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Fig. 1.

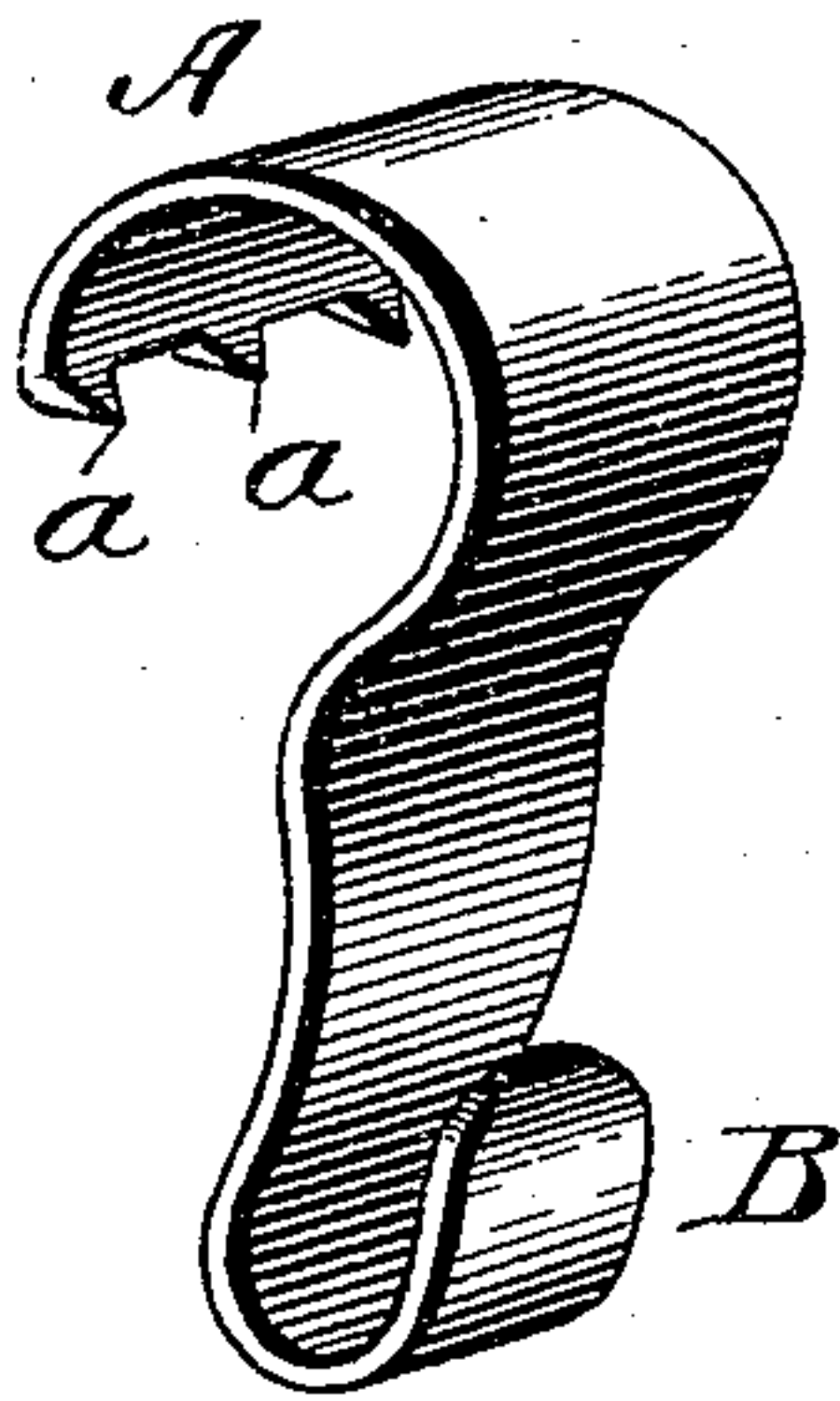


Fig. 2.

