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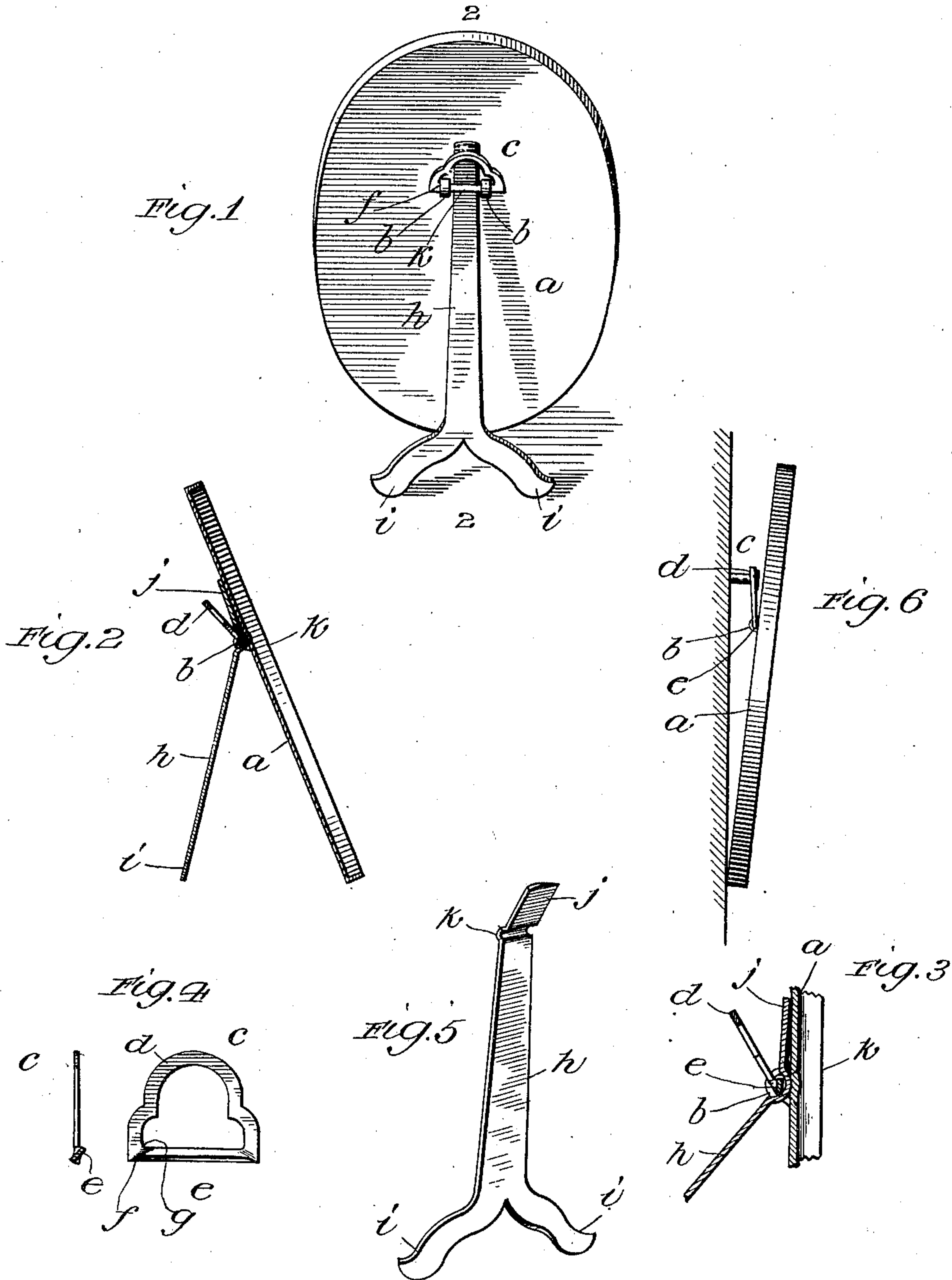
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES D. GOLDEN, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new, useful, and Improved Combined Easel-Support and Hanger for Picture-Frames, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which
10 corresponding letters of reference in the different figures indicate like parts.

