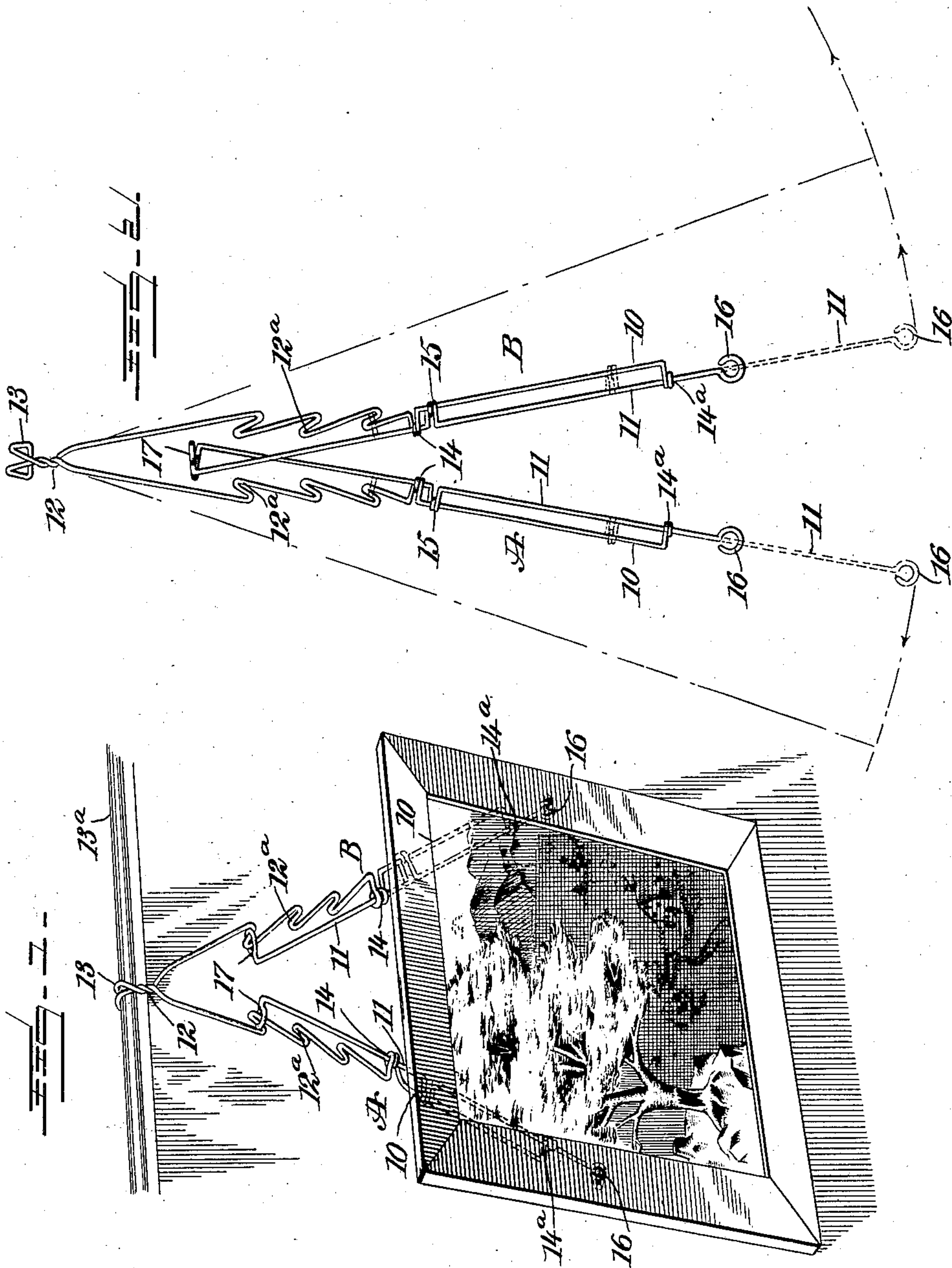


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY MINCK, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Jersey City, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and Improved Picture-Hanger, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The purpose of my invention is to provide a picture-hanger constructed entirely of wire, and consisting mainly of two limbs connected by a hook or other form of suspension device, each of which limbs terminates at its free end in an open loop for attachment to a picture-frame.

A further purpose of the invention is to construct each limb in adjustable sections and to provide each limb with self-contained locking devices for the sections, whereby a rigid picture-hanger is obtained adjustable as to length, of simple and economic construction, and which may be conveniently connected with any support on a wall, for example, without necessitating the operator leaving the floor.

The invention consists in the novel construction and combination of the several parts, as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved picture-hanger applied, and Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the device adjusted to its shortest length.

