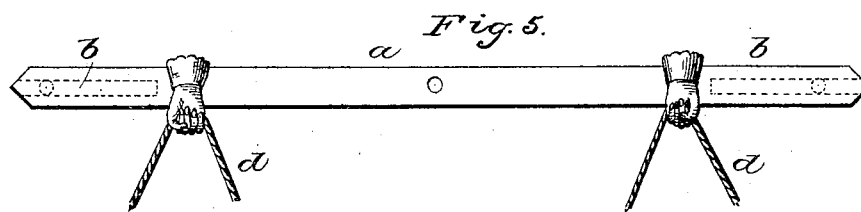
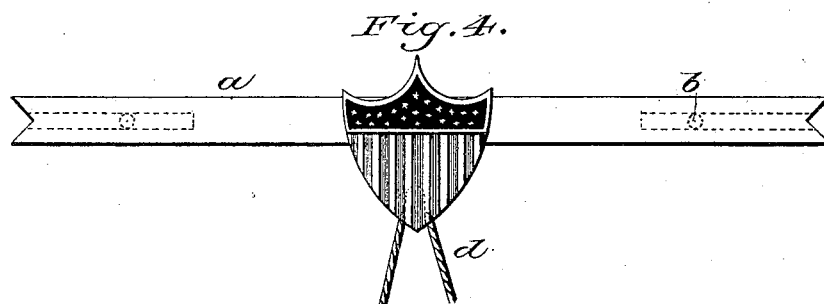
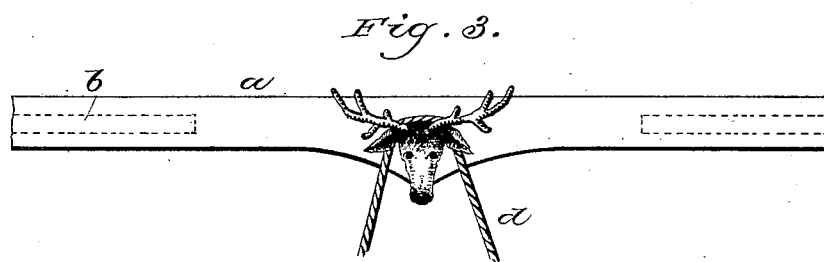
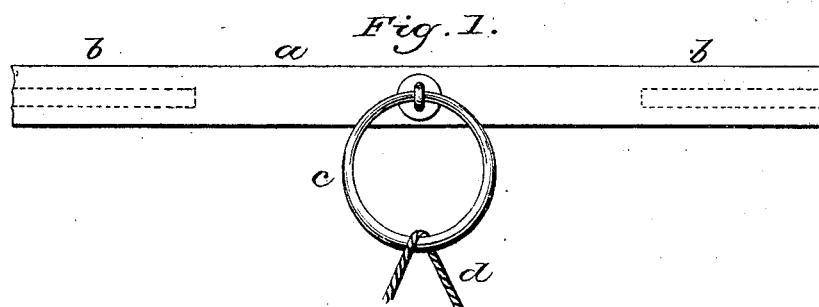


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, DANIEL O. ESHBAUGH, of Des Moines, in the county of Polk and State of Iowa, have invented an Ornamental Picture-Hanging Device, of which the following is a specification.

Heretofore ornamental picture-nails have been fixed in walls to support pictures in frames suspended against the walls. Moldings have also been fixed against walls to support sliding hooks, from which framed pictures were suspended by means of cords in such a manner that they could be adjusted relatively to each other on the wall by means of the hooks adapted to slide on the fixed moldings; but a single nail in a wall is not a secure support for a heavy picture, and sliding hooks on fixed moldings are not desirable in a room where only a few pictures are to be suspended. My invention contemplates overcoming these objections by providing a picture-hanging device that can be adjustably and detachably fastened to a wall by means of two or more nails, so as to form a safe support for a picture suspended from a central position thereof by means of an ornamental cord-holding device fixed to the longitudinal center of a section of molding, as hereinafter fully set forth.

Figure 1 of my accompanying drawings represents my device formed of a plain flat strip of wood, *a*, provided with grooves *bb* in its rear side and ends, adapted to admit the heads of nails fixed in a wall, as shown in Fig. 2, and a ring, *c*, fixed to its center by means of a rivet, or in any suitable way. Fig. 3 represents a corresponding strip, *a*, made of metal, with the figure of an animal's head attached at its center to form a bearing and support for a picture-cord, *d*. In Fig. 4 a shield having a hook at its bottom is substituted for the animal's head as a cord-holding device.

The parts *a*, consisting of strips or moldings of any material and form desired, are preferably about twenty inches long, and have

grooves or nail-head bearings *b* formed in or attached to their rear sides to adapt them to be adjustably and detachably fastened to two of the parallel upright studdings in a wall by means of nails or screws having heads adapted to enter the grooves *b*, fixed in the wall and studding.

Fig. 5 represents a duplex hanger, provided with two cord-holding devices, adapting it to support mating panel-pictures, a pair of pictures, or a mirror and a picture, or any other two distinct objects that are to be suspended against a wall.

The various figures in my drawings, showing modified forms of my improved picture-hanger, clearly illustrate the construction and operation of my invention.

In the practical use of my device I fix T-headed nails or screws, or fastening devices having heads adapted to enter the grooves *b*, formed in or fixed to the rear sides of the strips *a*, in the wall and studs near the ceiling of a room, and then place one end of the strip in such a position as to allow the head of one of the nails to enter the groove *b* as I move the strip toward the nail and slip it over the nail until its opposite end is past the second nail. By then reversing the movements of the strip I slip it fast to the second nail and adjust it relatively to the two nails, so as to bring the cord-holding device midway between the two nails to receive and suspend a framed picture.

I claim as my invention—

As an improved article of manufacture, a picture-supporting device, consisting of a strip or molding, *a*, having grooves or nail-head bearings *b* in or on its back, and a fixed cord-holding device, *c*, in its longitudinal center, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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