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Picture-Rod Molding.

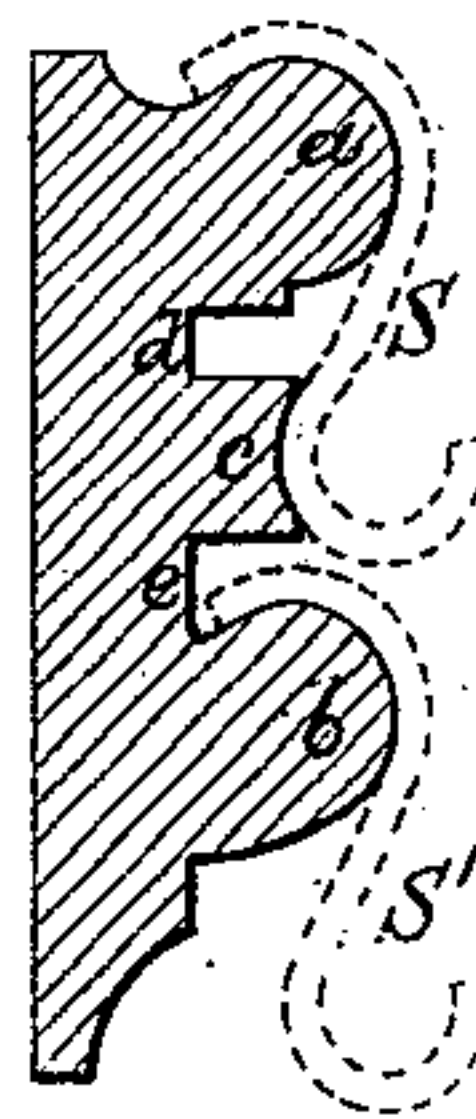
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Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN PICTURE-ROD MOLDINGS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HIRAM F. NYE, of West Dennis, of the county of Barnstable and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Picture-Rod Moldings; and do hereby declare the same to be described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation, and Fig. 2 a vertical and transverse section, of a molding made in accordance with my invention.

This molding has two hook-supporting beads, and a fillet and two grooves arranged between such beads. The fillet not only serves as a bearing for the lower part of the upper hook, but as a means of preventing accidental displacement of the lower hook while a picture supported by it may be in the act of being raised.

The duplex molding described is to enable one picture to be hung over another and supported by a hook separate or distinct from that used in sustaining the lower picture, it being frequently very inconvenient, if not impossible, to hang the two pictures from a single hook.

Furthermore, in raising a picture when suspended by its sustaining-cord, resting at its middle in an S-shaped hook, as used in hanging pictures from a molding fixed to the wall of a room at the base of its cornice or near the ceiling, the hook is liable to become detached from the molding, as the cord, being

stiff, particularly when having wire in it, and usually jammed in the hook, will occasionally force the hook up off the molding, and thus leave the picture unsupported, except by the hands of the person having hold of it. The fillet of my molding, by projecting over the upper part of the hook, prevents it from being forced off the lower bead under circumstances as mentioned.

In Fig. 2 the two hooks are represented at S S' by dotted lines, *a* and *b* being the two beads, *c* the fillet, and *d e* the grooves. The nails for fastening the molding to a wall are to be driven through the grooves, their heads being hidden from view by the fillet and the lower bead.

I make no claim to a picture-rod molding constructed as shown in either of the United States Patents Nos. 159,027, 194,952, as there are important differences between them and my molding, which embraces two beads, a fillet, and grooves, arranged as represented, all of which accomplish effects not incident to either of said moldings.

I claim—

As a new manufacture, a picture-rod molding provided with two beads, *a b*, an intervening fillet, *c*, and grooves *d e*, arranged as set forth.

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