

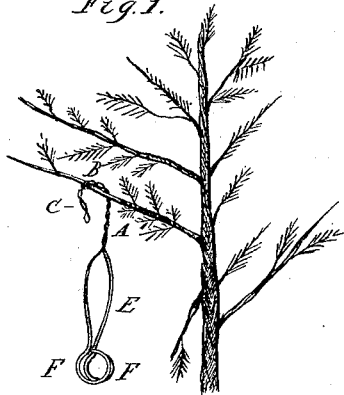
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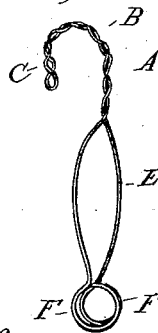
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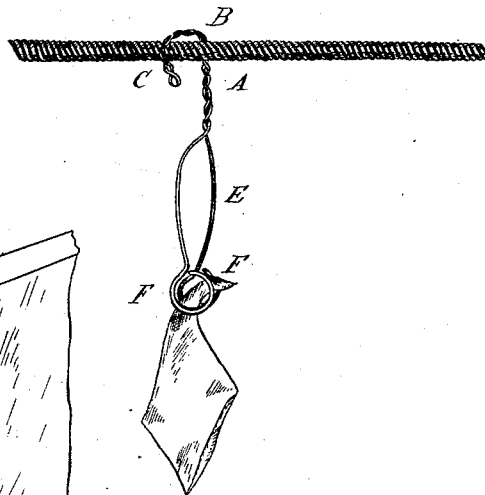
*Fig. 1.*



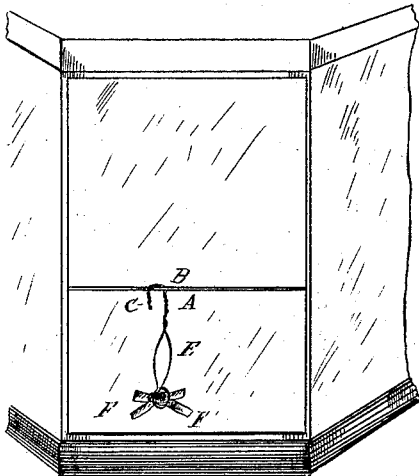
*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



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## SUSPENSION DEVICE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FREDRICK SNELLENTROP, a citizen of the United States, residing at Linn, in the county of Osage and State of Missouri, have invented a new and useful Suspension Device, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to devices for suspending articles—such as toys, candies, and the like—on Christmas-trees; and it has for its object to provide a device of this character which will be simple in its construction, convenient in its application, and efficient in use.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device which will clamp the articles and suspend the same away from the tree, the articles being held firmly in place, and yet in a convenient position to be taken down as desired.

With these and other objects in view the said invention consists in certain details of construction and combination of parts, as hereinafter set forth, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view illustrating my invention in use for suspending articles from a Christmas-tree. Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view of the device. Fig. 3 is a view illustrating its use as a clothes-pin. Fig. 4 is a view illustrating its use as a suspension device for articles in a store-window.

Like letters refer to corresponding parts in the several figures.

Referring to the drawings, A designates my improved suspension device, constructed of a single piece of brass or other metallic wire, the central portions of the wire being twisted or coiled, as at B, the end of said twisted portion being turned down to form a hook, C, to engage the branches of the tree, the branches of the wire diverging outward from the twisted portion B, and then curving inward to provide clamping-arms E E, the ends of the wire being formed with rings F F, between which the articles to be suspended are held.

It will be seen that the hook C provides means for hooking the device over the branches of the tree, so that the articles are

suspended away from the branches of the same, and by reason of the peculiar construction of the arms E a clamping action is given to the rings F at the ends of the arms, so that the articles, whether they be toys, candies, handkerchiefs, &c., will be held firmly in place, and yet will be permitted a ready withdrawal at will.

Fig. 1 illustrates the use of my invention in connection with a Christmas-tree, the hook C engaging with the branches of the tree, while the articles—such as toys, candies, and the like—are held in position by the clamping-arms E. In this manner the articles will be out of the way of the branches, while the hook C enables the suspension devices and the articles to be readily applied and taken down, as desired.

In Fig. 3 I have shown my improved suspension device as adapted to be used as a clothes-pin, the hook C fitting over the clothes-line, while the articles of clothing will be held between the clamping-arms E. This manner of hanging clothes will be found very convenient, inasmuch as the clothing will be held away from the line, and thus there will be no danger of the latter spoiling the clothes, as is usually the case when the clothes are clamped around the rope.

It will also be apparent that my improved device may be used for suspending handkerchiefs, neckties and other articles of clothing in a store-window, as shown in Fig. 4, the hook C fitting around rods stretched across the window, and the clamping-arms E holding the articles in a vertical position, so as to display the same to the best advantage.

It will be understood that I do not limit myself to the uses which I may make of my invention, as it will be seen that the improved device herein shown and described forms a very convenient suspension device for hanging articles of every description.

The suspension device is preferably constructed of strong spring-wire, of any suitable size, and may be nickel-plated or otherwise finished to present an attractive appearance. The construction of the device may be modified in any particular, and yet come within the scope of the present invention.

The device is simple in its construction,

convenient in application, inexpensive to manufacture, and efficient in use, besides possessing other advantages not necessary to mention here.

5 Having described my invention, I claim—

The herein-described suspension device, comprising a single piece of wire twisted or coiled at its center and turned down to form a hook and two spring clamping-arms in the  
10 form of a compound curve extending outward from the hook, said arms coming together at

their lower ends, so as to hold the article between them by the spring force given to the arms through the twisting of the wire, as set forth.

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

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