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PICTURE HANGER.

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Fig. 1.

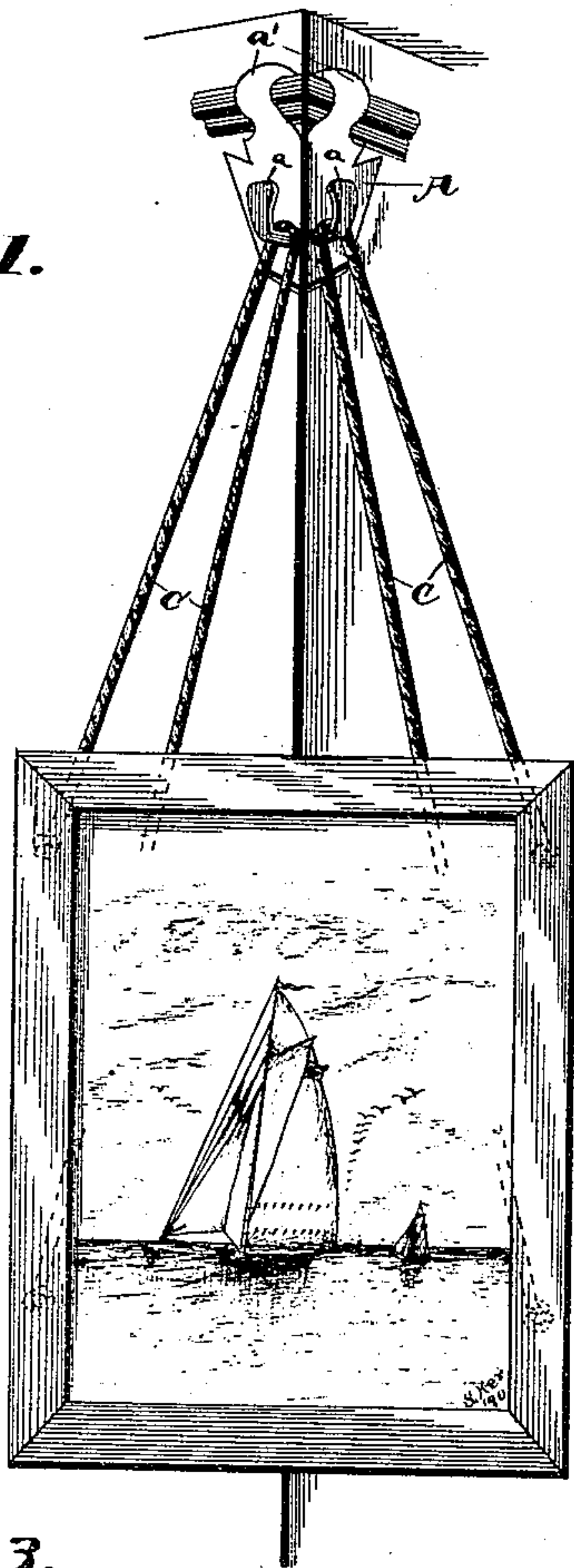


Fig. 2.