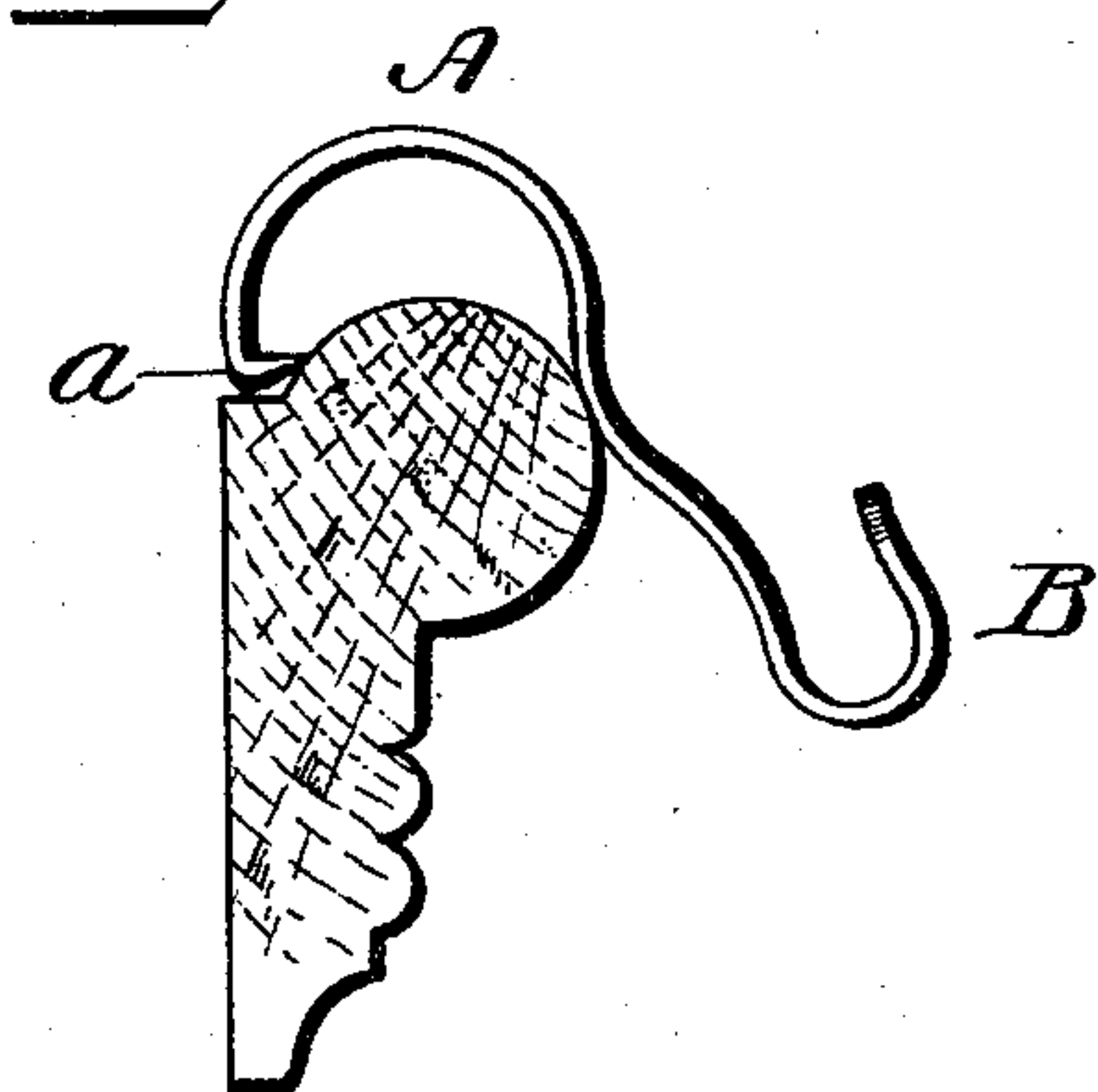
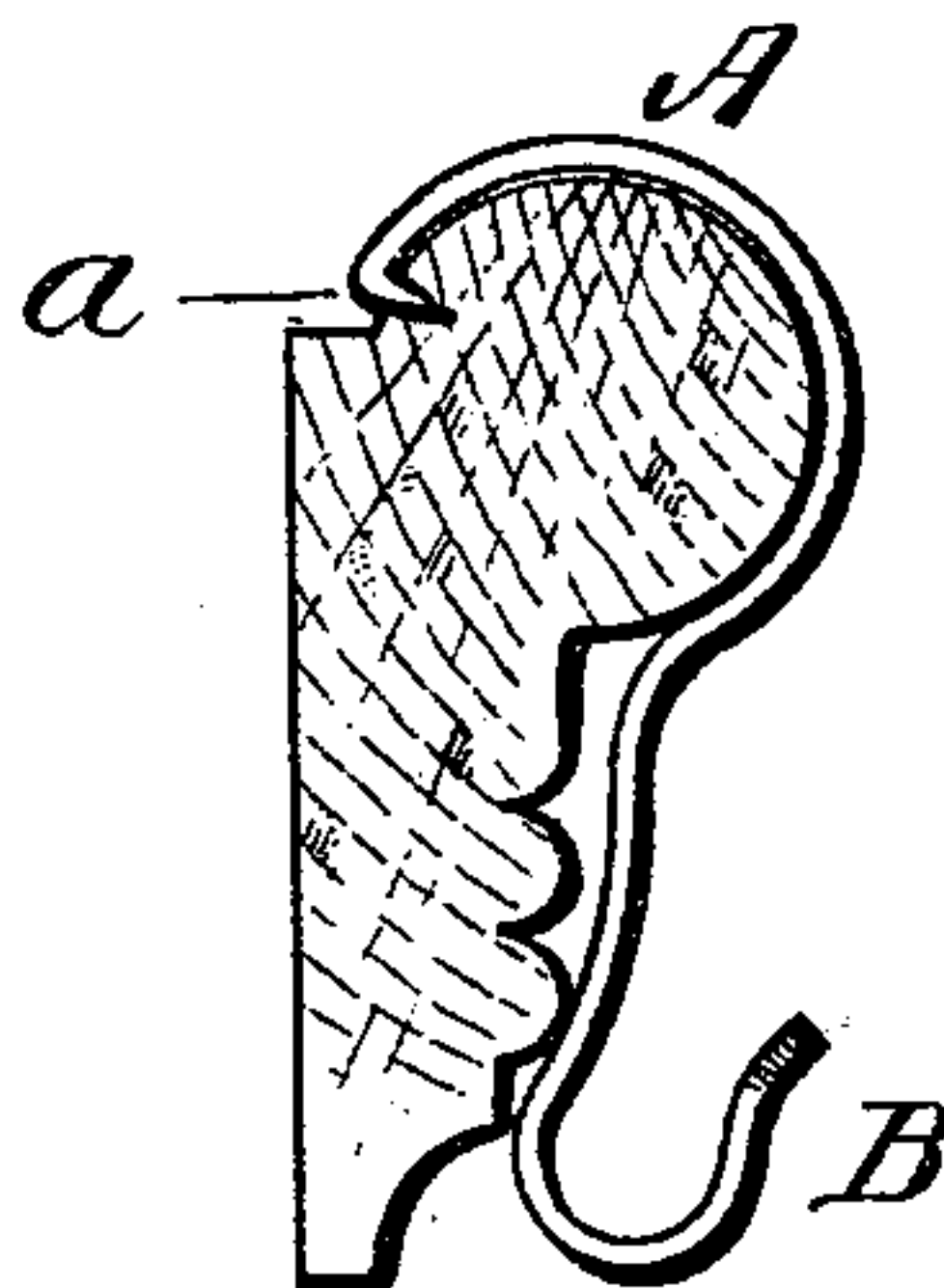


