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Fig. 1.

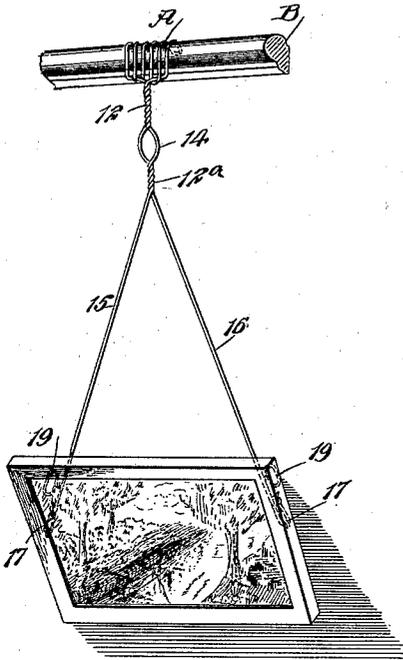


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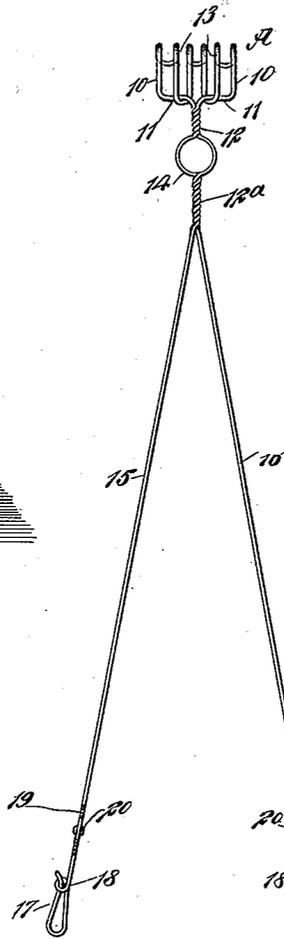


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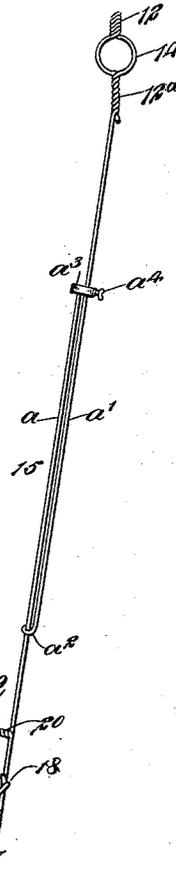
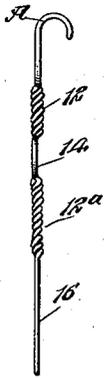


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PETER DOBLE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Centreville, in the county of Silver Bow and State of Montana, have invented a new and Improved Hanger for Picture-Frames, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The purpose of the invention is to so construct a hanger for picture-frames that it may be made from one piece of wire and include means for ready and convenient attachment to the screw eyes or loops of a frame, means for steadying the frame, and also means whereby the hanger may be supported from a molding or bar or from a nail or like article.

The invention consists in the novel construction and combination of the several parts, as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and pointed out in the claims.

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 improved hanger, a molding from which the hanger is suspended, and a picture supported by the hanger. Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the improved picture-hanger drawn on a larger scale. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the hanger, in which the legs are shown adjustable; and Fig. 4 is an edge view of the upper portion of the hanger.

The hanger is preferably constructed of a wire of suitable gage. This wire is bent upon itself to form a hook A, adapted for engagement with a molding B, an eye 14, which is adapted to receive a nail or similar article in the absence of the molding or bar B, and members 15 and 16, extending from the upper portion of the article and terminating in means for attachment to a picture-frame, and means for steadying the frame. The hook A is made up of a multiple of members and comprises outer members 10, lower members 11, which are twisted together, forming an upper stem 12, and a series of intermediate members 13, which are looped over the lower members 11. The wire is bent upon itself below the upper twisted stem 12 to form the eye 14, which is adapted to receive a nail, and the wire is again twisted below said eye to form a continuation 12^a of the upper stem 12, so

that the upper portion of the hanger is given such rigidity that it may be slid conveniently from place to place on the molding or supporting-bar B. The wire just below the continuation 12^a of the stem 12 is carried downward in opposite directions, forming the diverging legs 15 and 16, and the lower portions of these legs are bent upward to form spring-snaps 17, adapted to enter keepers 18, which are in the shape of eyes produced directly in the legs. Above the snaps 17 the wire forming each leg 15 and 16 is twisted in an outward direction, so as to produce loops 19 and shanks 20.

In operation the hook or head A of the hanger is made to bear upon a molding rail or bar B, or in the absence of such the eye 14 is made to receive a nail. The snaps 17, having been previously released from their keepers 18, are passed through the screw-eyes or other devices secured to the back of the frame and are then made to enter their keepers, as shown in the drawings. The loops 19 will then come in engagement with the back of the frame and serve to steady the latter, and the inclination of the loops 19 will control, in a measure, the inclination of the picture from the perpendicular of the wall.

In Fig. 3 I have illustrated a slight deviation in the construction of the device, to the extent that the legs 15 and 16 are made in two members a and a' , the main members a' , or those which are connected with the upper portion of the device, terminating in an eye a^2 at their lower ends, while the lower members a have a collar a^3 at their upper ends receiving the upper members a' , and the two members are locked together by set-screws a^4 or their equivalents, while the snaps 17, keepers 18, and steadying-loops 19 are formed upon the lower members a . Thus it will be observed that the legs 15 and 16 under such a construction may be lengthened or shortened, according to the desired position of the picture relative to the ceiling or the floor.

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

1. A picture-hanger constructed of wire, comprising an upper hook constructed of a multiple of members, a stem below the hook, legs diverging from the stem, having keepers

at their lower ends and snaps arranged to enter said keepers, and loops connected with the legs and adapted to engage with the back of a picture-frame for the purpose of steadying the same, as described.

2. A picture-hanger constructed of wire bent upon itself to form a hook-shaped head, a stiff stem below the head and in which an eye is formed, legs diverging from the said stem, each leg being provided with a snap at its lower end, a keeper for the snap, and a guide-loop, the guide-loops extending outwardly from the legs.

3. A picture-hanger, comprising a hook, a stem secured to the hook and formed with an eye and diverging legs secured to the stem, said legs each being provided at its lower end with means for engaging a picture-frame to support it and adjacent to said ends with a projection for engaging the back of a picture, substantially as described.

4. A picture-hanger formed of wire bent to form a hook and then twisted together to form a stem having an eye, and from which stem diverging legs extend, the legs at their lower ends being formed with means for engaging a picture-frame to support it and adjacent to said ends with a projecting loop for engaging

the back of the picture-frame, substantially as described.

5. A picture-hanger formed of wire bent to form a hook and then twisted together to form a stem having an eye and from which stem diverging legs extend, the legs adjacent to their lower ends being bent to form loops for engaging the back of a picture, below the loops with keepers, and having their extremities bent upward to form snaps adapted to engage the keepers, substantially as described.

6. A picture-hanger, comprising a twisted stem having a hook at its upper end and diverging legs extending from its lower end, the legs being each formed of two members adjustable one upon the other, the lower member of each leg being bent to form a loop to engage the back of a picture-frame, a keeper below the loop, and having its extremity bent upward to form a snap adapted to engage the keeper, substantially as described.

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

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