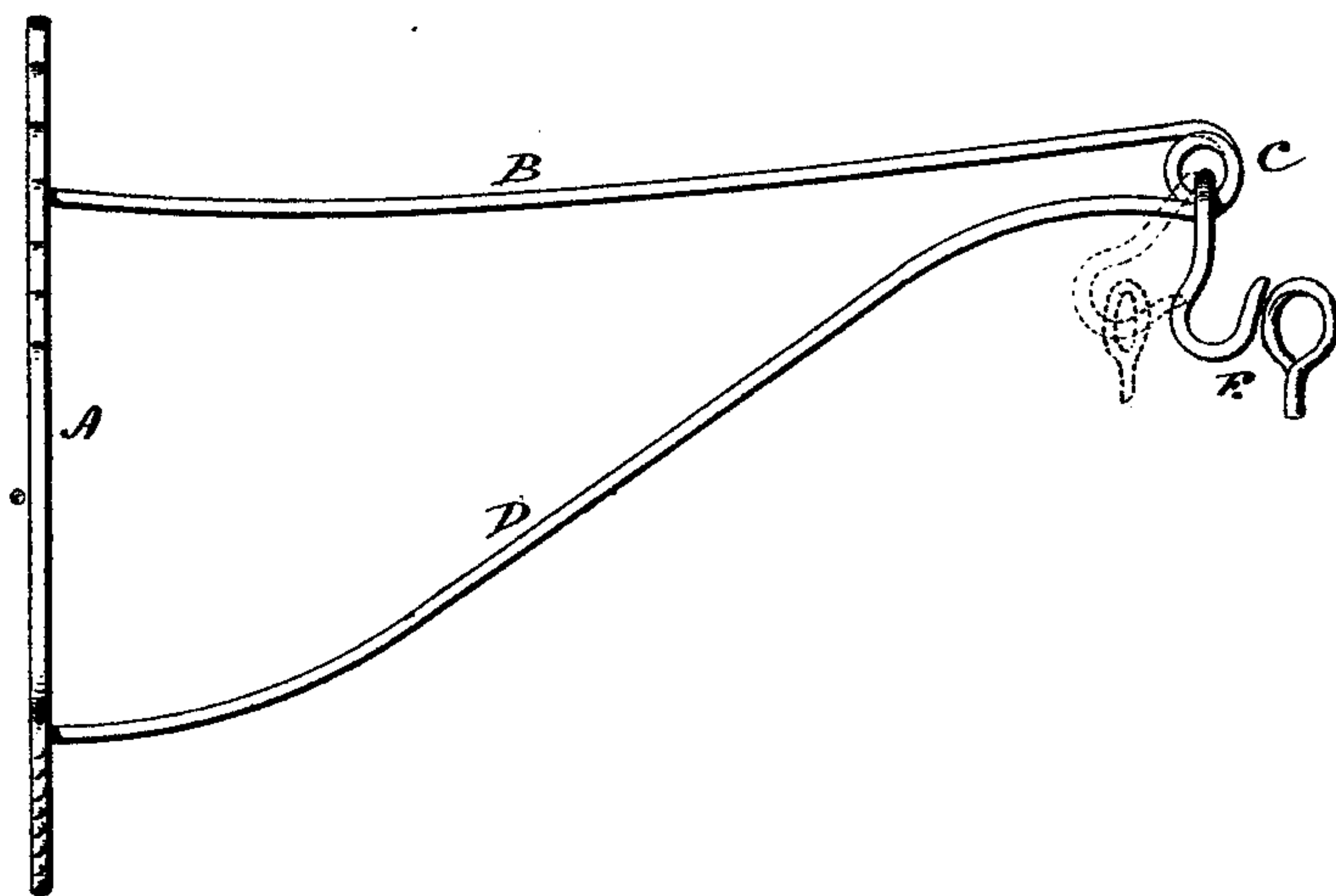


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BIRD-CAGE HOOK.

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IMPROVEMENT IN BIRD-CAGE HOOKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PURMORT BRADFORD, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Bird-Cage Hooks; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent a side view.

This invention relates to a device for suspending bird-cages, and like purposes, known to the trade as "bird-cage hooks."

In the usual construction the hook is formed as a rigid part of the arm, and the hook is necessarily larger than the eye on the cage; hence the cage must be tipped in order to bring the eye into engagement with the hook, or to disengage it therefrom, making the suspending or removing of the cage a difficult operation.

The object of this invention is to overcome this difficulty; and it consists in a base, from which projects a wire arm and a brace, forming an eye at the outer end of the bracket in a

single piece of wire, the two ends of the wire forming said brace and arm, and attached to the base, and in combining with such a bracket a free hook arranged in said eye.

The bracket consist of a base, A, with an arm, B, extending therefrom, made from wire coiled at the end to form an eye, C, and extending down and back in a brace, D, to the base. In the eye C a hook, E, is arranged free, and so as to swing back and forth, as indicated in broken lines; hence, when the eye of the thing to be suspended is pressed against the end of the hook, the hook will turn under until the end will slip into the eye, as indicated, and without, in the slightest degree tipping the thing being suspended.

I claim—

A suspending bracket, consisting of the base A, with the arm B, eye C, and brace D, formed of a single piece of wire, and combined with a free hook in the said eye, substantially as described.

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