

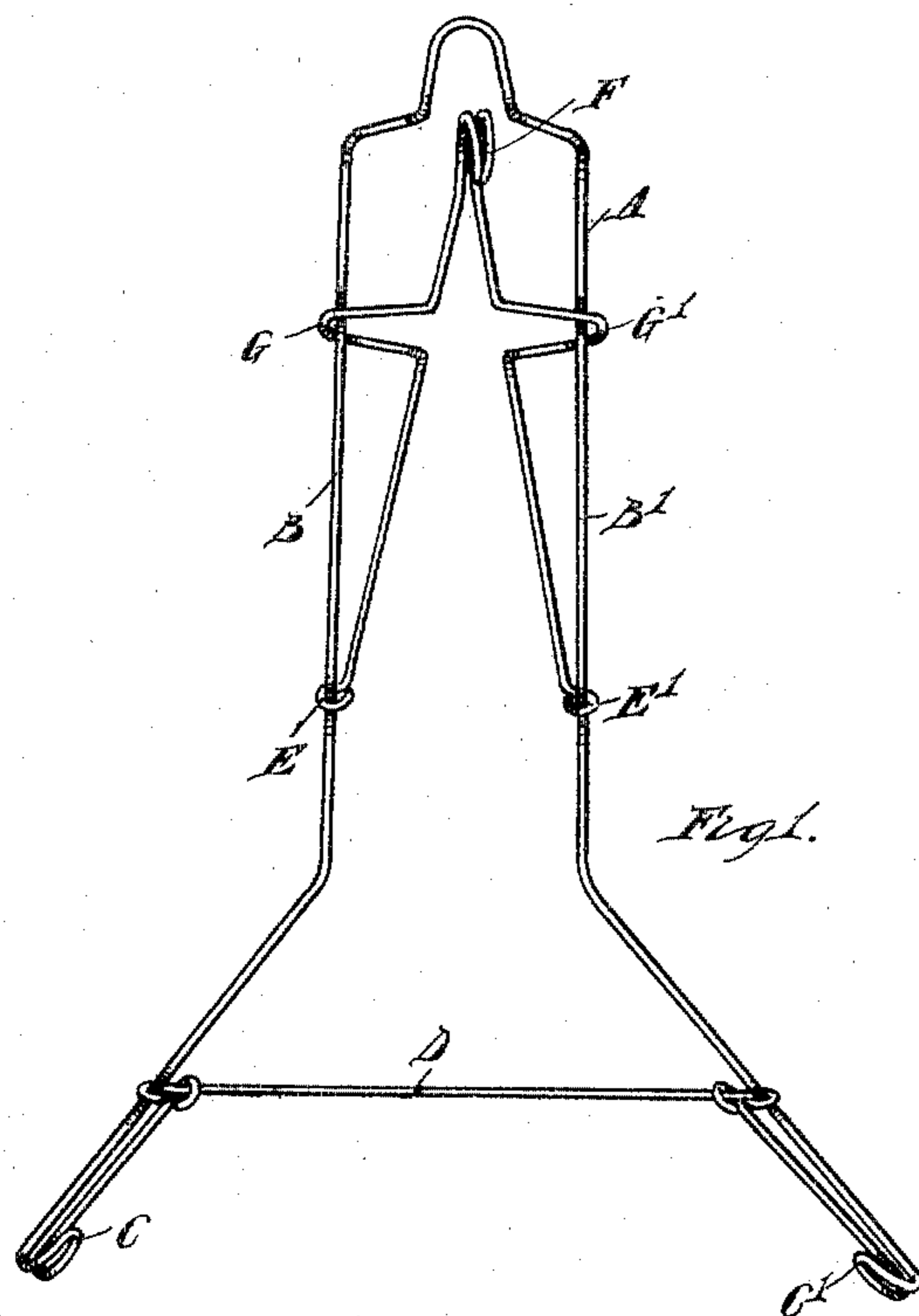
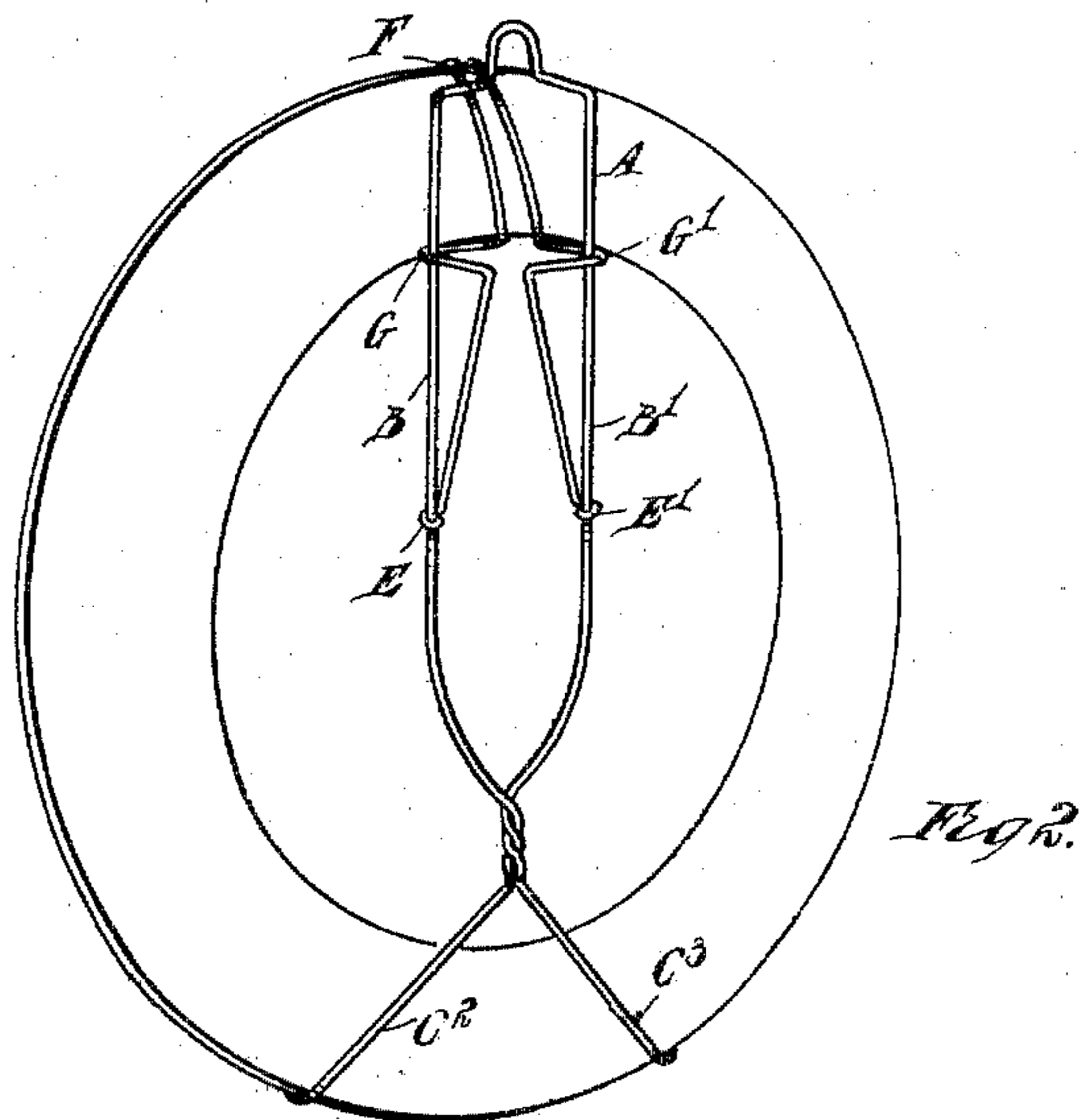
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES E. TWITCHELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Detroit, county of Wayne, State of Michigan, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Plate or Saucer Holders; and I declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improved plate and saucer holder, the object of the invention being to furnish an inexpensive device which when adjusted and hung from a suitable hook or pin will hold the article in the best possible manner for display and be itself nearly invisible.

