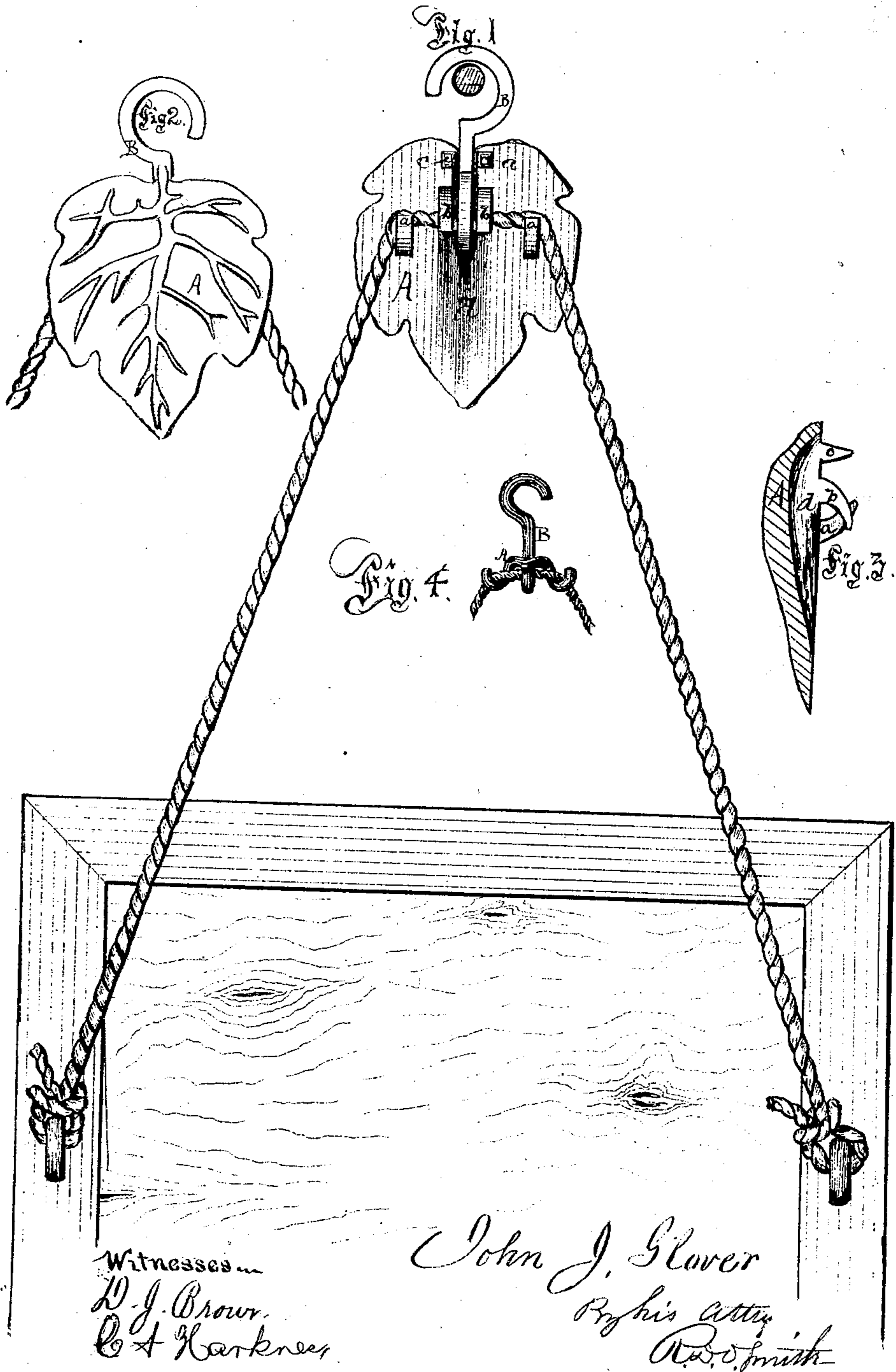


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## IMPROVED PICTURE-POISE.

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, JOHN JEFFERSON GLOVER, of Quincy, in the county of Norfolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful device, which I designate a Picture-Poise; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a rear view of my device in position, showing its connection with a suspended picture, and its mode of operation.

Figure 2 is a front view of the same.

Figure 3 is a vertical central section of the same.

Figure 4 represents my device in its simplest form.

The object of my invention is to prevent the slipping of a picture-cord upon the supporting-nail or hook when from any cause the poise of the picture is disturbed; and

It consists in a clamping device whereby the cord is held in position at the point of support, and prevented from slipping thereon under any circumstances.

It is well known to all housekeepers that pictures, mirrors, or other objects suspended against the wall by cords are extremely liable to displacement of the cord upon the point of support by accidental disturbances, such as occur during dusting, cleaning, &c., and that to replace them in perfect poise is frequently troublesome. I have therefore, devised the hereinafter described clamping-device to hold the cord securely when once properly adjusted.

I do not, however, desire to limit myself to the precise arrangement or construction of my device shown in the accompanying drawings, as it is capable of great variation without departing from the gist of my invention, *i. e.*, a cord-clamping support or poise:

That others may fully understand how I prefer to construct my device, I will particularly describe one of its many forms.

A is a plate, which, upon its front side may be wrought in any desired ornamental form. In the present instance it is in the form of a leaf, and for convenience I will hereinafter confine my description to said form.

At the back of the leaf are several hooking projections, *a b c*, and a longitudinal depression, *d*, which serves to diminish the quantity of material employed, and also as a seat for the hook B, by means of which the picture, &c., is suspended.

The projections *a a* turn upward at their outer ends, and the projections *b b*, turn downward.

The picture-cord passes above the projections *a*, and beneath the projections *b*, and the hook B, when in position, seizes the cord between the projections *b b*, and, in proportion to the weight of the picture and frame, the cord is more or less strongly clamped between and against the said projections *b*, so that it cannot possibly slip, and, so long as the weight of the picture rests upon the hook B, no accidental disturbance will cause the cord to be displaced.

In fig 4 is shown a simple modification of my invention, merely as an illustration of the variety of forms in which it may be wrought.

Having now described my invention,

What I claim as new, is—

The plate A, constructed substantially as described, in combination with a clamping suspensory hook, B, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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