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Fig. 1.

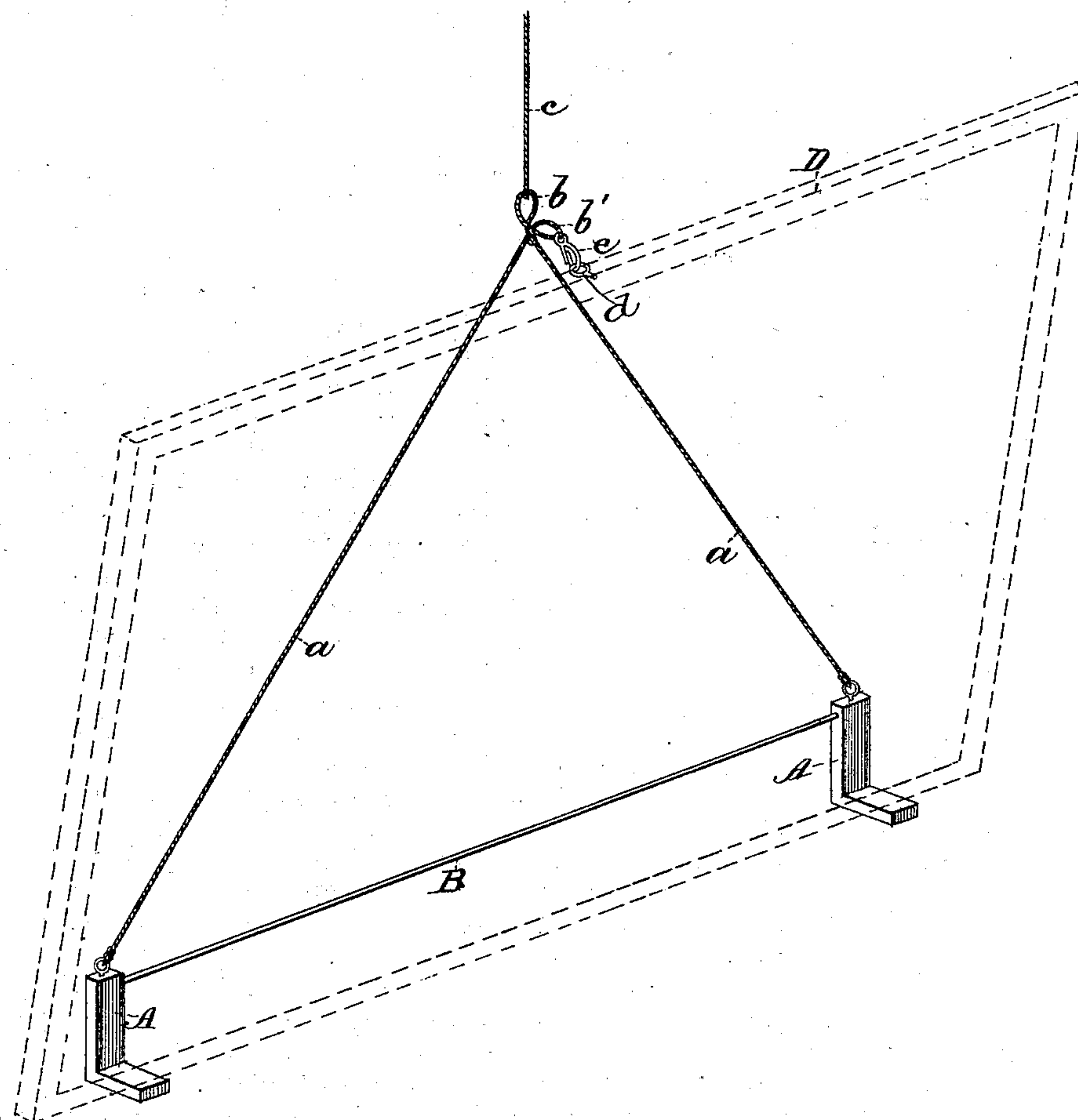
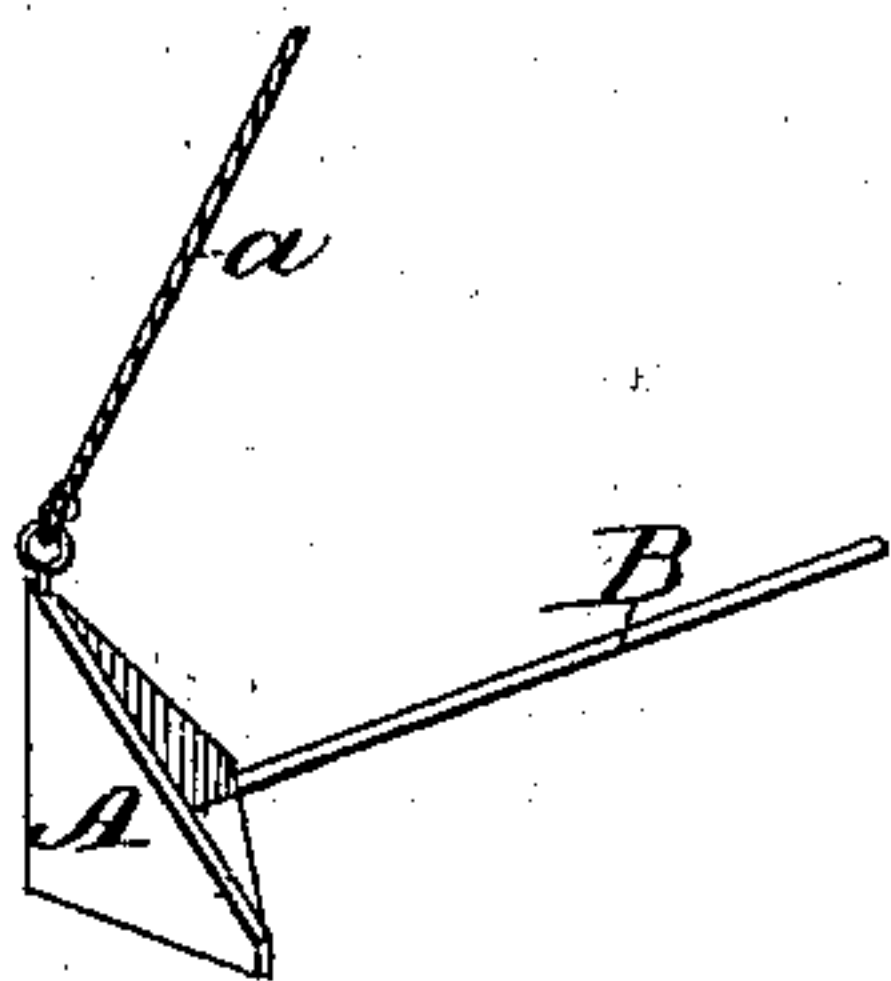


