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PICTURE HANGER.

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Fig. 1

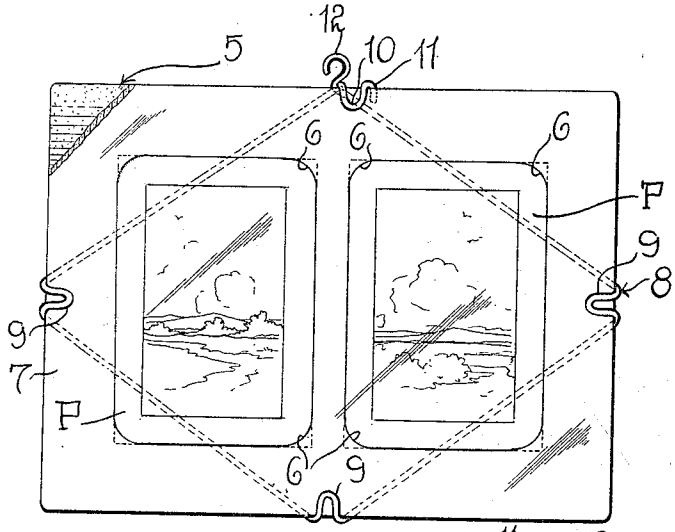


Fig. 2

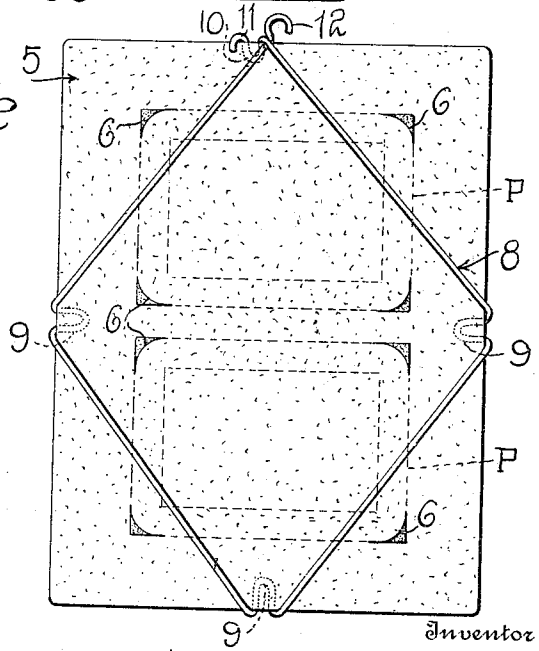
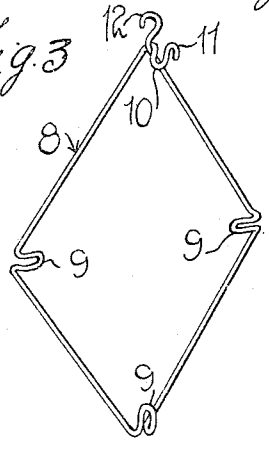


Fig. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. THOMAS, a citizen of the United States, residing at York, in the county of York and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Picture-Hangers, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to an improved picture hanger and has for its primary object to provide a very simple and convenient device for the mounting and hanging of postcards.

It is another and more particular object of the invention to provide a hanger for the above purpose constructed from a single length of wire provided at spaced points with hooks or loops for engagement over the marginal edges of the postcard mount or frame, said wire terminating at one end in an eye whereby the same may be suspended from a nail or other object.

It is a further general object of the invention to produce a picture or postcard hanger which may be very easily and quickly applied, can be adjusted to receive picture frames or mounts of various sizes, and is capable of manufacture at very small cost.

With the above and other objects in view, my invention consists in the novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter more fully described, claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which,

Figure 1 is a plan view illustrating one application of my improved picture hanger; Fig. 2 is a rear view showing the device applied in another manner; and Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the hanger.

Referring in detail to the drawing, 5 designates a cardboard mount or sheet which is provided at the proper points with slits 6 to receive the corners of postcards indicated at P. The cardboard mount may be of any desired size to receive a predetermined number of cards.