To this end the invention consists of a device constructed of pieces of wire bent, adjusted, and adapted to hold said articles, and further consists in certain details of construction.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents the frame or holder alone. Fig. 2 shows a modified form adjusted to a plate or saucer.

Similar letters refer to similar parts.

The plate-holder shown in Fig. 1 is formed of three pieces of wire. The main piece is bent to form at its center a half-loop A of suitable shape to suspend the holder. The wire is then bent out in opposite directions on each side to a suitable distance, when each arm is bent sharply to bring the two arms B B' (hereinafter referred to as "guide-arms") parallel. At the end of each guide-arm section each part of the wire is bent quite sharply outward and forward of the plane of the guide-arms and bent back upon itself. At the bend there is a hook C C'. The two hooks thus formed are intended to form the base of the holder. Each terminal is then turned around a slightly-curved tie-wire D, which extends from one of the hook-arms across to the other and is suitably attached to each arm at the point where the back-turned end of the wire terminates. This serves as a tie and brace and strengthens and stiffens the main frame.

While useful and adding to the efficiency of the device it is not indispensable.

Slidably connected one to each of the guide-arms are the ends E E' of a wire bent into a V shape and inverted, the entire piece being then also somewhat bowed. The wire at the point of the V is bent in the form of a hook F, and each arm of the V, near the point, is bent to form an outwardly-extending loop G or G', which engages against the guide-arms and prevent the sliding portion from falling back too far.

In the form shown in Fig. 2 the brace D is omitted and the guide-arms are brought together between those parts of the wire which are used as guides and those parts from which the hooks are formed. The two parts of the wire are twisted together and spread to form the hook-terminated arms C² C³.

The mode of operation is as follows: One edge of the plate being inserted in and rested upon the terminal hooks c c' of the main section, the V-shaped piece is then moved up or down until the hook F at the point of the V engages another portion of the edge of the plate, serving as a steadying-piece. The frame and the plate are then hung by the upper loop, above referred to, to a tack or pin.

What I claim is—

1. An article for displaying plates or saucers consisting of a frame composed of a plurality of pieces of wire, one of said pieces being bent so that its parts are parallel for a portion of their length, then inclined outward and forward and terminating in supporting-hooks, a brace-piece connecting the flaring arms of said frame, and a steadying-piece terminating in an inverted hook, slidably connected to the parallel arms of said frame, and bent to form engaging knobs or shoulders, substantially as set forth.

2. A holder for displaying plates or saucers, consisting of a plurality of wire members, one bent to form a framework whose members are parallel for a portion of their length and which terminate in flaring hooked members, a brace member connecting said hooked members, and a piece slidably connected to the parallel parts of said frame bent to form retaining-loops and at its middle

forming an inverted hook, substantially as described.

3. A device for displaying plates or saucers, composed of pieces of wire bent and adjusted
5 to form a framework whose parallel members, joining at the top to form a loop for suspending or hanging the frame incline outward and forward at their lower ends and terminate in supporting-hooks, a brace-piece uniting the
10 said inclined arms, and a steadying member, terminating at the apex in a hook whose ends are slidably attached to the parallel arms of the frame-piece, substantially as set forth.

4. A device for displaying plates or saucers,
15 consisting of a frame composed of a plurality

of pieces of wire, one of said pieces being bent so that its members are parallel for a portion of their length and each of which terminates in a laterally-flaring hooked member, and a piece slidably connected to the parallel
20 parts of said frame, bent to form loops which engage against the parallel portions of the first-described piece, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I sign this specification in the presence of two witnesses.

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