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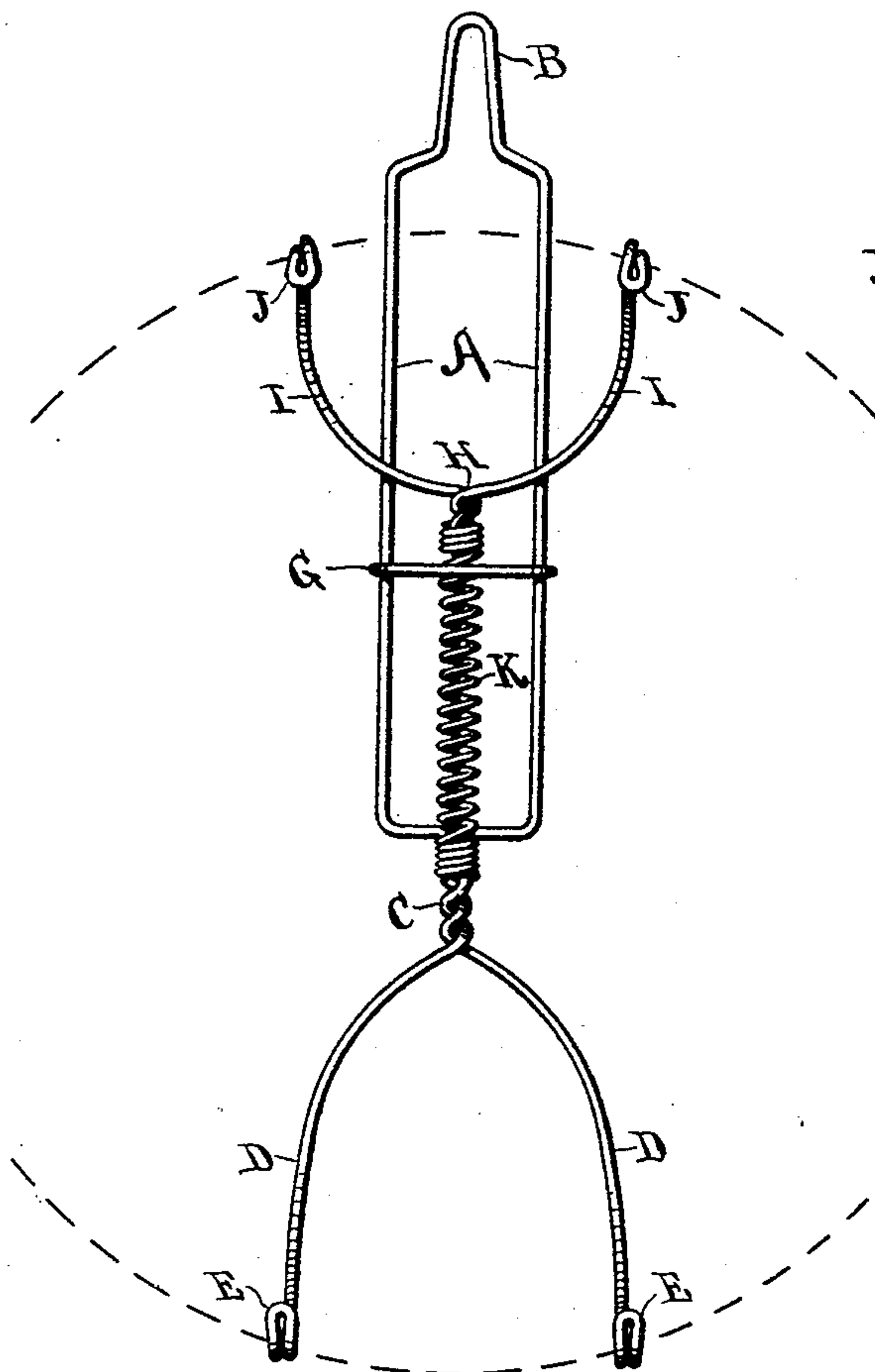


Fig. 1.

