

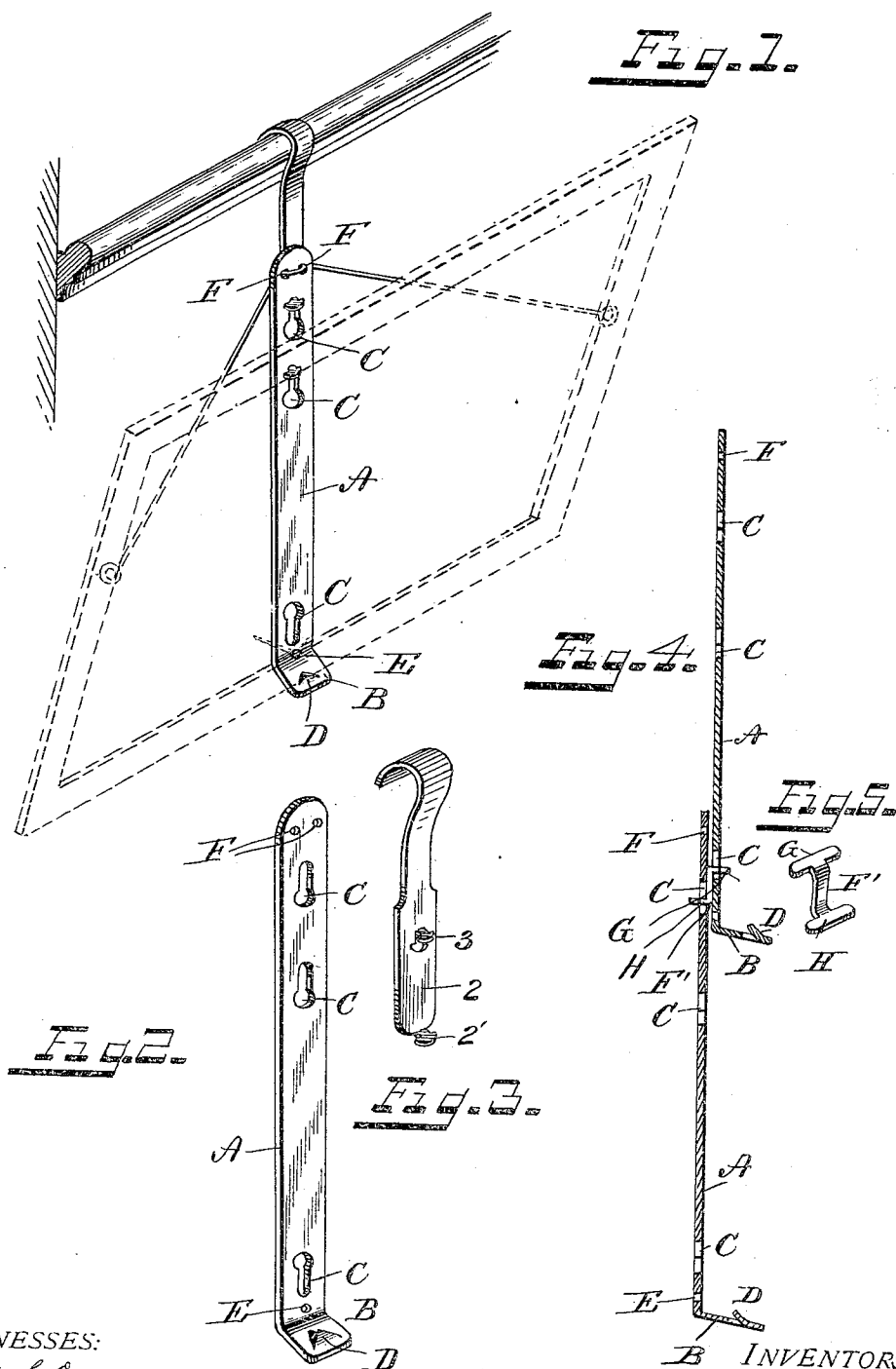
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, HERMAN GEORGE KING and RAY W. FRANKLIN, citizens of the United States of America, residing at Fairfield, in the county of Jefferson and State of Iowa, have  
5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Picture-Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to picture-hangers, and has for an object to provide a device of this character that can be easily applied to a support and in combination therewith means whereby the picture is prevented from accidental displacement.

It is also an object of this invention to provide means in a device of this character whereby a picture-frame may be secured to the hanger and also in providing means whereby the angle of the picture may be regulated.