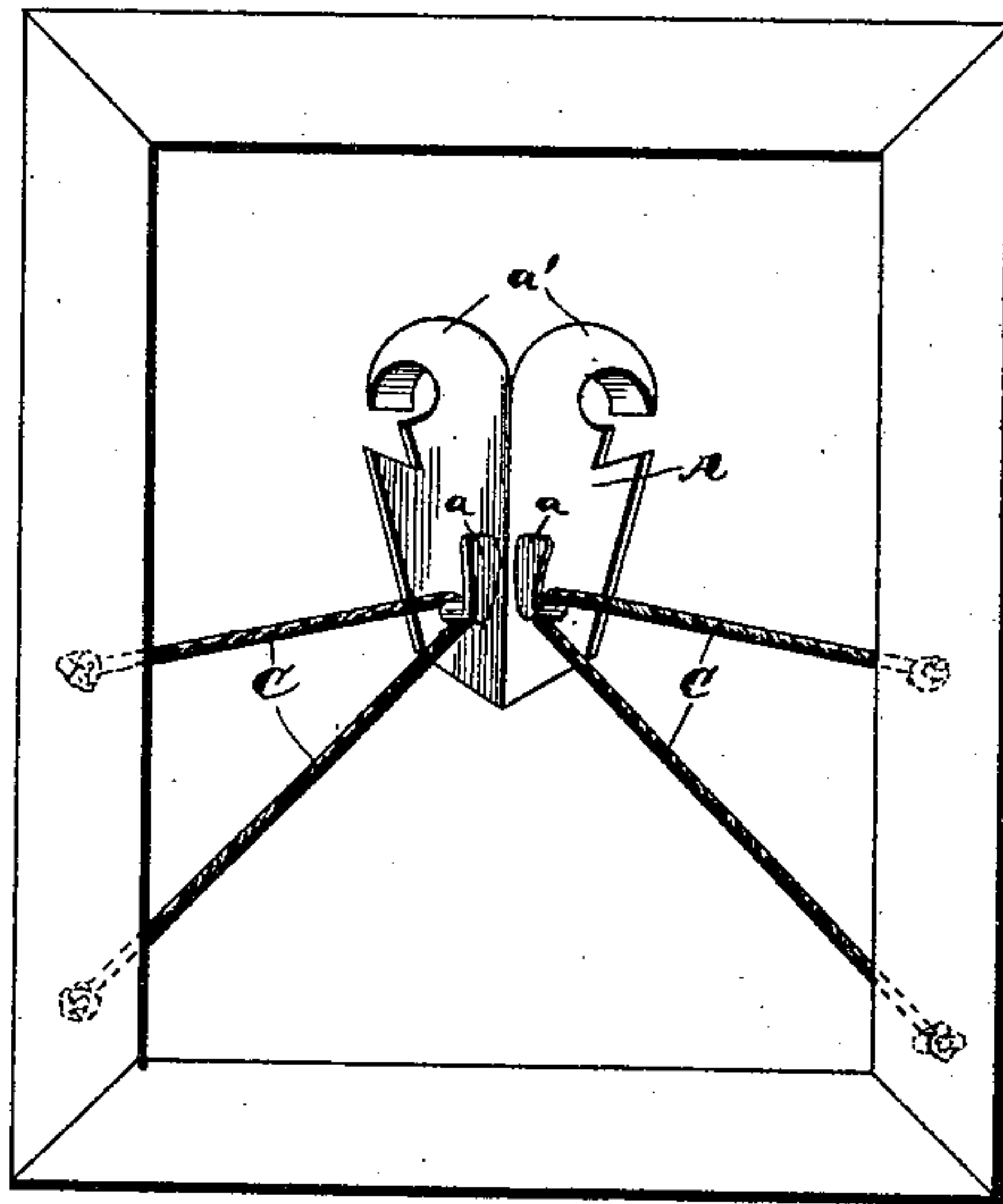


Fig. 3.

