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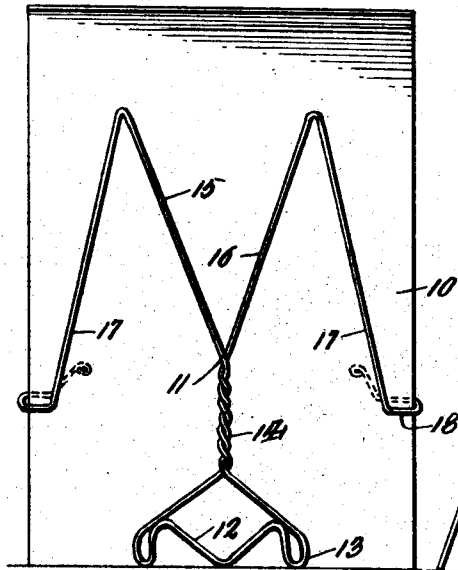


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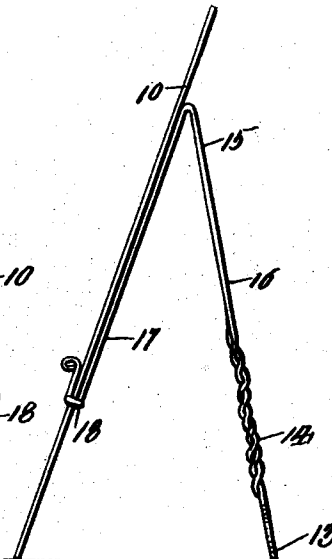
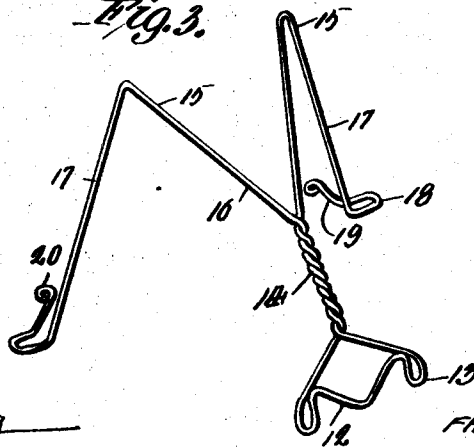


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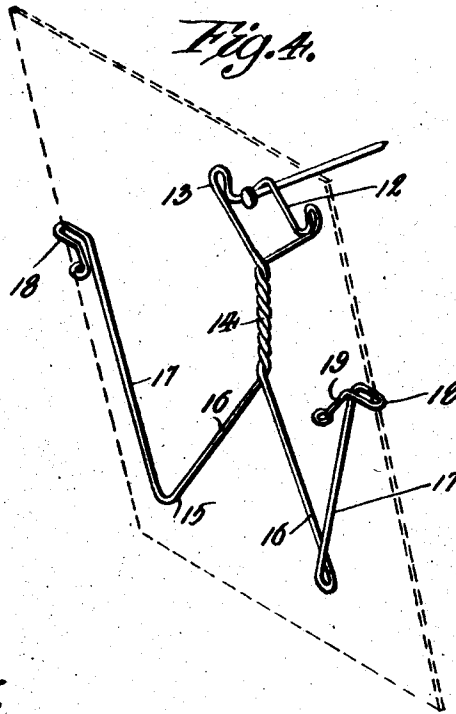
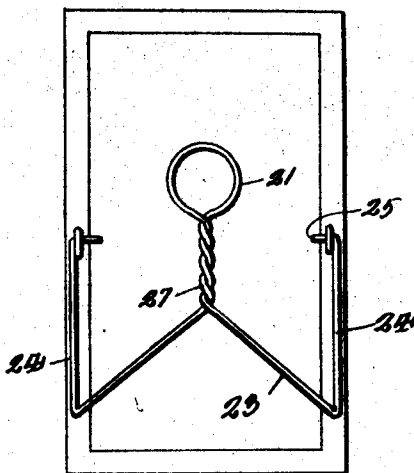


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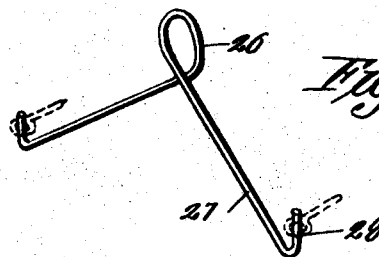
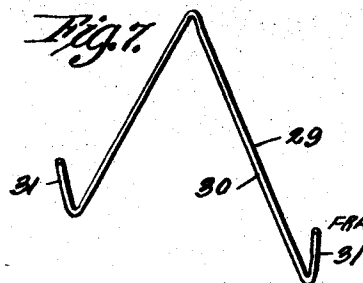


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This invention relates to an improved hanger and support for pictures, cards and the like.

5 An important object of the invention is to provide a device which may be employed as a support for pictures and the like, and may be readily inverted for use as a hanger for the same.

10 A further object of the invention is the provision of a combined support and hanger which may be very easily mounted upon a picture for supporting same in an angular inclined position, or hanging it upon a wall.

15 Another object of the invention is the provision of a combined hanger and support of simple yet durable structure and which will be efficient for the purpose intended.

