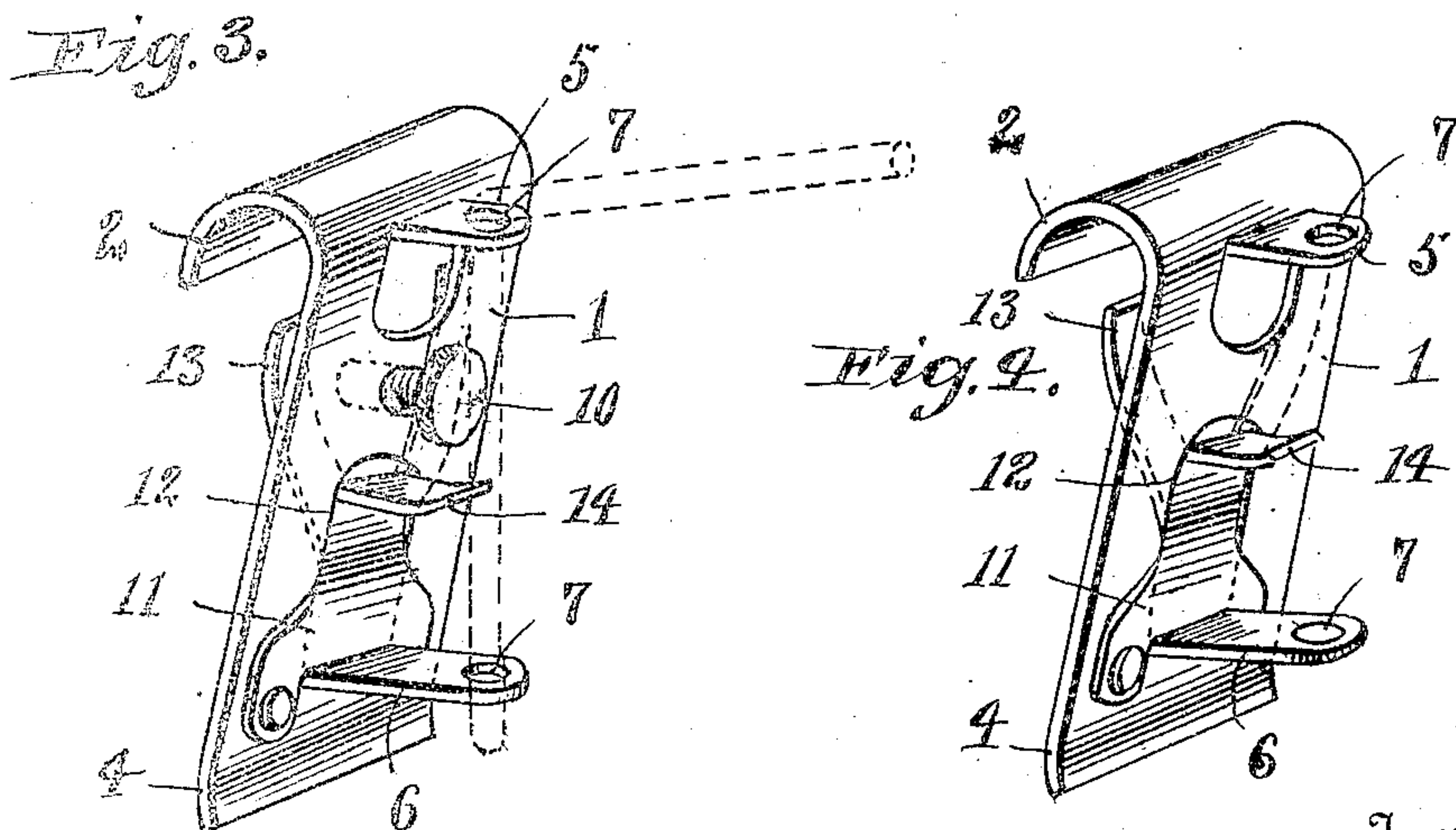