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES MEGOW, of the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, have invented an Improved Picture-Bracket; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to a new and useful picture-bracket, the object of which is to suspend a picture and hold it against the wall to its proper inclination without the use of nails or other means commonly employed to accomplish the result.

This device is suspended from the picture-molding or other fastening above. The picture rests on small brackets below, and is hooked at its top from behind, whereby it is supported and its inclination assured.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my bracket. Fig. 2 is a modification, showing the small supporting-brackets in another shape.

Let A represent the small supporting-brackets. These are made each of a right-angled strip, and may be suitably ornamented. They are connected by a rod, B, which may be of any length to accommodate whatever size picture the bracket is designed to hold. These small brackets A are suspended by wires *a*, converging above, and so bent at the top as to form a loop, *b*, and another loop, *b'*, at right angles. With the loop *b* the wire *c* is connected, which said wire is supposed to extend up to the picture-molding or other fastening above, whereby the whole device is suspended.

In the loop *b'* is secured a snap-hook, *e*. The picture D, which I here show dotted in, is placed upon this bracket, its base resting upon the small brackets A, which are to be made of any suitable form and size to conform to the shape of the picture, is provided with an ordinary staple, *d*. The snap-hook *e* engages with this staple and secures the picture above.

It will be seen that the picture is supported below and its top allowed to hang out to the desired inclination. This device insures the proper inclination without having to resort to nails driven into the wall under the picture.

The picture may readily be removed, when desired, without having to take down the bracket, and another picture may be put upon it. This is a great advantage, as it avoids the necessity of procuring and mounting a ladder to reach the molding above.

As I have before stated, the brackets A, supporting the base of the picture, may be made of any shape suitable.

In Fig. 2 I show them designed to fit over the corners of the picture-frame, which may make a better appearance than those shown in Fig. 1.

With a small picture I need have but one supporting-bracket, as shown in Fig. 3. Here the vertical arm of the bracket is made long, extending up behind the picture to its top. It is suspended by the wire *c*, and is provided with the snap-hook *e*. This bracket supports the center of the picture, and is sufficient for small frames.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a picture-supporting device, the brackets A A and the rigid connecting-bar B, in combination with wires *a a*, having their ends secured to the brackets A A, loops *b b'*, and snap-hook *e*, to engage a ring or eye, *d*, on the top of the frame, all constructed and arranged substantially as set forth.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand.

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