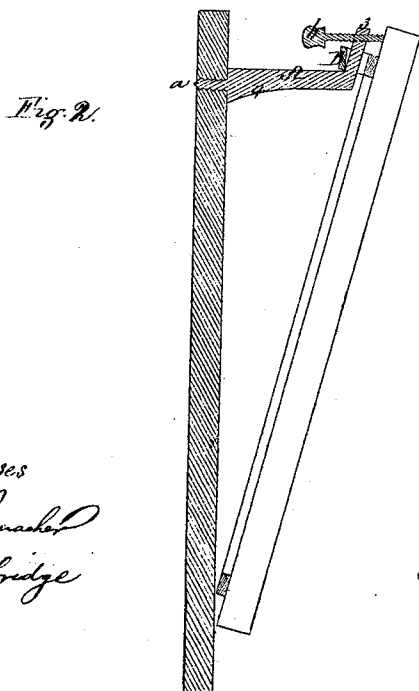
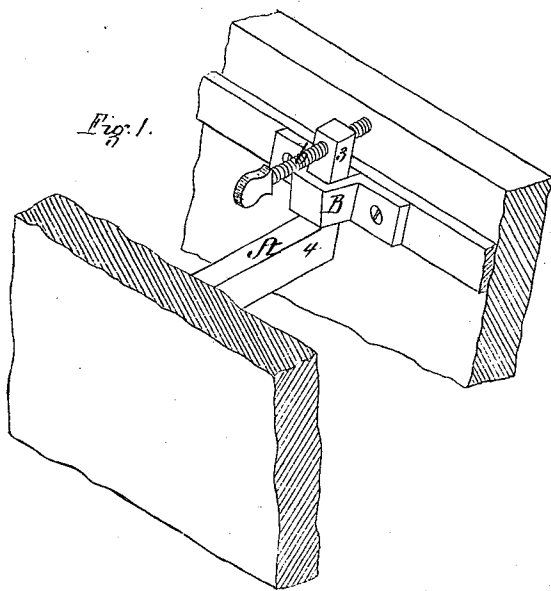


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IMPROVED DEVICE FOR HANGING PICTURE-FRAMES, &c.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN N. GILLISPIE, of Waltham, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improved Device for Hanging Picture-Frames, &c., directly to a wall, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view, representing my improved device and its application in supporting a frame from a wall.

Figure 2 is a longitudinal section through the center of the same.

My invention has for its object to provide a reliable means of securing a frame to the wall of an apartment without the employment of the ordinary cord heretofore used for this purpose; and

My invention consists in a hook, one end of which is provided with a screw for fastening it to the wall, while the other end of the hook passes up through and projects above a clasp or socket-plate, secured to the center of the back of the frame, at or near its top, a thumb-screw passing through the portion of the hook projecting up above the clasp, and being turned against the top of the frame for the purpose of inclining it so as to bring the lower edge of the frame to a firm bearing against the wall, by which construction the frame is prevented from swinging on its hook, and by dispensing with the cord the stain on the wall often produced thereby is avoided, as well as the danger of the frame falling by the parting of the cord, which frequently happens when the latter is moth-eaten or impaired by age.

To enable others skilled in the art to understand and use my invention, I will proceed to describe the manner in which I have carried it out.

In the said drawings—

A is my improved hook, of the form seen, being provided with a gimlet-screw, *a*, at one end, for facility

of securing it to the wall by hand without the use of a gimlet.

At the opposite end of the hook projects the portion 3, at or nearly at right angles to its horizontal portion, 4.

B is a clasp or socket-plate, secured by screws to the top of the frame, near its center.

The portion 3 of the hook passes through and projects above the clasp, and is provided with a hole for the reception of a thumb-screw, *b*, the end of which is pressed against the inside of the top of the frame, the pressure upon which serves to incline the frame so as to bring its lower edge against the wall, where it finds a firm bearing, and is thereby prevented from swinging on its hook, the thumb-screw *b* also acting as a stop to prevent the frame from being accidentally unhooked.

By means of my improvement, it will be seen that a frame of any ordinary size may be suspended by a single hook, while the cost of the cord ordinarily employed, the inconvenience of attaching it to the frame and nail in the wall, and the staining of the wall, are thereby avoided.

It is evident that a frame may be made to pitch forward at a greater or less angle than that shown by simply varying the length of the horizontal portion 4 of the hook.

Claim.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The hook A, with its thumb-screw *b*, in combination with the clasp B, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

Witness my hand this 6th day of April, A. D. 1870.

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