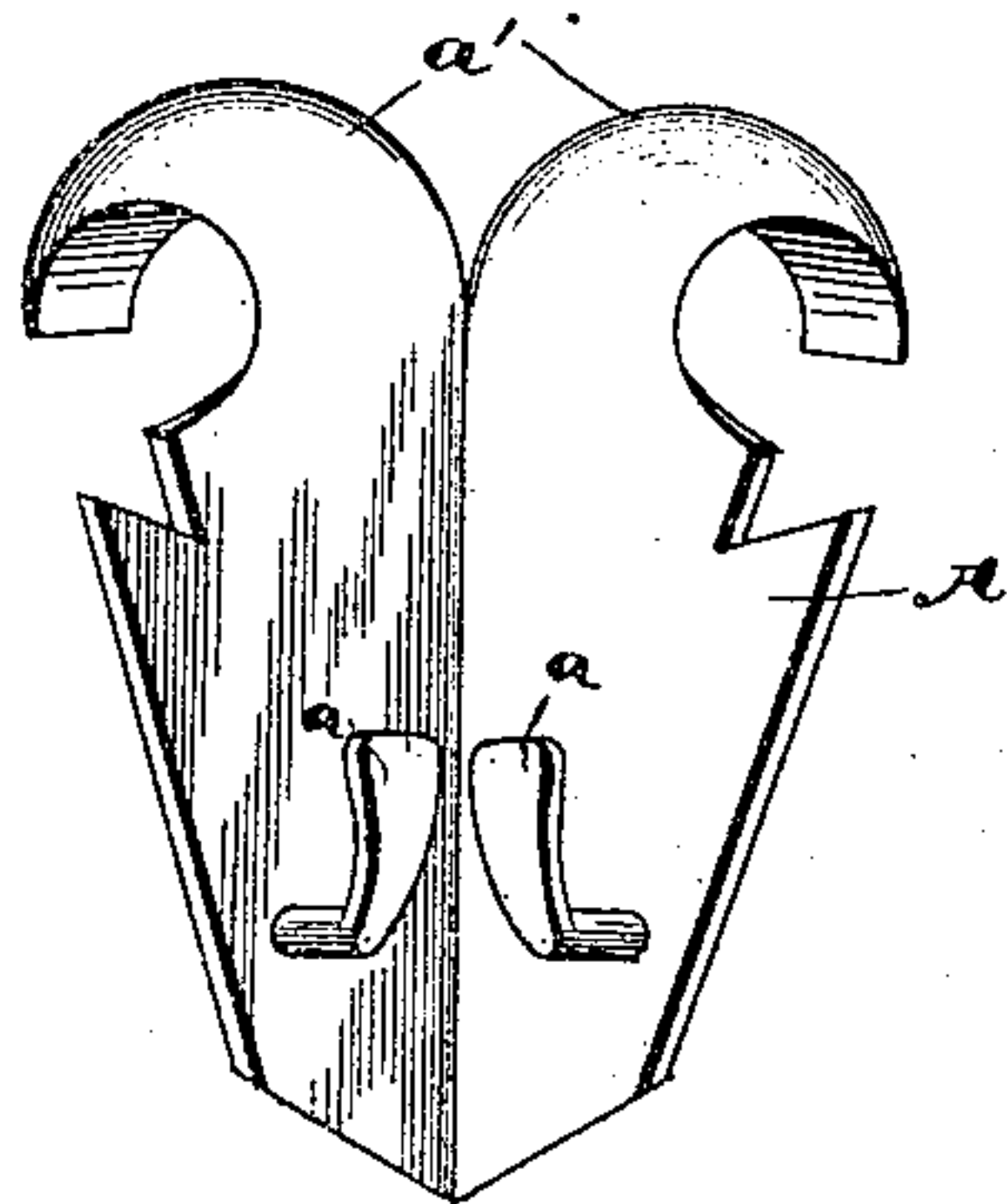
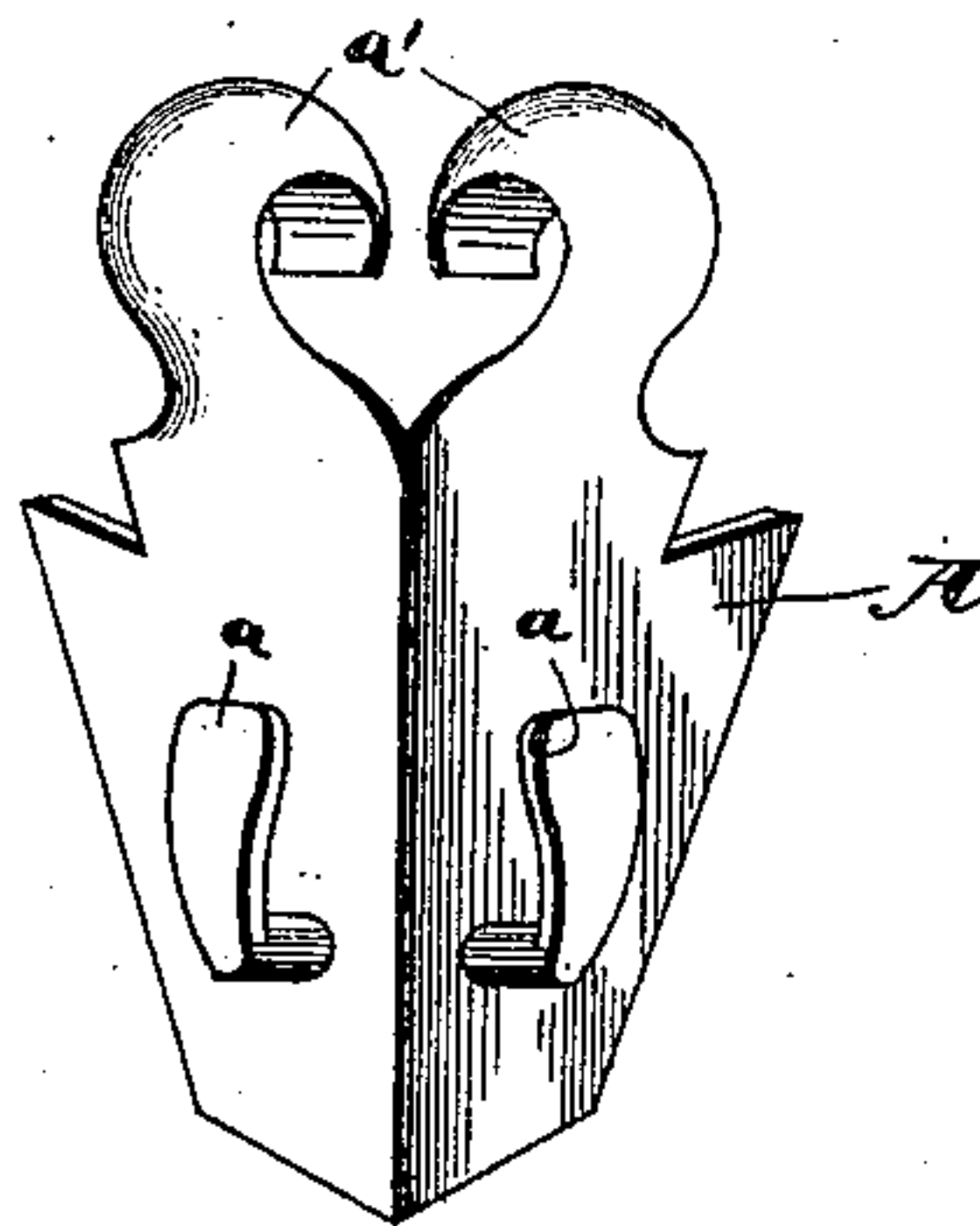