My invention relates to the construction of a combined easel-support and hanger for picture-frames; and my object is to so construct said device that it may be easily,
15 cheaply, and rapidly produced and rendered detachable, the same being so constructed that it may either be utilized as a hanger or easel-support, all of which is hereinafter more particularly described, and definitely pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents a rear elevation of a picture-frame embodying the features of my invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view thereof, taken upon the
25 line 2 2, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is an enlarged sectional view in detail of the locking device, taken upon the same line as that shown in Fig. 2. Fig. 4 represents a vertical sectional and face view, respectively, of the detachable hanger. Fig. 5 is a perspective view in detail of the brace or easel-support; and Fig.
30 6 is a side view of a picture-frame, showing the manner of utilizing my improved device as a hanger.

Referring to the drawings, *a* represents the back of a picture-frame, which is preferably constructed from sheet metal, said back being provided with rearwardly-projecting
40 lugs or loops *b b*, which by preference are integral with said sheet-metal back, said loops being cut and formed therefrom by means of a suitable die. A detachable hanger *c* is constructed to engage said lugs, said hanger being provided with a loop portion *d* and a
45 straight bar portion *e*. Said hanger is cut or severed diagonally, as shown at *f*, Figs. 1 and 4, and inasmuch as said hanger is intended to be made from sheet metal having
50 more or less elasticity—such, for example, as sheet-brass—the parts may be separated upon the line *f*, so as to permit the bar *e* to be

passed through the loops *b b*. In forming said hanger a short hook-like projection *g*, Fig. 4, is left at the end where the cut *f* is made, so that after passing the bar into the
55 loops the hanger may be sprung sufficiently to cause said hook to pass into one of said loops, thereby not only locking the hanger firmly in place, but serving as one member of
60 a hinge-bearing surface when the loop is used as a hanger, as shown in Fig. 6.

In case it is desirable to support the picture as an easel it may be accomplished in the following manner: A brace or leg *h*, having
65 a wide base portion or feet *i i*, as shown, is formed from sheet metal and bent at the upper end, as shown at *j*, at an angle to the main body *h*. At the junction between the body *h* and the part *j* is a curved indentation
70 *k* of sufficient depth to engage the bar *e* when the latter is passed through the loops *b b*, as clearly shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3. In assembling and adjusting said device the indentation *k* is placed in juxtaposition to said
75 loops, when the hanger *c* is sprung into an abnormal position, so as to permit the bar *e* to pass through said loops, when said bar forms a bearing within the indentation *k*, thus enabling that portion of the brace to hinge
80 therein. The projection *j* serves to limit the rearward movement of the brace, as shown in Fig. 2. It is obvious that the loops *c* may be attached to the back; but I prefer to make them as described.

Inasmuch as my improvement may be made entirely from sheet-metal stampwork, it is manifest that it may be made rapidly and very cheaply.

Having thus described my invention, I
85 claim—

1. In a device of the class described, the combination of loops projecting rearwardly from the object to be supported and a hanger having a cross-bar adapted to pass through
95 said loops, a loop portion and a hook or projection adapted to engage one of said loops and lock said bar in position, substantially as described.

2. In a device of the class described, the
100 combination of loops projecting rearwardly from the object to be supported, a detachable resilient hanger having a cross-bar adapted to pass through said loops, means upon said

hanger for engaging one of said loops to lock said bar in position, and a brace having a bent portion adapted to pass between said bar and the object to be supported, said bar
5 forming a hinge-bearing for said bent portion, substantially as described.

3. The combination of a picture or other analogous frame, of loops projecting rearwardly therefrom, and the detachable yielding hanger *c*, having a bar portion adapted to pass through said loops and a spring-actuated hook portion for locking the same in position, substantially as set forth.
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4. The combination with a frame of the class described, of rearwardly-projecting loops, the detachable hanger *c* and the brace *h* having the indentation *k* adapted to engage

and hinge upon the bar of said hanger, substantially as described.

5. The combination with a frame of the class described, of rearwardly-projecting loops, the detachable hanger *c* and the brace *h* having the indentation *k* adapted to hinge upon the bar of said hanger between the loops, and the stop or projecting portion *j*,
25 substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, this 25th day of April, 1901.

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