7 indicates a glass plate conforming in size and shape to the cardboard sheet 5, and upon one side of which said sheet is adapted to be arranged with the postcards P next adjacent to the face of the glass.

My improved hanger is formed from a single length of wire 8 which is bent at spaced points between its ends into substantially diamond-shaped form as shown, and at each point of the diamond, at the junction of the reversely inclined portions of the wire, said wire is formed with an inwardly projecting bend or loop 9. A similar loop 10 is also formed adjacent to one end of the wire and this terminal of the wire is extended from the loop in the form of a hook 11. The other end of the wire 8 is adapted to be engaged under the hook 10 and terminates in an eye 12 for engagement with a wall hook or nail from which the picture is to be suspended.

From reference to Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawing, the manner of applying the device will be readily understood. After the postcards have been arranged in the mount and disposed upon one side of the glass plate 7, the hanger frame is fitted thereon, the inclined portions of the wire frame extending diagonally across the back of the cardboard mount from the opposite ends thereof to the center of its upper and lower edges. The inwardly projecting loops or tongues 9 and 10 are sprung over the edges of the glass plate 7, and by their resilient clamping action, serve to prevent any relative movement of the cardboard mount and the glass plate. The terminal hook 11, adjacent to the loop 10, is engaged over the rear face of the cardboard sheet while the eye 12 will project above the upper edge of said sheet.

In Fig. 1 of the drawing, I have shown the postcards disposed in parallel relation to the end or shorter edges of the glass plate 7. In some cases, however, it will be desirable to hang the plate 7 in a vertical position with the longer edges of the picture or card disposed in parallel relation to the longer edges of the plate. The wire hanger frame may be readily changed in shape so as to admit of its application to the glass plate 7, as shown in Fig. 2, by grasping the opposed loops 9 and forcing inwardly upon the same, whereby the loop 10 and the eye 12 and the opposed loop 9 in the wire will be forced apart into the desired spaced relation to enable the said loops 9 and 10 to be engaged over the upper and lower shorter edges of the plate while the other loops 9 will be engaged over the vertical side edges of the plate.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, the construction and manner of using my improved picture hanger will be clearly and fully understood. It is, of course, apparent

that the device is not limited to use in connection with a postcard mount such as I have above referred to, but may also be employed in a like manner with various other picture mountings or frames. The hanger frame may also be constructed in different sizes and provides simple and durable means for properly supporting the picture in a pendant position. As the loops 9 and 10 are the only portions of the wire frame which engage over the front surface of the glass plate or frame for the picture, no portion of the latter will be obscured by the hanger frame.

As the entire device is formed from a single length of wire, it will be manifest that the same can be manufactured and sold at relatively small cost.

While I have shown and described the preferred construction and arrangement of the several features of my invention, it is to be understood that the same is susceptible of considerable modification therein and I, therefore, reserve the privilege of adopting all such legitimate changes as may be fairly embodied within the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I desire to claim and secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. As an improved article of manufacture, a picture hanger formed from a single length of wire bent at intervals to provide inwardly projecting loops for engagement over the edges of a picture frame, one end of the wire being engaged under one of the loops and formed in its terminal with an outwardly projecting eye.

2. As an improved article of manufacture, a picture hanger constructed from a single length of wire bent into the form of a parallelogram and having inwardly projecting loops formed therein at the juncture of its sides for engagement over the edges of a picture frame, one terminal of said wire having an outwardly projecting eye formed therein, and the other terminal of the wire being formed into an inwardly projecting hook for engagement over the reverse side of the picture frame with respect to said loops.

3. As an improved article of manufacture, a picture hanger constructed from a single length of wire bent into the form of a parallelogram and having inwardly projecting loops formed therein at the juncture of its sides for engagement over the edges of a picture frame, one terminal of the wire being extended from one of said loops and formed into a hook for engagement over the opposite side of the picture frame, the other end of the wire being engaged under the latter loop therein and formed in its terminal with an outwardly projecting eye.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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