A further object of this invention is to provide means whereby a plurality of the hangers may be coupled together in order that they may be employed with frames of different sizes.

This invention also has for an object the provision of means, in combination with the hanger, whereby the same may be suspended from a picture-molding.

Finally, an object of this invention is to provide a device of this character that will be simple in construction, economical to manufacture, and efficient in practice.

With the foregoing and other objects in view the invention consists in the details of construction and in the arrangement and combination of parts to be hereinafter more fully set forth and claimed.

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of the invention, the same being shown suspended from a picture-molding, a frame being shown in dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a view in perspective of the picture-hanger. Fig. 3 is a view in perspective of the device to be employed in combination with the picture when the same  
45 is suspended from a picture-molding. Fig. 4 is a sectional view showing a plurality of hangers coupled together. Fig. 5 is an enlarged detail view showing the preferred form of coupler employed in uniting the hangers.

In the drawings, A indicates a flat strip of

material, preferably sheet metal, having a portion B at its lower end bent outward on a depending incline. This incline or bent portion forms a rest or support for a picture-frame, as shown in Fig. 1. In the strip A  
55 are a plurality of buttonhole-slots C, suitably distanced apart and of no special number, but preferably with two of the same at the upper part of the strip and one at the lower part. These slots C are adapted to fit over the head  
60 of a nail, screw, or the like, and thereby suspend the hanger, as will readily be understood. By having a plurality of these slots the position of the hanger with relation to the nail can be adjusted, so, therefore, it may be  
65 found desirable to have these slots provided along the entire length of the strip. To hold a frame on the inclined portion B against accidental displacement, a tang or tongue D is struck up centrally of the incline. This tang  
70 or tongue is pointed and is adapted to engage the outer portion of the frame, or it may engage the under surface, it being understood that in either position the tongue will bind the frame from movement. After the frame has  
75 been placed in position on the rest B it may be desired to further secure it thereon. To do this, a small aperture E is made in the lower portion of the strip A slightly above the union of the strip and inclined portion C. 80 A suitable brad or screw passes through this aperture and holds the frame. Near the upper end of the strip A is formed a plurality of small alining apertures F, arranged transversely of the strip and preferably two in  
85 number. Through these apertures the cord 1 of the picture-frame may be passed, and by this means the angle of the picture may be varied. To adjust the angle, it is only necessary to draw the cord through its fastening  
90 at the side of the frame, as is apparent. These strips or hangers are to be made of any preferred length; but under certain conditions one hanger may not be large enough for a frame. To overcome this disadvantage, two  
95 or more of the hangers may be coupled together, and the same result is attained. This coupling may be done in any predetermined manner; but the preferred form of coupling comprises a strip F', having buttons G H ex- 100

tending in opposite directions. To couple two or more hangers, the buttons G are inserted through an upper slot C of one of the sections and a button H is inserted through one of the lower slots C of a second section.

The hangers are adapted to lie normally flat against the wall, and thereby relieve the strain of the weight of the picture from the supporting device. The angle of the picture will be sufficient to permit it to overlies any obstruction offered by the unused inclined portions.

In suspending the device from a picture-mold a special form of hanger must be employed. The preferred form is as illustrated in Fig. 3. The holder 2 is similar in shape to an ordinary picture-hook, except that it is provided with a plurality of projecting studs or buttons, which are inserted in the slots C of the hanger. In the view two buttons 2' 3 are shown. The button 2' consists of an extension formed at the lower end of the holder and bent outward, while the button 3 is struck from the holder intermediate its length and on a line with the button 2'.

When employing two or more of the hangers, it is not necessary to apply the coupler to the top or lower slots thereof; but it may be applied to any of the intermediate slots in order to conform more readily to the size of the frame.

Having fully described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In combination, a plurality of strips having apertures, a rest on each of said strips, and means passing through the apertures for coupling said strips one to the other.

2. In a device of the character described, a strip having a plurality of longitudinally-arranged apertures and a plurality of transversely-arranged apertures near one end, a rest at the opposite end of the strip having a tang struck up therefrom, said strip having an aperture at approximately the junction of the rest therewith, and a supporting means extending through certain of the longitudinally-arranged apertures of the strip.

3. In combination, a plurality of strips having apertures, a rest on each of said strips, and a strip provided with buttons passing through the apertures for coupling said strips one to the other.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures, in the presence of two witnesses, this 6th day of January, 1905.

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