to chip or otherwise damage the said wall **16** will be resisted by said face **21** when in abutment with the wall **16**. This resistance will also be augmented by the yieldability of the plastic material which will tend to support the wall surface against deformation radial of the opening formed by the nail **13**.

It will also be seen that the entire length of the nail **13** which protruded from the wall during operative use is supported by the hanger and that the inclination of the nail is determined by the inclination of the apertures **11** and **15** and the channel **14** formed in the hanger. Hence, the nail is automatically inclined at the desired angle and

maintained at such angular inclination. Moreover, since the wire **17** is disposed against the surface **19** of the leg **10***a* and at a short distance from the wall **16**, its moment arm with respect to said surface **19**, as well as with respect to the wall **16**, is quite small, thereby minimizing any tendency towards bending the nail. Thus, the hanger and nail are seen to be of inherently strong design.

The embodiment of the invention illustrated and described herein above has been selected for the purpose of clearly setting forth the principles involved. It will be apparent, however, that the present invention is susceptible to being modified in respect to details of construction, combination and arrangement of parts which may be resorted to without departure from the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

I claim:

1. A hanger comprising a member having a pair of legs in V-shaped conformation, one of said legs being disposed vertically and the other being inclined relative thereto, said vertically disposed leg having an outer planar surface for abutment against a wall, said legs having aligned apertures, means defining a channel extending between said apertures for receiving a nail inserted in said apertures, said channel being inclined relative to the inner surface of said vertically disposed leg and including an open recessed portion extending between the confronting surfaces of said legs for exposing the nail to support a flexible member.

2. A hanger as set forth in claim 1, said member having lateral surfaces inclined outwardly and downwardly from said open recessed portion.

3. A hanger as set forth in claim 1, at least the inner surface of said vertically disposed leg beign formed of plastic material to resiliently grip such flexible member.

4. A hanger comprising a member having a pair of legs in V-shaped conformation, one of said legs being disposed vertically and the other being inclined relative thereto, said vertically disposed legs having an outer planar surface for abutment against, a wall, said legs having aligned apertures, means defining a channel extending between said apertures, a nail inserted in said apertures and seated in said channel, said channel being inclined relative to the inner surface of said vertically disposed leg and including an open recessed portion extending between the confronting surfaces of said legs for exposing the nail to support a flexible member.

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