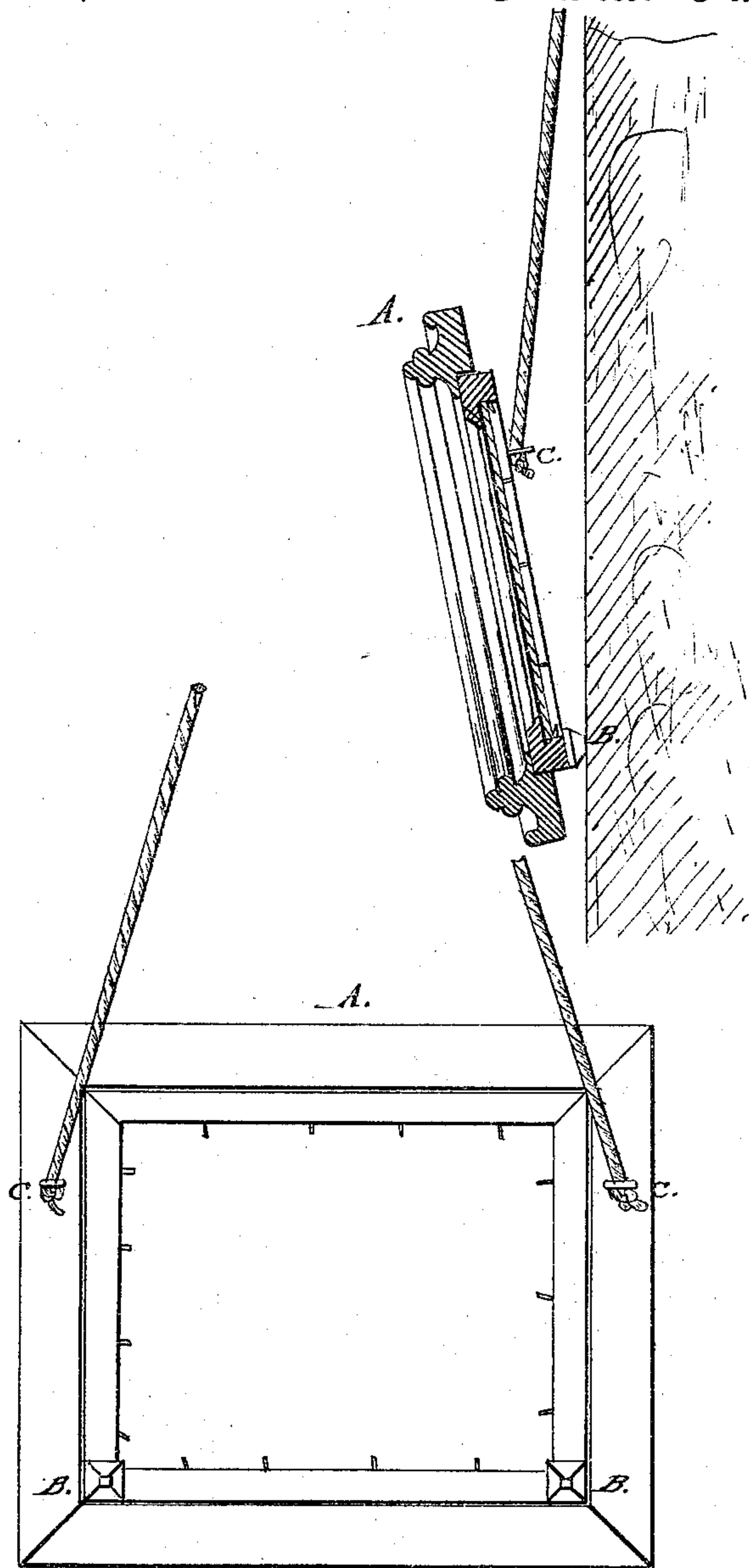


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## IMPROVEMENT IN PICTURE-FRAMES.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

### *To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. HODGMAN, of Tuckahoe, in the county of Westchester, State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Picture-Frames, Looking-Glasses, &c.; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable those skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification, in which drawing—

Figure 1 represents a vertical cross-section of a picture-frame made according to my invention.

Figure 2 represents the obverse side of the frame.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to picture-frames, looking-glasses, medallions, and other articles of use or ornament; and the same consists in placing upon their backs, or obverse sides, a projecting cushion, which, when the picture-frame or other article is hung upon a wall, will rest against the wall, and prevent it from becoming scratched, broken, or otherwise marred by the contact of the rigid surface of the frame therewith.

The letter A designates a picture-frame, to whose back, or obverse side, I fasten, or apply, by any suitable means, two or more cushions, B B, which are arranged at such places on the frame as will insure their coming in contact with the wall on which the picture-frame is hung when the same is suspended.

In the illustration here given, only two cushions are required, because the suspension-rings C are placed in such a position as to cause the upper part of the frame to lean away from the wall, and the lower part of the frame to bear against it.

When a picture-frame, or a glass, or other article is hung in this manner at an angle, the wall is more liable to be marred than would be the case if the frame were arranged perfectly parallel against it, because, in the former instance, it results, almost necessarily, that a sharp corner, or edge of the frame, or of its back, is brought in contact with the wall.

My invention obviates the objection to this mode of hanging a picture-frame or other article, and prevents injury to the wall, the cushion serving to keep the rigid parts of the frame and its angles, or edges out of contact with the wall.

When a picture-frame or other article is arranged parallel to the wall, I arrange the cushions in two or more horizontal lines, or rows, one near the top, and another near the bottom.

If desired by the maker, the cushion can be made of an elongated form, so as to have single cushions, and thereby dispense with having two or more separate cushions in the same horizontal line; but in this modification it is necessary to have the cushions arranged centrally in relation to the width of the frame, and to elongate them sufficiently to make the frame rest evenly against the wall.

In this illustration of my invention, I have shown elastic India-rubber cushions, which I consider very suitable in carrying out my invention; but I do not confine myself to an elastic cushion, but claim the right to use a cushion made of any suitable material which will not scratch, abrade, nor mar a wall, such as cloth, or other soft or yielding fabrics, or cork, or leather properly prepared for the purpose, care being taken also that in the choice of materials, such are selected as will not stain the wall, whether it be a painted or a whitened wall, or wainscotted, or covered with wall-paper.

Having thus described my invention,

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

A cushion, one or more, on the back of a picture-frame, looking-glass, or other article to be suspended against a wall, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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