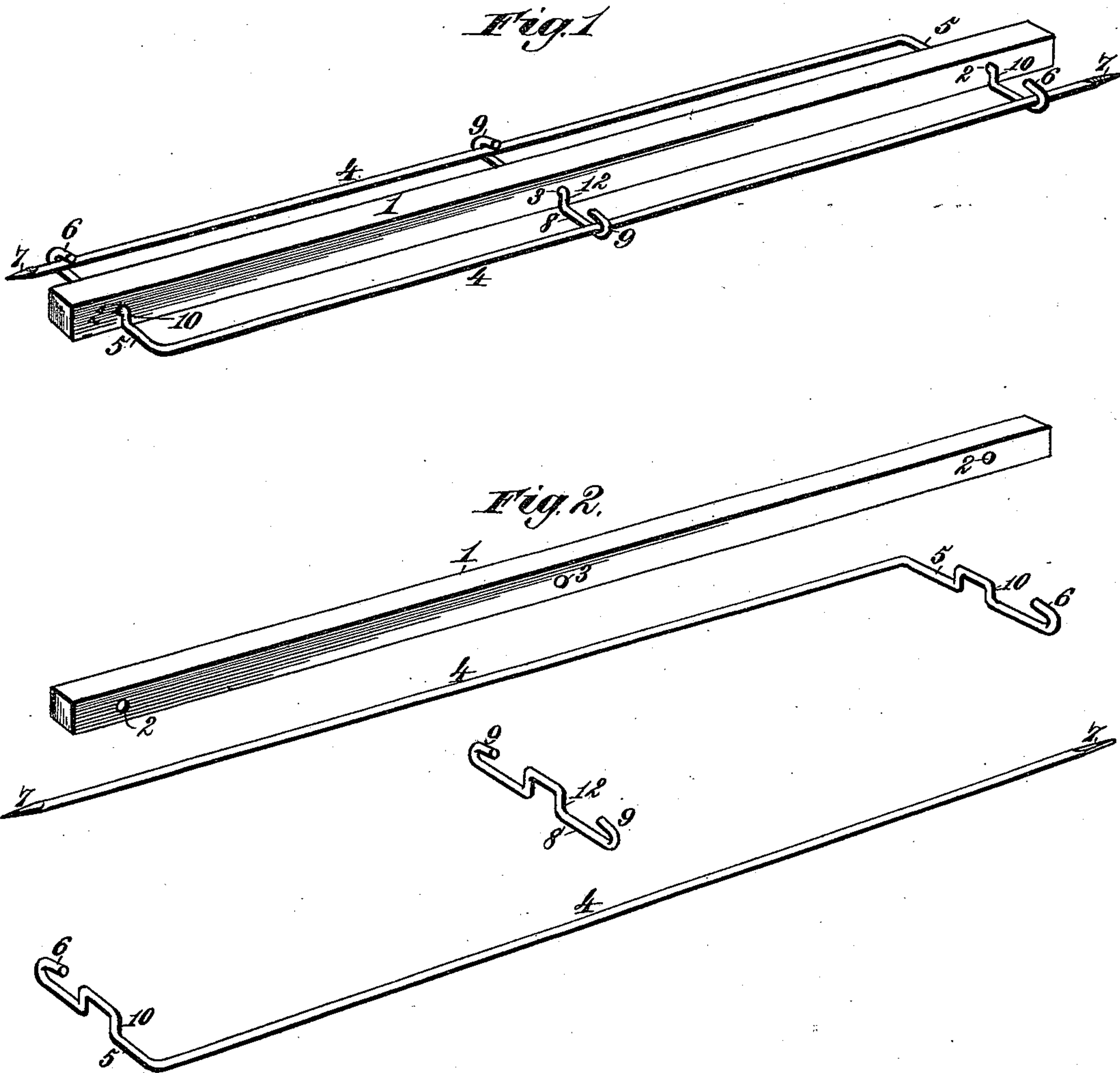


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN WEST MORRIS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Asheville, in the county of Buncombe and State of North Carolina, have invented new and useful Improvements in Tobacco-Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to that type of tobacco-hangers wherein a stick is provided with wires on which the tobacco-leaves are strung and supported for drying and curing, as usual.

The object of my invention is to improve the prior devices and provide a novel construction whereby a lateral extension of the leaf-stringing wire at one side of the stick constitutes a hooked holder for detachably engaging the free end of the leaf-stringing wire at the opposite side of the stick. To accomplish this object my invention involves the features of construction and the combination or arrangement of parts hereinafter described, and specifically set forth in the claims, reference being made to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved tobacco-hanger; Fig. 2, a similar view showing the several parts separated from each other.

In order to enable those skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will now describe the same in detail, referring to the drawings, where—

The numeral 1 indicates what is ordinarily termed a "tobacco-stick," having at each end portion a transverse perforation 2 and at or near the middle of its length a similar perforation 3. The leaf-stringing wires are indicated by the numeral 4, and there is a pair of these wires for each stick, such wires being arranged, respectively, at opposite sides of the stick, one being journaled in the perforation at one end of the stick and the other in the perforation at the opposite end thereof.

To accomplish the purpose of my invention each leaf-stringer wire is bent laterally at one end, as at 5, and extended through one of the perforations 2, and the projecting end of the bent part is formed at the opposite side of the stick into a hook 6. The laterally-bent portions 5 5 are respectively located in the perforations 2, so that the hook 6 of one

stringing-wire constitutes a support and holder for the pointed free end 7 of the other stringing-wire.

The central perforation 3 is for the reception of a transverse wire-support 8, which projects from opposite sides of the stick and is bent at each end into a hook 9, for engaging and supporting the leaf-stringing wires near the center of their length, by which provision I am enabled to extend each stringing-wire substantially the full length of the tobacco-stick for its full complement of tobacco-leaves without danger of the weight bending or disarranging the correct position of such long stringing-wires.

To prevent movement of the lateral extensions 5, they are, after insertion through the perforations 2, bent downward to form a shoulder 10 at each side of and in contact with the stick, and to prevent movement of the center wire support 8 it is likewise bent into shoulders 12, which abut opposite sides of the stick.

By the construction shown I utilize the full capacity of the stick at each side, and the journaled end of one stringing-wire constitutes a support and holder for the free end of the opposite stringing-wire, while the wire support centrally engaging and sustaining the stringing-wires permits the latter to carry a considerable bulk of tobacco without danger of bending or breaking.

It will be understood by those familiar with the art that the tobacco while upon the hanger may be removed from the field to the barn or from the latter point after curing to any other place, such removal being effected with great convenience and without injury to the plant and without disarrangement of the leaf. The sticks filled with leaves may be packed in a wagon also for transportation either before or after curing without the slightest injury to the leaf.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A tobacco-hanger consisting of a stick and two oppositely-arranged stringing-wires, each pointed at one end and having its other end portion bent laterally, extended through the stick, and formed into a projecting hooked support, whereby the laterally-bent portion of one wire serves to receive and engage the

pointed end of the other wire, substantially as described.

2. A tobacco-hanger consisting of a stick and two stringing-wires journaled, respectively, near the ends of the stick, and having
5 their journaled portions extended laterally from the stick and formed into hooks, with the hook of one journaled portion located at one side of the stick and the hook of the other

journaled portion located at the opposite side of the stick, substantially as described and shown.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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