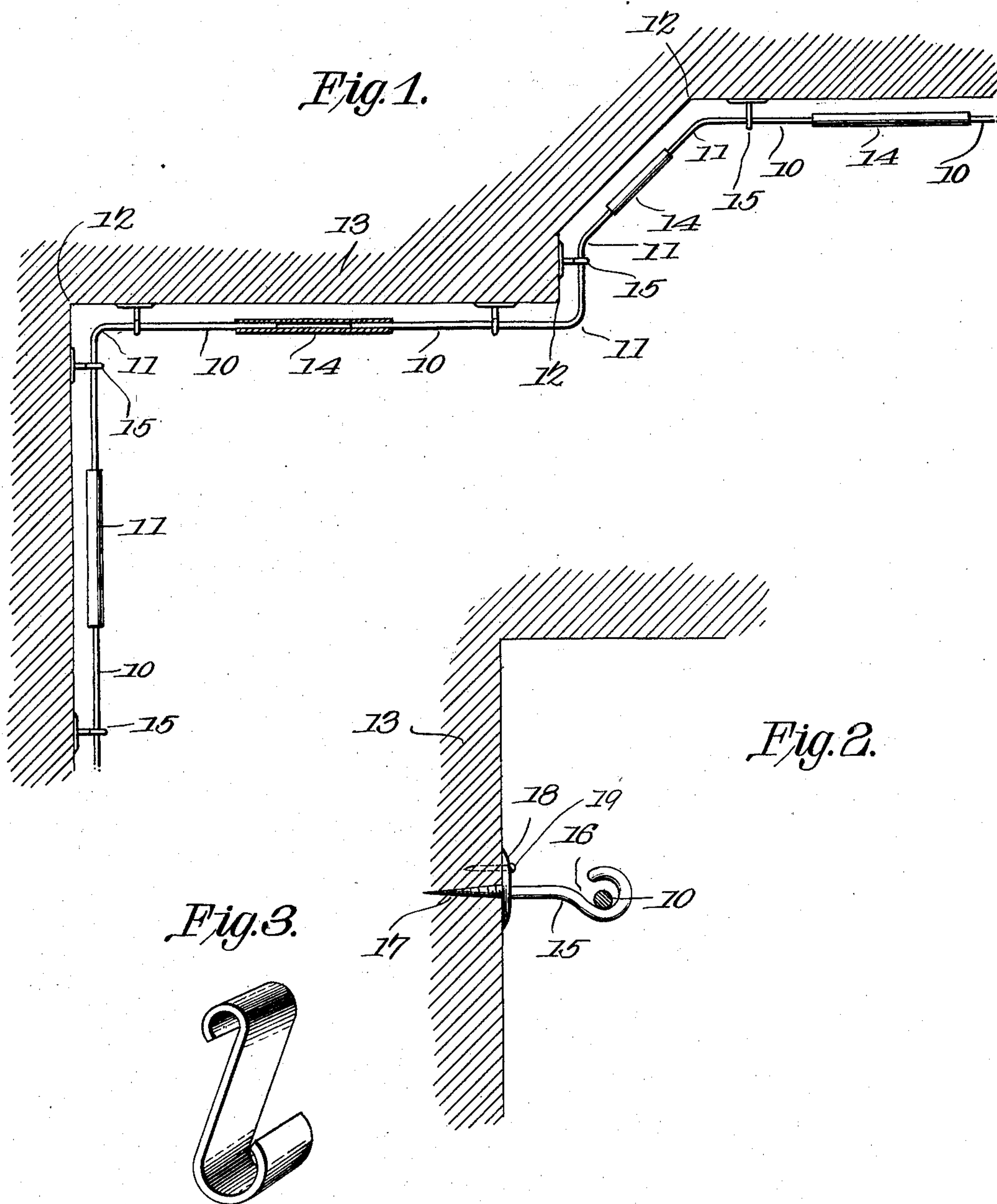


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN BRYDEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Colfax, in the county of Whitman and State of Washington, have invented a new and useful Picture-Hanging Device, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to devices for suspending pictures and similar articles from the walls of rooms, and has for its object to produce a simply-constructed and easily-applied device which may be attached to and detached from the wall in any desired locality and adaptable to all the varying angles and corners of the room and which will not afford a lodging place for dust.