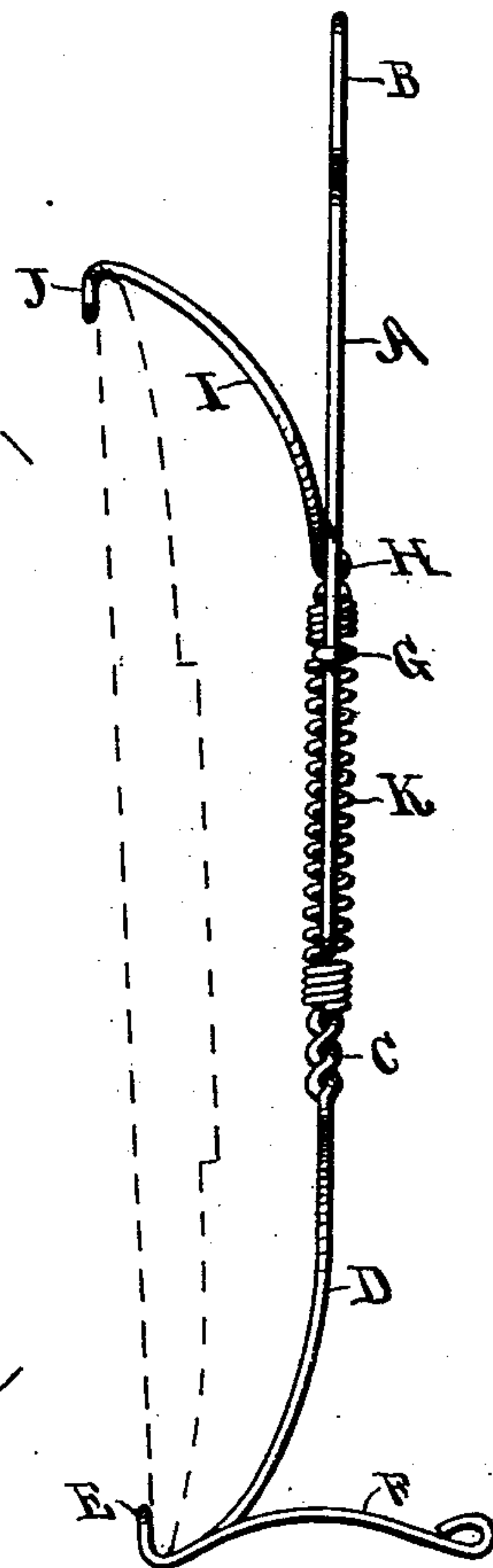


Fig. 2.

