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Fig. 1.

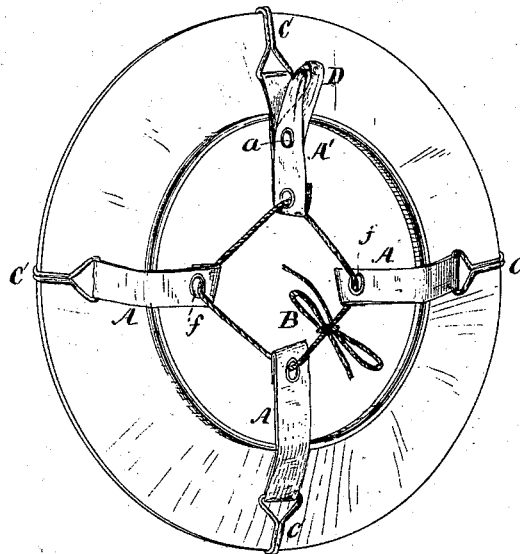
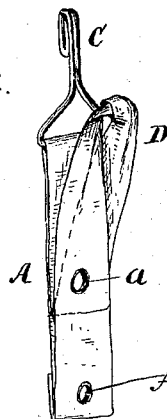


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELIZABETH L. MARUCHEAU, a citizen of the United States, residing at San Antonio, in the county of Bexar and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Plaque-Hangers; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The object of the present invention is to provide a simple and cheap device for conveniently hanging painted or ornamental plaques, plates, tiles, and similar decorative objects.

The invention consists in a plaque-hanger comprising four or more flexible or pliable bands or tapes having metallic hooks at their outer ends for engagement with the edge of the plaque or other object, and provided with holes or eyelets at their other ends, through which is passed a cord for adjusting the bands to suit the size of the plaque and securing the hanger to the latter, so that it can be suspended by means of a loop formed on one of the bands.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a rear view of a plaque, showing my improved hanger applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a detail view of the band having the suspension-loop.

The letters A A' designate bands or tapes made of some textile fabric or other soft or pliable material, and B is a cord or string, which is passed through a hole or eyelet at the inner end of each band, as is clearly shown in Fig. 1. To the outer end of each is attached a metallic hook, C, the shank portion of which has an eye for the passage of the tape, which is doubled or folded, so as to retain the hook between its folds. A return-fold at the inner end of the band imparts finish to the latter, and an eyelet, f, passed through the three thicknesses of material at this point, serves for the passage of the cord, as already stated. The hooks, connected with the tapes or bands in the manner stated, are made to engage with

the edge of the plaque, tile, or other object, and by drawing upon the cord passing through the tapes and lacing the inner ends together the hooks will firmly grasp the edge of the plaque, and in this manner the holder or device is securely connected with the plaque, so that the latter can be suspended without danger of slipping from the holder.

The loop D, for suspending the plaque from a nail, is formed by doubling the material of one of the bands (marked A') from the middle portion thereof and passing an eyelet or rivet, a, through the four thicknesses thereat, as is shown in Fig. 2.

It will be apparent that a hanger made as above described can be applied to different-sized plaques and analogous objects hung on the wall, and that effectual provision is made for tightening the hooks on the edge of the plaque or other object in the event of the stretching of the bands by the weight of the plaque. In order to avoid such a contingency altogether, I propose, when deemed requisite, to make the bands of elastic webbing, which will cause the hooks to be always maintained in firm engagement with the edge of the suspended plaque. In other words, the elasticity of the bands should be sufficient to counteract any slight stretching and consequent loosening of the hooks by the weight of the suspended plaque.

I am aware of the existence of a plaque or picture hanger in which two chains or bands are combined with hooks in such a manner that the weight of the suspended article tightens the chains and holds the hooks in place. In this device, however, no provision is made for tightening the chains or bands should the same stretch when in use, and a fastening depending altogether on the weight of the suspended article cannot always be safely used.

It will be manifest that my arrangement of bands and lacing-string passing through the same will enable the hooks to be tightened on the rim of the article, so as to firmly hold the same, and if the bands should stretch and the hooks become loose they can easily be tightened by means of the lacing-string.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The adjustable plaque-holder herein described, comprising the flexible or pliable bands or tapes A, having outer hooks, C, and inner eyelets or openings, f, the adjustable and retaining cord B, passed through the openings in the band, and the suspension-loop D, as and for the purpose set forth.

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

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