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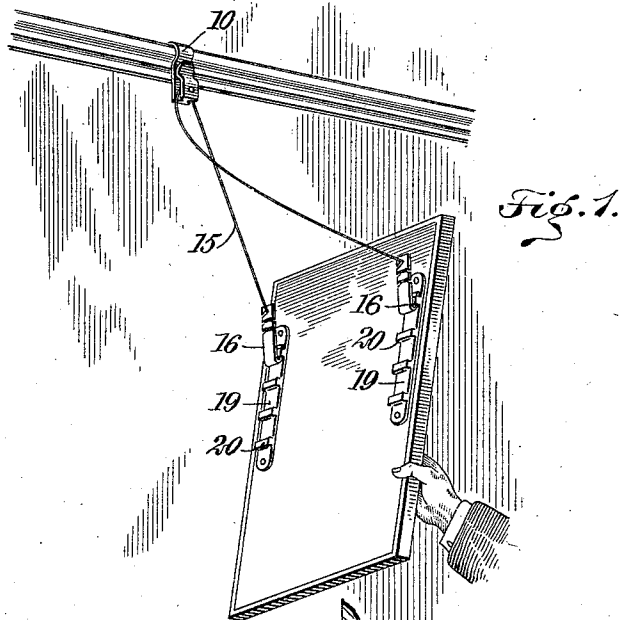


Fig. 1.

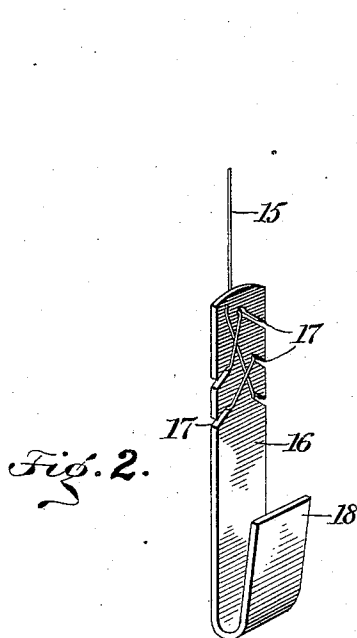


Fig. 2.

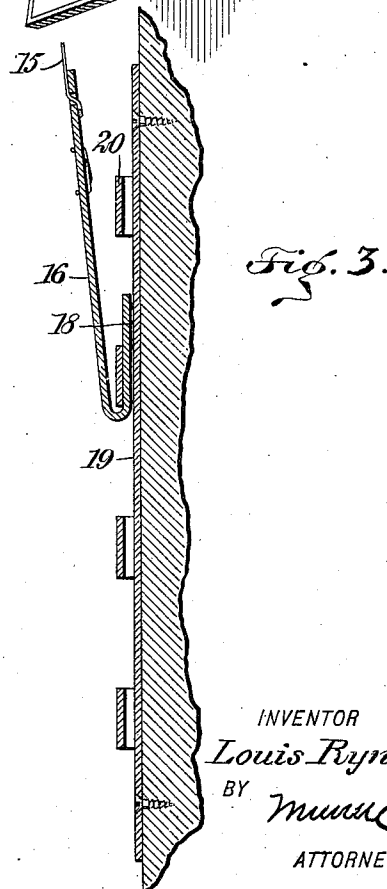


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS RYNEK, a subject of the Czar of Russia, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Picture-Hanging Device, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to a device for hanging pictures and similar articles in a convenient manner, and the principal objects thereof are to provide for adjusting the angle at which the picture is inclined to the wall; to provide for conveniently adjusting the length of the cord or wire by which the picture is hung, and to generally improve the construction and operation of devices of this general character.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device constructed in accordance with the principle of my invention; Fig. 2 is a perspective view of one of the hooks; and Fig. 3 is a sectional view of a picture frame and one of the hooks.

My invention is preferably employed with a molding or some equivalent device, and I have shown a hook 10 mounted upon a support in the form of such a molding and with which the flexible connection, preferably in the form of a cord or wire, engages.

In order to provide for connecting the cord or wire with the picture I provide a pair of hooks 16 preferably formed of flat bars. In the upper ends of these hooks are located a series of notches 17. These notches may be of various forms, but I prefer to have them slant upwardly from the edges of the hook so that when the connection 15 is passed through them it will securely hold the hook. By the use of these notches or any equivalent devices the lower ends of the connection 15 can be securely fastened in a great many ways. That which I have illustrated consists in passing the end of the connection along the inner surface of the hook to the lowest notch on one side, then bringing the connection around the back of the hook to the lowest notch on the other side and crossing it over the end of the connection to the second notch on the first side. This is repeated as many times as it may be necessary in order to securely hold the device.

The hooks 16 are provided with reversely-extending portions 18, which form the hook proper, and these hooks are designed to be secured in any desired position in a pair of racks 19 fixedly mounted upon the back of the picture, mirror or other device which is to be

hung. Each rack is provided with a series of loops 20, located preferably at regular distances apart and adapted to receive the hooks 18. As will be readily observed from the drawings, the hooks can be located in any one of the loops, and consequently the angle at which the picture is hung on the wall can be easily changed without removing the picture-cord or wire from the hook 10, and without disarranging the hanging device in any way. In the present forms of picture-hanging devices it is usually necessary to remove screws or other connections and entirely disconnect the picture-cord or wire from the picture, rendering an adjustment of the angle at which the picture hangs as laborious as the original hanging of the picture.

By the use of the invention, one form of which has been described, it will be seen that not only is this operation performed with the greatest despatch, but the angular position of the picture can be regulated to any desired degree of nicety, according to the length of the racks 19. Also, if it is desired to change the height of the picture, one of the hooks 16 can be readily disengaged from the hanging cord or wire, and connected with it again at a different point, without the use of any tools or implements whatever, and without the expenditure of any considerable time or skill.

While useful for all kinds of pictures and the like, the invention is especially applicable in hanging heavy articles of this character.

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

1. In a picture-hanging device, a pair of hooks formed of flat bars, each hook being provided with notches in the edges of its shank, a wire or cord having its ends secured in the notches of the shanks of the hooks, and plates adapted to be secured to opposite sides of a frame and each provided on its outer face with a plurality of angular loops projecting from the plates and arranged one above the other and with which the hooks engage.

2. In a picture hanging device, a pair of hooks having flat shanks provided with notches in their edges, a wire or cord secured in the notches of the shanks of the hooks, and plates adapted to be secured to opposite sides of a frame and each provided with a plurality of loops projecting therefrom and arranged one above the other the loops being detachably engaged by the said hooks.

3. In a picture-hanging device, a hook having a plurality of upwardly inclined notches in the edges of its shank to facilitate attaching a wire or cord thereto and means adapted to be secured to a frame and with which the hook is adapted to engage.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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