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PICTURE FRAME HANGER.

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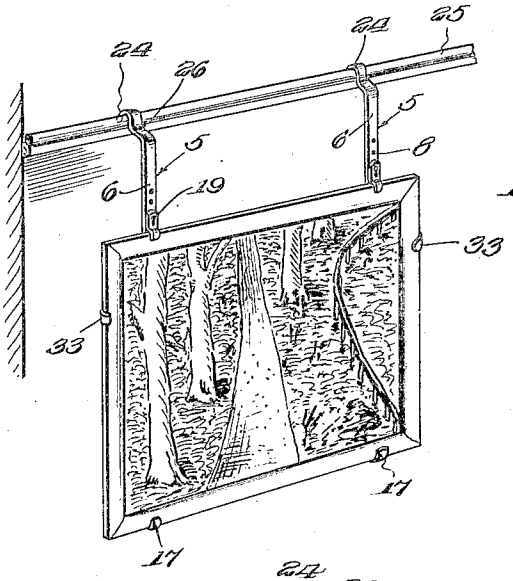


Fig. 1.

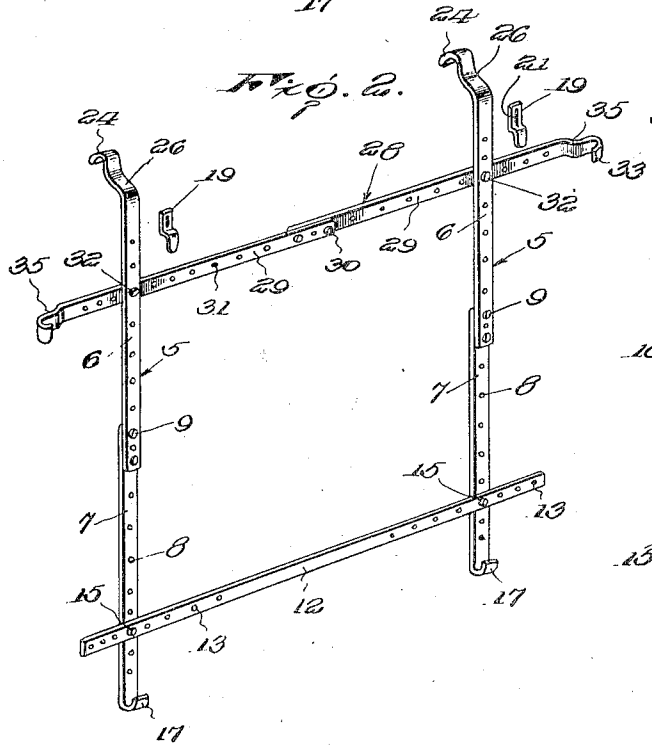


Fig. 2.

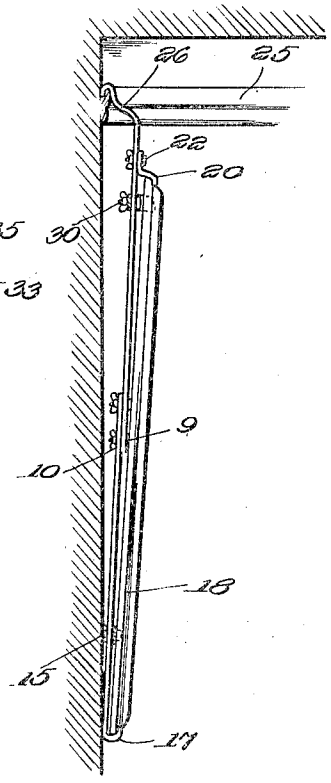


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN G. DULLE, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Picture-Frame Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in supports and more particularly to picture frame hangers.

An important object of this invention is to provide a picture frame hanger having novel means whereby the same may be readily and conveniently adjusted for supporting pictures of various shapes and sizes.

A further object of the invention is to provide a picture hanger having novel means for supporting pictures in an inclined position so that the same may be readily viewed.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a picture hanger which is neat in appearance, desirable in use and cheap to manufacture.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent during the course of the following description.

In the accompanying drawing forming a part of this application and in which like numerals are employed to designate like parts throughout the same,

Figure 1 is a perspective of the improved picture hanger in use,

Fig. 2 is a perspective of the same detached,

Fig. 3 is an end elevation of the improved hanger applied.

In the drawing wherein for the purpose of illustration is shown a preferred embodiment of the invention, the numeral 5 designates a pair of attaching members or strips each of which comprises sections 6 and 7 having spaced apertures 8 adapted for the reception of bolts 9. Wing nuts 10 may be threaded onto the bolts 9 after the same have been extended through the alined openings 8 of the sections 6 and 7 and are readily detached for the purpose of lengthening or shortening the attaching members 5. Each attaching member 5 is provided with two of the bolts 9 arranged in spaced relation so that the sections 6 and 7 are prevented from movement with relation to each other.

