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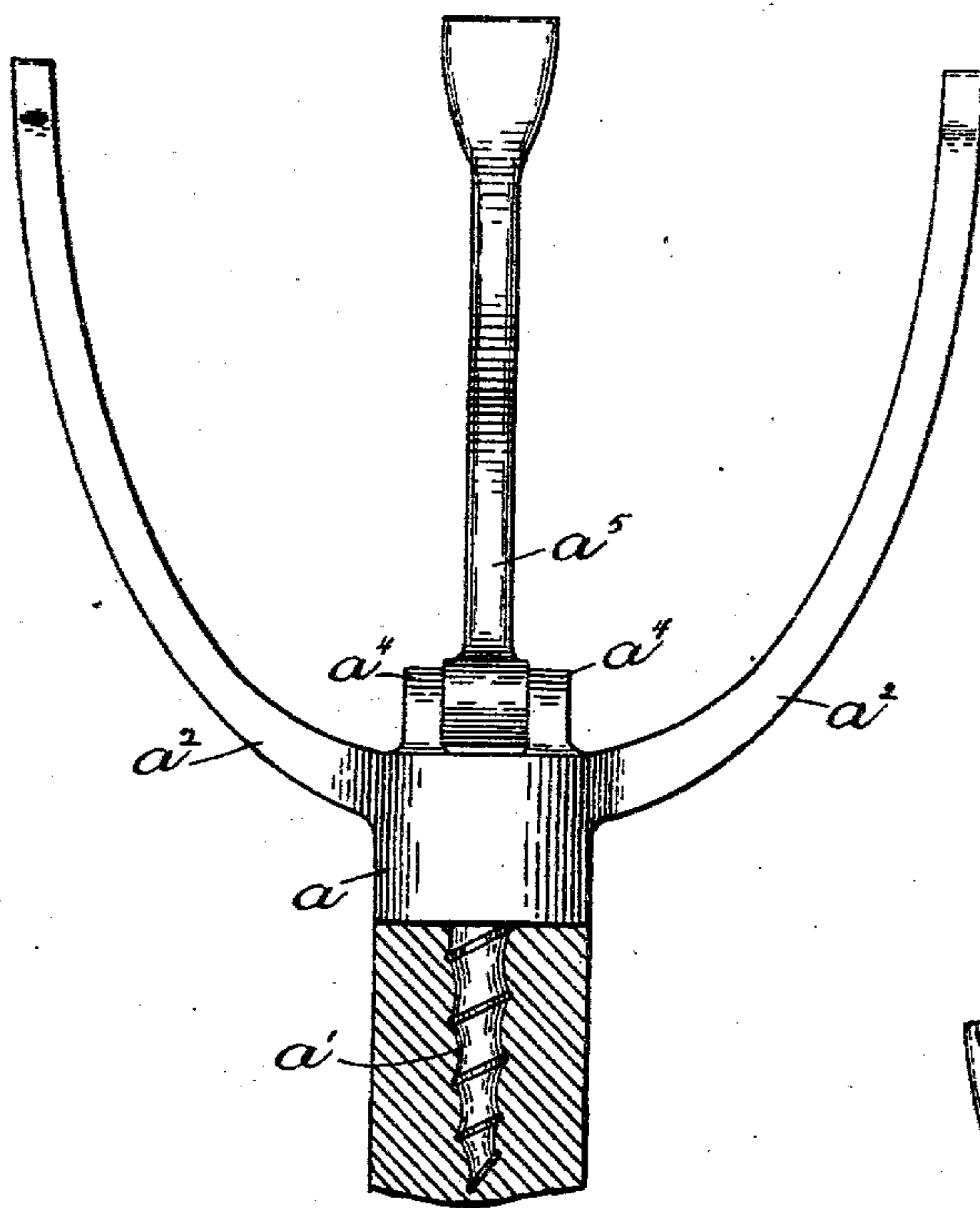