With these and other objects in view, which will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in certain novel features of construction, as hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which corresponding parts are denoted by like designating characters, is illustrated the preferred form of the embodiment of the invention capable of carrying the same into practical operation, it being understood that the invention is not necessarily limited thereto, as various changes in the shape, proportions, and general assemblage of the parts may be resorted to without departing from the principle of the invention or sacrificing any of its advantages, and the right is therefore reserved of making all the changes and modifications which fairly fall within the scope of the invention and the claims made therefor.

In the drawings thus employed, Figure 1 is a sectional view of a portion of a wall of a room with the improved device applied. Fig. 2 is an enlarged detail view of the improved device. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of one of the suspension-hooks employed with the improved device.

The improved device consists of sections of rods 10, each with an intermediate bend 11 at the angles or corners 12 of the walls 13 of the room, each angle or corner preferably having an independent rod-section, with its ends extending toward the next angles or cor-

ners. The rod-sections may be formed to closely engage at the ends or separated by gaps of greater or lesser extent and the adjacent ends coupled by sleeves 14, slidable upon the rod-sections. The rod-sections will be supported at suitable intervals by brackets consisting of hooks 15, having contracted inlets 16, and with threaded terminals 17, by which they may be connected to the walls 13. The supporting members will preferably be provided with washers 18 to provide an ornamental "finish" at the juncture of the supporting member and the wall. As many of the supporting members may be employed as required and spaced apart to any required extent.

By providing a plurality of the rod-sections of various and graduated lengths and bent intermediately into various angles any size of room and rooms having any number of corners and angles may be quickly equipped with the improved picture-hanging means herein disclosed and without disfiguring the walls or wall-coverings and when plated or otherwise ornamented will increase the ornamental effect and add to rather than detract from the appearance of the room.

The ordinary picture-hanging hooks may be employed to suspend the pictures and other articles from the rods.

The rods will be located at a short distance from the walls 13, so that no opportunity for the lodgment for dust and the like is provided, as the comparatively small rods will not retain such lodgment.

The supporting-hooks having the contracted inlets are an important feature of the invention, as they hold the rod-sections with sufficient force to prevent too easy displacement of the rods, while at the same time will permit their removal when force is applied. The rods are thus held from accidental displacement.

The rods may be of any required size and of any suitable material and may be plated or otherwise ornamented or may be colored to conform to the paper or other decorations of the adjacent walls.

To prevent the washers or escutcheon-like members 18 from becoming loosened on the

supports 15, a small pin or nail 19 may be driven through them, as shown in Fig. 2.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is—

5 1. As a new article, a picture-hanging means consisting of rod-sections intermediately bent to conform to the corners and angles of the room and with sleeves slidable upon the adjacent ends of said rod-sections and hooks
10 formed with contracted inlets and detachably engaging said rod-sections and spaced apart thereon and having threaded terminals for attachment to the walls of the room.

15 2. As a new article, a picture-hanging means consisting of rod-sections intermediately bent to conform to the corners and angles of the room and with sleeves slidable upon the adjacent ends of said rod-sections, and hooks de-

tachably engaging said rod-sections and spaced apart thereon and with threaded terminals for
20 attachment to the walls of the room.

3. As a new article, a picture-hanging means consisting of rod-sections having sleeves slidable thereon and forming detachable couplings between the ends of the same and supporting
25 means consisting of a plurality of hooks spaced apart thereon and having contracted inlets and with threaded terminals for attachment to the walls of the room.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as
30 my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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