The device is preferably made entirely of wire and mainly consists of two limbs A and B, adapted to stand one at an angle to the other, each limb comprising a body member 10 and an adjustable member 11. The body members 10 of the limbs A and B are made ordinarily from one piece of wire, which wire is brought together by a twist 12 or its equivalent at the upper portion of the device, and the said device where the limbs are connected terminates in a loop 13, adapted to be passed over a molding 13^a, as is shown in Fig. 1, or an eye may be substituted for the said loop to receive a nail in the wall, for example.

Each body-section 10 of each limb is provided with a series of keeper-points or lugs 12^a, formed by suitably bending the wire upon itself, and these lugs or keeper-points are at the inside portion of the limbs and are in longitudinal arrangement. These keeper-points or lugs are preferably given more or less of an upward inclination. The body section or member 10 of each limb is also provided below the series of keeper-points or lugs 12^a with an inwardly-extending guide 14, and a similar guide 14^a is located at the lower end of each body section or member of the limbs, as is best shown in Fig. 2. The adjustable member or section 11 of each limb is practically straight, and is adapted to have sliding movement in the guides 14 and 14^a of the body members or sections 10. Each adjustable member or section 11 of a limb is provided with an outwardly-extending guide 15, and these guides loosely receive the lower straight portions of the body sections or members 10 of the limbs, as is also shown in Fig. 2, so that the adjustable sections 11 of the limbs have guided and free movement on the body-sections of the same. It will be noticed that these guides 14, 14^a are in alinement and that they are out of alinement with the guide 15. An important advantage results from this construction, as it prevents any rotary movement of the section 11 and tends to hold the eyes 17 in position to properly receive the keeper-points 12^a on the body-section, the latter being flexible, so it can be readily bent out and in in engaging the projections 12^a in the eyes 17 in securing the desired adjustment of the members 11 in the use of the device.

Each adjustable section or member 11 of a limb is provided with an open loop 16 at its lower end, which loops are adapted to engage with the screw-eyes ordinarily located at the back of a picture-frame, as is shown in Fig. 1. At the upper end of each adjustable section or member 11 of a limb a horizontally-located outwardly-extending eye 17 is formed. These upper eyes 17 on the adjustable members or sections of the limbs are adapted to receive the keeper-points or lugs 12^a of the body-sections.

In operation when the upper eyes 17 on

the adjustable sections of the limbs are in engagement with the uppermost keeper-points or lugs 12^a the limbs are at their shortest adjustment and are held in such adjustment, 5 and when the said upper eyes 17 engage with or receive the lowermost keeper-points or lugs 12^a the limbs are at their greatest length and are likewise so held until purposely readjusted.

10 The device is light. It is simple and durable in construction as well as economic, and as the hanger is practically rigid after the hanger has been adjusted and applied to a picture it is simply necessary for the operator 15 while standing on the floor to support the picture and guide the hanger to its connection with a support on the wall. In fact, a ladder is not necessary in hanging pictures when the improved hanger is employed nor is any 20 actual guide necessary to direct the hanger to its point of suspension on the wall.

It will be understood from Figs. 1 and 2 that the upturned hooks 12^a on the opposite limbs A and B lie in the same plane, whereby I 25 avoid increasing the thickness of the device; also, that the adjustable members or sections operate between the body members of the opposite limbs A and M and lie in the same plane with the upturned hooks, such adjustable 30 members being provided at their upper ends with the outwardly-projecting eyes to engage with the hooks of the body members, as before described.

Having thus described my invention, I claim 35 as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A picture-hanger consisting of two limbs connected at their upper ends and each comprising a body member having a series of upturned hooks and below the same laterally- 40 projecting guides having openings, and an adjustable member sliding longitudinally in said

openings of the lateral guides and provided with a lateral guide having an opening receiving the body member, the opening of the lateral guide of the adjustable member being out 45 of alinement with the openings of the lateral guides of the body member; said adjustable section being provided at its upper end with an eye to engage with the upturned hooks of the body member, all substantially as and for 50 the purposes set forth.

2. A picture-hanger comprising a body-section provided with a series of upturned hooks, an adjustable member provided at its upper end with an eye to engage on said hooks, and 55 guide devices on the body member and the adjustable member and slidable along each other, said guide devices being out of alinement whereby the adjustable member will be prevented from turning and its eye will be pre- 60 served at all times in position for engagement with the hooks of the body member, substantially as set forth.

3. A picture-hanger comprising two opposite limbs connected at their upper ends and 65 composed of wire bent forming laterally-projecting upturned hooks, the hooks of the opposite limbs lying in the same plane, and adjustable members arranged and operating between the body members and slidable along 70 the latter, and provided at their upper ends with outwardly-projecting eyes arranged to engage with the upturned hooks of the body members, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name 75 to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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