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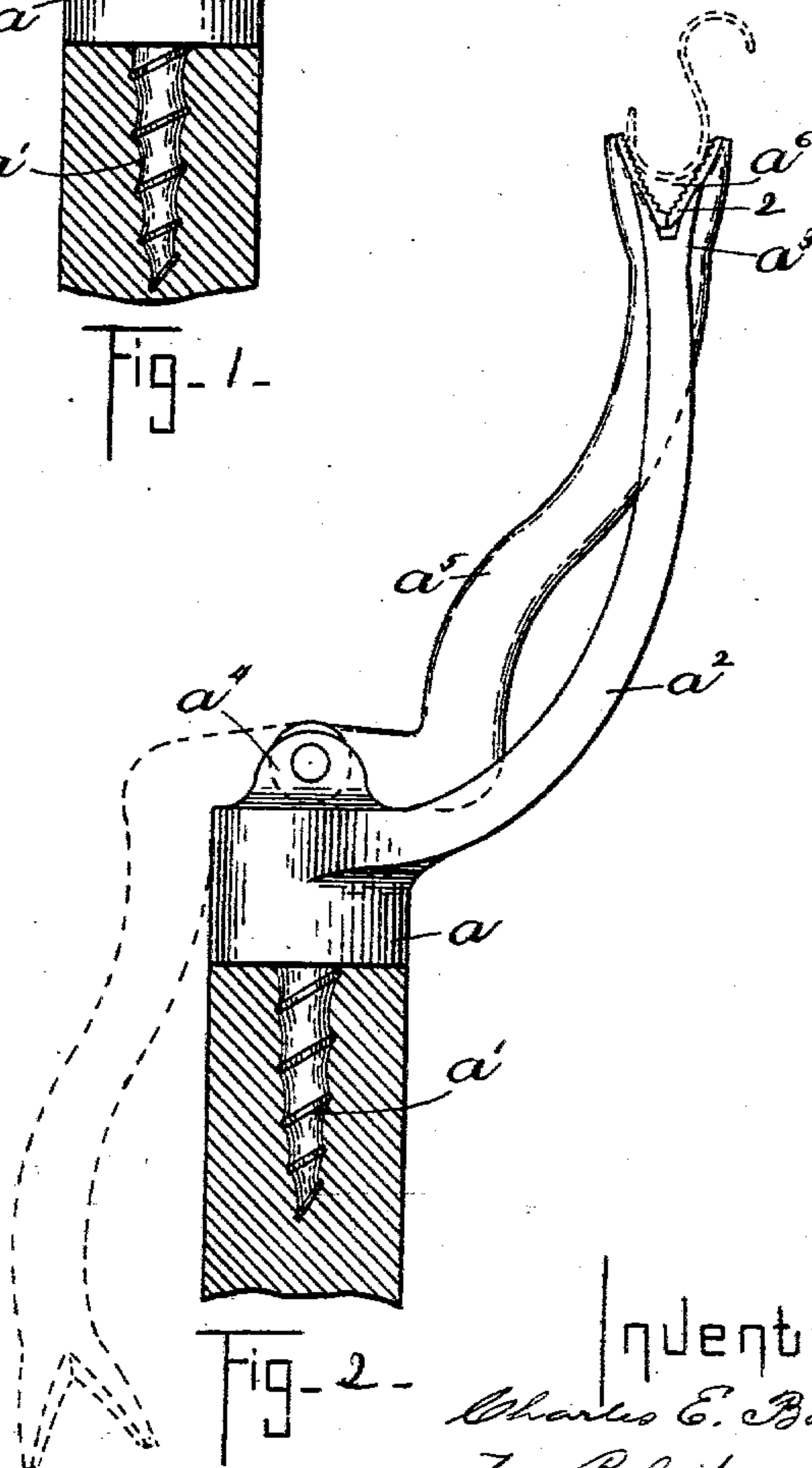


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## DEVICE FOR HANGING OR REMOVING PICTURES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES E. BALDWIN, of Boston, county of Suffolk, and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Devices for Hanging or Removing Pictures, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like letters and figures on the drawings representing like parts.

10 This invention has for its object to construct a device for applying picture-cord to and removing it from a hook which is provided for hanging a picture on the wall and also for applying and removing the hook.

15 In accordance with this invention two upright cord-engaging arms are erected upon a base, which incline rearward more or less, and said arms are located a short distance apart, so as to straddle the hook when applying the cord thereto or when removing it therefrom. The base bearing said cord-engaging arms will be secured to a pole. A hook-engaging arm is pivoted to the base between the aforesaid cord-engaging arms, which is made longer than said cord-engaging arms to project a short distance beyond them, and said hook-engaging arm is provided with means for engaging and holding the hook, so as to apply it to or remove it from a molding.

20 Figure 1 shows in front elevation a device for applying and removing picture-cord from a hook and also for applying and removing the hook from a molding; Fig. 2, a side elevation of the device shown in Fig. 1.

35 The base  $a$  is or may be of any suitable shape and size, and it has a screw-threaded shank  $a'$ , by means of which it is secured to the end of a pole. The base  $a$  has erected upon it a pair of upright arms  $a^2$ , which extend rearward a short distance, as shown in

Fig. 2, and said arms are provided at their extremities with a cord-receiving groove or recess  $a^3$ , and said arms are located a short distance apart, so as to straddle the hook when placing the picture-cord upon it or removing the cord from it.

Substantially midway between the arms  $a^2$  a pair of ears  $a^4$  are provided, to which is pivoted an arm  $a^5$ , formed or provided at its extremity with a groove or recess  $a^6$ , made large enough to receive a hook, as shown by dotted lines, the inner walls of said groove or recess being rubber-faced, as at 2, so as to better engage and hold the hook.

The hook-engaging arm  $a^5$  is pivoted to the base in order that it may be turned down out of the way when it is not desired to use it.

The hook-engaging arm  $a^5$  is made longer than the two cord-engaging arms  $a^2$  in order that said arm may engage the hook while the cord is still in engagement therewith.

I claim—

1. In a device of the kind described, a base having two upright cord-receiving arms, and an upright hook-receiving arm located between them, movable into and out of operative position, substantially as described.

2. In a device of the kind described, a base having two upright arms, each provided with a recessed end to receive a cord and a pivoted arm located between said arms adapted to receive a hook, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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