The lower portions of the attaching members or strips 5 are joined by a connecting strip 12 having its end portions provided with spaced openings 13 adapted for registration with the openings 8 of the sections 7 for receiving bolts 15 which serve as a medium for connecting the sections 7 and the lower connecting strip 12. Obviously, the space between the attaching members 5 may be adjusted by extending the bolts 15 through the proper openings 13 in the end portions of the lower connecting strip.

The lower portions of the sections 7 are hooked, as indicated at 17, and form a support for a picture frame 18. As illustrated in Fig. 3, the lower side of the picture frame is mounted upon the hooked portions 17 of the sections 7. The upper side of the picture frame is engaged by a pair of clips 19 having one end portion curved outwardly as indicated at 20, for overhanging the picture frame. Each clip 19 is provided with a longitudinally extending slot 21 adapted to receive a fastening bolt 22 which is also adapted to be extended through one of the openings in the upper section 6. In this manner each clip may be applied at the proper position on one of the sections 6 and may be adjusted longitudinally of the section 6 after being applied. By this construction each of the clips may be readily moved out of engagement with the upper edge of the picture frame either by a pivotal or sliding movement.

The upper portions of the strips or sections 6 are curved upon themselves to form hooks 24 adapted to be engaged with a picture molding 25 when it is desired to hang the picure. As illustrated in Fig. 3, the portion of each section 6 between the hook 24 and the clip 21 is curved longitudinally or offset, as indicated at 26 so that when the hanger is suspended from a picture molding the picture will be arranged in a slightly inclined position with relation to the wall.

The sections 6 are adjustably connected by an upper connecting section 28 which, as illustrated in Fig. 2, comprises a pair of sections or strips 29. The sections 29 of the connecting member 28 have their inner end portions overlapped and adjustably connected through the medium of a pair of bolts 30 extended through spaced openings 31 in the sections. The sections or strips 29 are ad-

justably connected to the attaching members 5 by a pair of bolts or other suitable fastening means 32. The bolts 22 and 30 have threaded engagement with wing nuts which may be readily removed or applied without the aid of such special tools as wrenches. The outer end portions of the sections 29 are bent upon themselves to form hooks 33 adapted for engaging the side edges of the picture frame when applied to the hanger. As illustrated in Fig. 2, the portions of the sections 29 inwardly of the hooks 33 are offset, as indicated at 35, so that the picture is arranged in spaced relation to the upper portions of the attaching members 5. The offset portions 35 also serve as a means for compensating for the thickness of the sections 6.

In adjusting the improved hanger to a picture frame preparatory to hanging the picture, the lower edge or side of the picture is engaged with the hooks 17 and the hooks 33 of the strips 29 are subsequently engaged with the sides of the picture frame, as illustrated in Fig. 1. After the frame has been engaged with the hooks 17 and 33, the clips 19 are engaged with the upper side of the picture frame so as to absolutely secure the picture to the hanger. Obviously, the improved hanger may be readily adjusted to support pictures of various sizes. The hanger may also be employed for supporting oval-shaped pictures by engaging the hooks 33 of the strips 29 with the upper portion of the oval-shaped picture frame.

When the picture frame has been rigidly secured to the hanger, the hooks 24 may be engaged with the picture molding 25 or other suitable support. It will be observed that only a small portion of the hanger is exposed to view after the picture is in position so that the hanger does not detract from the appearance of the picture or other surroundings.

It is to be understood that the form of the invention herewith shown and described is to be taken as a preferred embodiment of the same and that such minor changes in construction and arrangement of parts may be made as will remain within the spirit of the invention and the scope of what is claimed.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. A picture frame hanger including a pair of spaced parallel attaching members comprising pairs of upper and lower adjustably connected sections, the lower portions of said lower sections being hooked for engaging the under side of a picture frame, the upper end portions of said upper sections being provided with hooks adapted for engaging the picture molding, upper and lower horizontal connecting members adjustably connected to said attaching members and arranged in spaced parallel relation, said upper connecting member comprising a pair of adjustably connected strips having their outer end portions formed with hooks, clips arranged upon the upper sections of said attaching members and provided with elongated slots, and bolts extending through said elongated slots and the upper sections of said attaching members for adjustably securing the clips to the attaching member, said upper sections of said attaching member and the end portions of said upper connecting member being offset for disposing a picture frame angularly with relation to the wall.

2. A picture frame hanger including a pair of spaced parallel attaching members comprising upper and lower adjustably connected sections, the lower portions of said lower sections being hooked for engaging the under side of a picture frame, the upper end portions of said upper sections being provided with hooks adapted for engaging a picture molding, upper and lower connecting members adjustably connected to said attaching members and arranged in spaced relation, said attaching members having their upper end portions offset and the end portions of said upper connecting member also being offset for disposing a picture frame angularly with relation to the wall, and means carried by said attaching members for engaging the upper side of a picture frame.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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