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES B. HALL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Columbus, in the county of Franklin and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Picture-Hooks; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

A form of picture hanger now in common use consists of a short piece of flat metal bent so as to produce oppositely disposed hooks at each end, one of which fits loosely over a strip of molding extending along the top of the wall while the other receives the picture cord. This hanger I have found to be defective in that it is easily dislocated or dislodged.

The object of my invention is to overcome this difficulty, and one form of my invention consists in providing the hook that fits over the molding with a spur or spurs that penetrate the molding or other thing upon which the device is secured and thus prevent the dislocation or dislodgment referred to, unless, of course, considerable force be applied for the purpose.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved hanger; Fig. 2 a side view showing the hanger in position to be applied to the molding; and Fig. 3 a similar view showing the hanger secured to the molding.

The hanger will usually be made of metal having considerable elasticity. That shown in the drawings consists of a short piece of sheet metal bent at each end so as to form hooks A and B. The hook A, which is con-

structed to fit upon the upper projecting edge of a strip of molding, is furnished with one or more spurs *a* which enter the rear part of the molding when the hook is forced down into place. The hook B receives the picture cord, as usual.

In applying the hanger shown in the drawings, the spurred end A is placed in the groove behind the upper part of the molding, as illustrated in Fig. 2, and the cord hook B is pulled down into the position shown in Fig. 3. Now as the distance between the spurs *a* and the base of the hook A is less than the thickness of that part of the molding upon which the hook fits the contractile power of the latter tends to force the spurs into the molding and thus lock the hook in place. This contractile force of the hook also assists in holding the hook in place.

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

A picture hanger consisting of a piece of spring metal having at opposite ends, open hooks facing in opposite directions, one of said hooks being larger than the other, the portion of the hanger between said hooks being bent forward at an angle with the larger hook, and the end of said larger hook being provided with spurs projecting at right angles from its inner face, substantially as described.

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

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