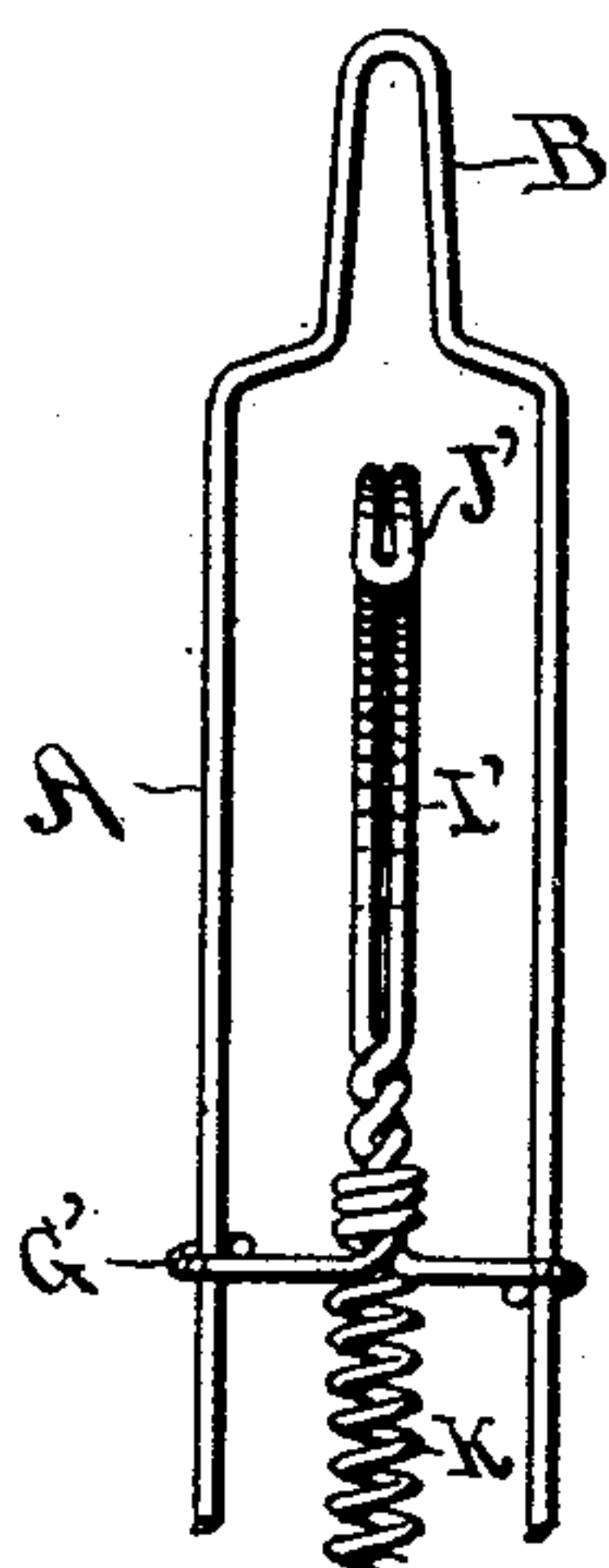


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN E. LARKIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Elmira, in the county of Chemung and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Plate or Plaque Hanger, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in devices by means of which plates, plaques, and the like may be hung upon the wall or in cabinets or in other places where it is desirable to exhibit or show them; and the object of my invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive device of this nature which can be readily attached to plates, plaques, and the like of various forms and sizes.

I accomplish my object by means of the hanger illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a front elevation of the device; Fig. 2, a side elevation of the same; and Fig. 3, a portion of the hanger, showing a modification.

Similar letters refer to like parts in the several views.

This hanger is preferably made entirely of comparatively light brass wire bent into the shape and form illustrated in the drawings.

A represents two parallel wires brought together at B to form a loop or eye by which to hang the hanger upon a nail or other support. At C the parallels A are brought together and then branched out to form the two legs D D, with upturned hooks E E and backward projections F, one of which is shown in Fig. 2. Upon the parallels A is a slide G, formed of a wire bent around the parallels and brought together at H, being there bent upward and outward to form the two arms I I, provided with the downturned hooks J J. At the points C and H are fastened the two ends of a coiled spring K, which spring acts to draw the arms I I toward the legs D D. The arms I and the legs D are bent forward, as shown in Fig. 2, in order to allow for convexity in the plate or plaque to be fastened therein.

In using my hanger the rim of the plate or plaque is set into the hooks E E, and the arms I I are drawn upward until the hooks J J can

be slipped over the rim of the plate. The tension of the spring then holds the plate firmly within the hanger. By means of the loop B the hanger can then be hung against the wall or in a cabinet or suspended from a hook depending from a shelf. When hung against a wall or other vertical surface, the rearward projections F will rest against the wall, thereby projecting the hanger slightly away from the wall and forming two points of support, by reason of which the plate will be held steadily in position, the tendency to oscillate being prevented by these said projections.

In Fig. 3 I have illustrated a modification of the hanger in which but one arm I' is used, the slide G' being formed of the ends of the wire which forms the arm I' in the manner shown. With the hanger so formed there are three points of attachment, which in most cases will be sufficient to answer the purpose.

While I have indicated by broken lines a circular plate in place in the hanger, it will be understood that my hanger is also equally well adapted for receiving plates, plaques, &c., of various forms, whether square, oblong, or otherwise.

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

1. A hanger for plates, plaques and the like comprising two members, one of said members being in the form of two parallel bars having an eye or loop at one end and at the other end being brought together and then spread out to form legs with upturned hooks, and the other member being bent around the parallel bars of the first to form a slide thereon and having an upwardly-projecting arm with downturned hook, said members being united by a coiled spring fastened at one end to said slide and at the other end to the base of said parallel bars.

2. A hanger for plates, plaques and the like comprising two bent-wire members, one of said members being in the form of two straight parallel bars having an eye or loop at one end and at the other end being brought together and then spread out to form legs with upturned hooks, said legs being also provided with short rearward projections for the pur-

pose set forth, and the other member being bent around the parallel bars of the first to form a slide thereon and having an upwardly-projecting arm with downturned hook, said
5 members being united by a coiled spring fastened at one end to said slide and at the other end to the base of said parallel bars.

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

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