20 Other objects and advantages of this invention will become apparent as the description progresses.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification and in which like numerals are employed to designate corresponding parts throughout the same:

25 Figure 1 is a rear elevation of a device constructed in accordance with my invention employed as a picture support.

Figure 2 is a side elevation of the same.

30 Figure 3 is a perspective view of the device in position as a support.

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the device shown in operative position as a hanger.

Figure 5 is a rear elevation of a modified form of the device.

35 Figure 6 is a perspective view of another modified form, and

Figure 7 is a similar view of still another modification of the device.

40 In the drawings, wherein for the purpose of illustration is shown the preferred embodiment of my invention, the numeral 10 generally designates a picture or photograph and 11 my improved device connected thereto so as to support the picture at an angular position.

45 Referring now more particularly to the structure embodying my invention, my improved support is preferably constructed of a unitary wire strand bent at its intermediate portion in the form of a V-shaped bracket 12 provided with loops 14 at the extremities in alignment with the apex of the V. The extensions of the wire are then bent at angular intersecting positions and
50 twisted for a substantial distance to provide

the body portion 14. The wire extensions are then bent in outwardly diverging positions to form a pair of complementary V-shaped members 15, each of these members comprising upwardly extending diverging legs 16 bent at an obtuse angle at the upper extremities to form downwardly diverging arms 17. It is to be noted, that the bracket structures 12 and 13, the body portion 14 and the legs 16 extend in a straight plane while the downwardly extending diverging arms 17 extend at an obtuse angled plane, as clearly shown in Figure 2. This particular formation is desirable, so that the support structure will support the picture at an angular inclination so as to prevent accidental displacement of the picture and support.

It is desirable, in the formation of my improved device, to construct the support of resilient wire so that the downwardly extending arms 17 will have a natural tendency to converge, the purpose of which will become apparent as the description progresses.

In order that the support may firmly engage a picture or the like, the lower extremities of the downwardly extending arms 17 are provided with lateral outwardly extending claws 18 bent in U-shaped formation and terminating in angular extensions 19 curved in the form of a loop at the extremities as at 20. These claws are formed so as to normally assume closely associated positions, the picture or photograph being forced between the claw extensions and held in position by the resiliency of the wire. The angular extensions 19 tend to guide the edges of the picture in proper position in the U-shaped claws so as to facilitate the mounting of the device upon the picture or other object.

With reference to Figure 4, wherein the device is shown in inverted position, it is readily apparent that the V-shaped bracket portion 12 may be readily placed in engagement with a nail or other projection secured upon a wall so as to permit pictures and the like being hung thereon.

The foregoing structure is especially adaptable for use in connection with unframed pictures and photographs and in order to adapt the device for framed pictures it is advisable to modify the structure as illustrated in Figure 5. This modification is also constructed of a resilient wire strand looped at its intermediate portion to

provide a circular ring 21, the adjacent extensions being twisted to provide a substantial body portion 22. The wire extensions are then bent to provide angular diverging legs 23, the extensions being bent at an obtuse angle to form upwardly extending parallel arms 24. The upper extremities of these arms are bent inwardly at right angles to provide fingers 25 engageable with eye bolts mounted on the picture frame. The parallel oppositely arranged arms 24 are formed so as to have a natural tendency to assume inwardly inclined positions causing these members to be firmly pressed against the eye bolts and prevent displacement of the hanger.

Another modified form of the device is shown in Figure 6, this structure embodying a wire strand looped at its intermediate portion and extending to form divergent legs 27 provided on the extremities with vertically extending fingers 28 engageable with transversely extending eye bolts.

Still another modified form of the device is contemplated, this form comprising a simple wire strand bent to provide a V-shaped body portion 29 comprising diverging legs 30 bent at the extremities to provide vertically directed fingers 31 adapted to engage the eye bolts of a picture frame.

It is apparent, that my improved device while very easily constructed will be durable and may be employed to effectively support pictures, photographs, cards and similar articles upon tables and stands. The device may also, in the same formation, be employed for hanging pictures being inverted for this use. It has also been disclosed, that with slight modification the device may be formed for hanging framed pictures and particularly intended for heavier articles.

It is to be understood that the form of my

invention herewith shown and described is to be taken as the preferred example of the same and that various changes as to the shape, size and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention, or the scope of the subjoined claims.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

1. A wire easel of the character described comprising an inverted substantially V-shaped base portion, an arm extending from the apex of said V-portion, a pair of arms extending in divergent relation from said first mentioned arm, a downwardly and laterally directed arm extending forwardly from the free end of each of said divergent arms, each of said last mentioned arms having the free end thereof formed to set up a laterally directed substantially U-shaped article engaging member having the legs thereof lying in a plane extending substantially at right angles to the arm of which it forms a part.

2. A wire easel of the character described comprising an inverted substantially V-shaped base portion, an arm extending from the apex of said V-portion, a pair of arms extending in divergent relation from said first mentioned arm, a downwardly and laterally directed arm extending forwardly from the free end of each of said divergent arms, each of said last mentioned arms having the free end thereof formed to set up a laterally directed substantially U-shaped article engaging member having the legs thereof lying in a plane extending substantially at right angles to the arm of which it forms a part, said divergent arms being of materially less length than the over all length of the easel structure.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.
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