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM WOLFE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Huntingdon, in the county of Huntingdon and State of Pennsylvania, have invented new and useful Improvements in Picture-Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in hangers for picture-frames, mirrors, brackets, or the like; and it consists in a certain novel construction and combination of devices fully described hereinafter in connection with the accompanying drawings.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a picture-frame supported by the improved hanger. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the hook arranged directly in rear of the frame. Figs. 3 and 4 are enlarged perspective views of the hanger proper.

Referring by letter to the drawings, A designates the support, which may be and is preferably provided with two hooks *a*, arranged side by side, and B designates the picture-frame, which is suspended from the said support by cords. These cords C and C' are attached at both ends to the rear side of the frame and are passed at intermediate points over the hooks. The ends of the cord C are attached to the frame near one side and respectively at its upper and lower ends, and the ends of the cord C' are attached thereto near its opposite side and respectively at its upper and lower ends. The advantage of this arrangement of the cords is that the upper and lower portions thereof—namely, the portions which extend to the upper and lower ends of the frame—are relatively adjustable simply by changing the inclination of the picture-frame, and the frame will be held in any position (from horizontal to vertical) in which it is placed.

In Fig. 2, instead of attaching the ends of the upper portions of the cords near the upper end of the frame, they are attached near the center of the same, thereby swinging the support in rear of the frame and out of sight. When the cords are arranged in this way, the frame may be adjusted at any desired inclination, as above described.

A well-known objection in the hanging of pictures (the cord of which is passed over a single nail or support) is that they are very liable to be tipped or tilted to one side by the cords slipping over said support so that the member on one side thereof is longer than that on the other, and devices have been heretofore constructed whereby the cord was interlaced or clamped between projections of the support so that this tipping could not occur. In such devices, however, the greater the clamping effect produced the better the result. In the present case I have presented a support wherein the cords are not clamped or interlaced at all, and upon which they may be slipped with ease to effect the forward and backward tilting of the picture, which is desirable.

In Figs. 3 and 4 is shown the support A, which is of angular cross-section, whereby it may be fitted to a wall corner. That in Fig. 3 is adapted to the inner corner as of the room, and that in Fig. 4 to the outer corner, as of a chimney. In each construction *a'* are the molding-hooks, by which the support is sustained by the beading, and *a* are the cord-hooks projecting from the body A, arranged in the same horizontal plane and adapted to be engaged by the cords C C', as shown.

Having thus described the invention, I claim—

The herein-described picture-hanger, the same comprising a base-plate A of right-angular cross-section adapted to fit a corner of the wall, the molding-hooks *a'* at the upper end of said plate, and the cord-hooks *a*, projecting from the faces of said plate and standing in a horizontal plane, the whole adapted for use substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereunto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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