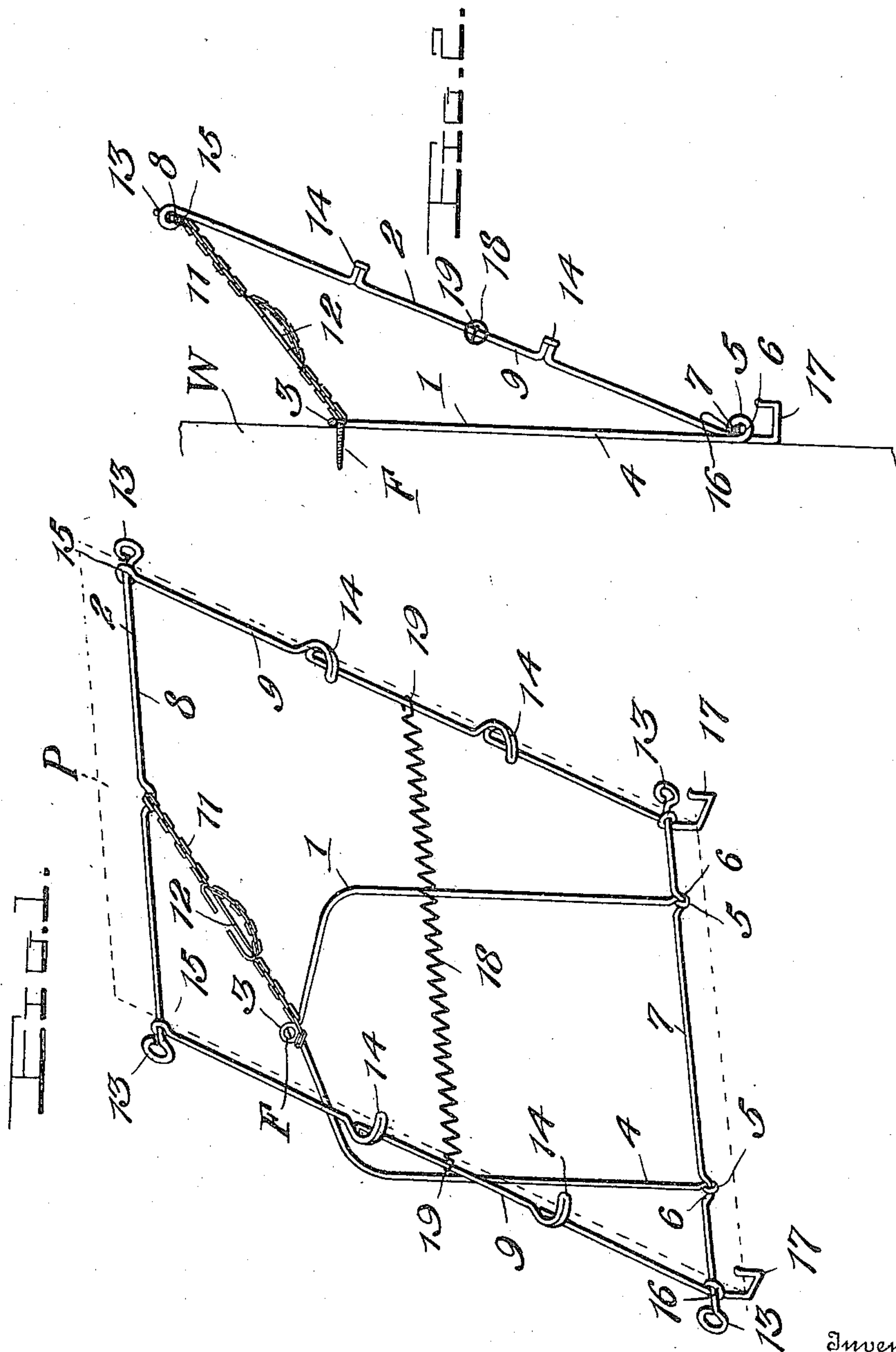


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN A. DARDEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Goodwater, in the county of Coosa and State of Alabama, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Adjustable Picture-Hangers, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to improvements in adjustable picture hangers, by means of which a picture frame or the like may be supported at any desired angle on a wall or other upright surface.

The object of the present invention is to provide a simple and practical device of this character which is so constructed as to be adjustable for engagement with different sized picture frames, and the like.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists of the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts, hereinafter fully described and claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved picture hanger; and Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view.

My improved picture hanger comprises rear and front frames 1, 2, the former being adapted to bear against a wall or other flat support W, while the latter is adjustably mounted on the rear frame and adapted to support a picture frame or similar object. The frame 1 may be of any construction but as illustrated it is formed from a piece of metal bar or a rod of suitable size and weight by bending the same upon itself at its center to form an eye 3, and then bending it to provide spaced depending side members 4, the lower ends of which latter are shaped to provide eyes 5. The eye 3 is adapted to receive a screw or other fastening F, whereby the rear frame is attached to the wall, or like surface. The eyes 5 serve as pivot eyes and receive offset pivots 6 formed by bending the bottom bar 7 of the front frame 2. This frame is composed of the bottom bar 7, a similar upper bar 8, and two connecting side bars 9. The central portion of the upper bar 8 has an offset or bent end to receive one end of an adjustable chain 11, the other end of which latter is connected to the eye 3 of the rear frame so that the

chain will support the front frame at any angle with respect to the rear frame. This chain may be adjusted in length by providing the take-up link 12 having hook-shaped ends to engage different lengths of the chain 11, as will be understood on reference to Fig. 1. If desired, the extremities of the lower and upper bars 7, 8, may be bent to form ornamental loops 13, or they may be otherwise ornamented.

The side bars 9 of the front frame have side and bottom hooks or other means to engage and support the picture P, and they are adapted to slide horizontally toward and from each other, or longitudinally on the lower and upper bars 7, 8, so that they may receive between them pictures or picture frames of different sizes. As illustrated, each of the side bars 9 has its intermediate portions folded and bent to form inturned side hooks 14 to receive the side edges of a picture frame or the like, and the lower extremities of said bars 9 are bent to form upturned hooks 17 which engage and support the bottom edge of the picture or picture frame. The bars 9 are mounted for sliding movement by forming in them upper and lower eyes 15, 16, which respectively receive the upper and lower bars, as clearly shown in the drawings. For the purpose of drawing the slidable side bars toward each other to maintain them in engagement with the picture, a coil spring 18 is provided between their central or intermediate portions, said spring having its hook-shaped ends engaged with lateral bends or offsets 19 formed in the bars 9, as shown in Fig. 1. One spring is preferably employed, although it will be understood that a plurality of them may be used.

In use it will be seen that when it is desired to support a picture or the like on the device, the side bars 9 are moved outwardly or away from each other so that the picture may be placed between the side hooks 14 and on the bottom hooks 17. When said bars are released the spring 18 will draw them into firm engagement with the picture to securely hold the latter.

It will be noted that the simple construction of the device enables it to be produced at a small cost, and that the adjustment of the connection 11 will permit the picture to be given any desired inclination.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:

An adjustable picture hanger comprising a rear frame adapted to be secured to a wall  
5 or the like, a front supporting frame to swing from the rear frame and consisting of upper and lower members, side members slidable on the upper and lower members, picture supporting means carried by said  
10 side members, a coil spring between said

side members for drawing them toward each other, and a connection between the two frames.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses. 15

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