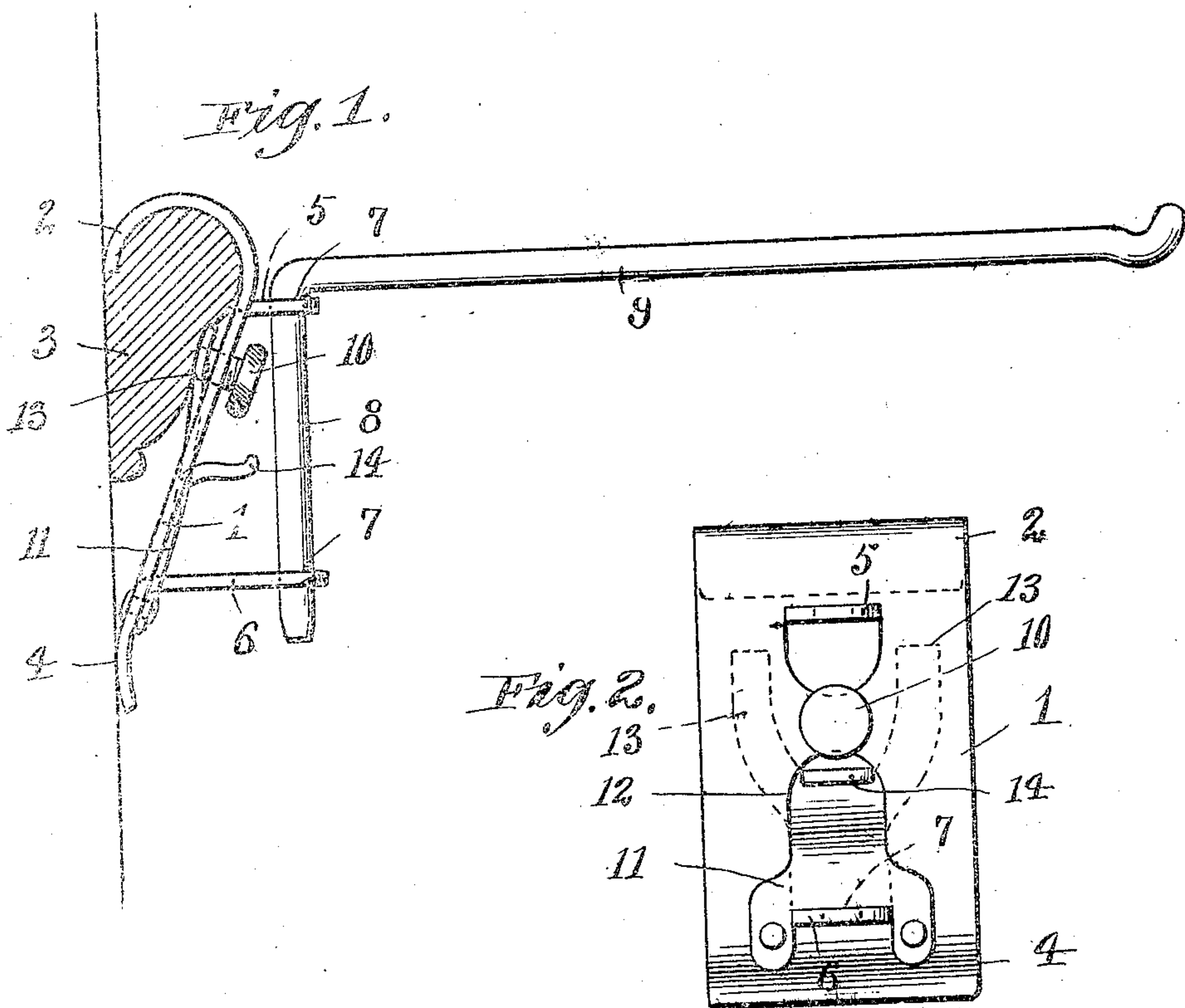


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHAN G. PETERSON, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Bridgeport, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Picture-Molding Brackets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has relation to molding hangers and bracket supports, and it consists in the novel construction and arrangement of its parts as hereinafter shown and described.

The object of the invention is to provide a hanger of the character indicated which is adapted to engage a strip of molding upon a wall and which is provided with means for supporting a bracket.

The hanger consists primarily of a strip of metal having a hooked end portion which is adapted to pass over the top of the molding and a lower end portion which is adapted to bear laterally against the side of the wall. Said hanger is provided with outstanding perforated lugs which are adapted to receive the shank of a bracket and support the same. Means is also provided for positively engaging the outer side of the molding and for lodging into the configuration thereof for holding the hanger positively in engagement with the molding. In one form of the invention the said engaging means is a spring member and in another form a set screw is provided in addition to the said spring-engaging member. The said spring-engaging member is of peculiar configuration and is provided with a thumb lug by means of which the said member may be readily disengaged from the molding.

In the accompanying drawings,—Figure 1 is an edge elevation of the hanger applied to the molding. Fig. 2 is a front elevation of a hanger. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the hanger, and Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a modified form of the hanger.

The hanger consists of a strip of metal 1 which is provided at its upper end with a hook 2, which is adapted to pass over the top of the molding 3. From the said hook the strip 1 is inclined and is provided near its lower end with the curved portion 4 which is adapted to bear against the side of the wall to which the molding 3 is attached. The said strip 1 is provided with the upper lug 5 and the lower lug 6. The said lugs stand out from the strip and are formed from the metal cut from the body portion of the strip. Each of the said

lugs is provided with a perforation 7 and the said perforations are in vertical alinement with each other; consequently the lower lug is longer than the upper lug. The said perforations are adapted to receive the shank 8 of a bracket 9 which is free to be swung to either side and serves to support a bird cage or other object. The set screw 10 passes transversely through the strip 1 and is adapted to engage the outer side of the molding 3. The spring member 11 is riveted or otherwise secured to the outer side of the strip 1 and passes through an opening 12 provided in the strip 1, and is provided at its inner end with the branches 13 which are adapted to engage the outer side of the molding 3. The said branches 13 are spaced apart and a portion of the metal from between the said branches is bent back through the opening 12 and forms a thumb rest 14.

In the form of the invention as shown in Fig. 4 the set screw 10 is dispensed with, and the said screw is used only when it is desirable to have a positive means for engaging the outer side of the molding 3 in addition to the ends of the spring member 11. It will thus be seen that the ends of the spring member 11 will engage the outer surface of the molding 3 and cooperate with the hook 2 in preventing displacement of the hanger from the molding. The set screw 10 acts in a similar capacity, but affords a more positive means for retaining the hanger than the spring. The hook 2 passes over the top of the molding, which is usually semicircular in transverse section, and the ends 13 of the spring member or the set screw 10 engage the outer side of the molding below the semi-circular upper portion thereof. The bracket 9 may be readily lifted out of the perforations of the lugs 5 and 6 when it is desired to remove the bracket from the hanger, and this may be done without removing the hanger from the molding.

What is claimed is:—

1. A hanger comprising a strip having at one end a hook for engaging a molding and means for supporting a bracket, a bracket mounted within said means a spring member attached to said strip and having separated ends for engaging the outer side of the molding.

2. A hanger comprising a strip having at one end a hook for engaging a molding and means for supporting a bracket, a bracket mounted within said means, a spring mem-

ber attached to the outer side of the hanger and passing through an opening provided therein and having an end adapted to engage the outer side of the molding, and a thumb
5 lug extending back through the said opening.

3. A hanger comprising a strip having at one end a hook for engaging a molding and means for supporting a bracket, a bracket mounted upon said means, a spring member
10 attached to the outer side of the strip and passing through an opening provided therein and having spaced inner ends for engaging the outer side of the molding, and a lug located between the spaced ends and extend-
15 ing back through said opening.

4. A hanger comprising a strip having at

one end a hook for engaging a molding and means for supporting a bracket, a bracket pivotally supported in said means, a spring member attached to the outer side of the
20 hanger and passing through an opening provided therein and having an end adapted to engage the outer side of the molding, and a thumb lug extending back through the said opening.

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