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Fig 1

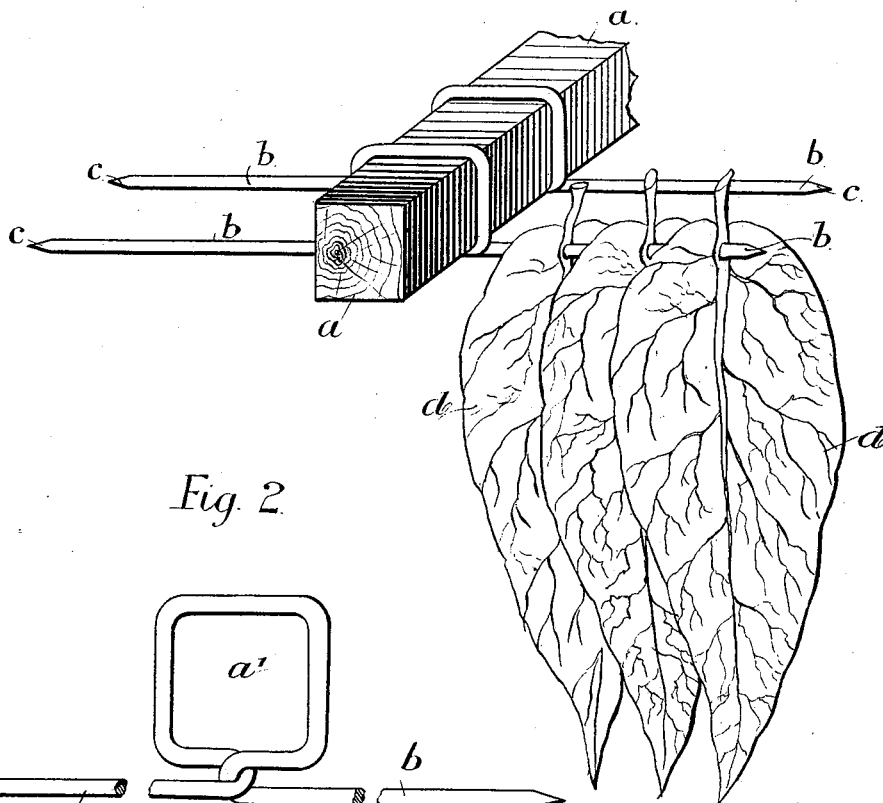
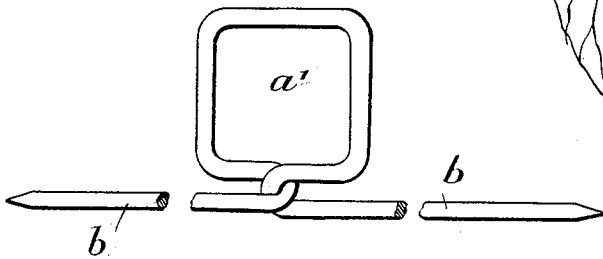


Fig 2



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, THOMAS Y. ALLEN and LEO J. ALLEN, citizens of the United States of America, and residents of Skipwith, in the county of Mecklenburg, State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tobacco-Hangers, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact specification thereof.

Our invention relates to tobacco-leaf hangers, of which a full and clear description will be given hereinafter.

Our invention consists of wire bent as described, so as to form a loop of any desirable shape, preferably square, with two projecting arms, needle-pointed, the loops aforesaid adapted to go over the stick or bar, which may be supported in any desirable manner.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of the device, showing the manner in which the leaves of tobacco are strung upon the needle-pointed arms. Fig. 2 is a detail view of the wire hanger.

In the embodiment of our invention we take a piece of wire, *b*, of suitable length and taper the ends thereof so as to form the same with needle-like points, as at *c c*, thus adapting them to readily penetrate and pass through the stems of the tobacco *d*, permitting the ready suspending or stringing of the tobacco upon the wire, as shown, for curing. The wire is formed intermediately of its length—about at the middle—with a loop, *a'*, preferably rectangular, to prevent its turning or tilting, as would otherwise occur with those portions beyond the loop, which form arms unevenly weighted with the tobacco. In forming the loop *a'*, the wire is bent or twisted upon itself, the arms thus formed extending in opposite directions in a horizontal plane.

This invention has many advantages over other wire hangers, for the reason that the sticks or bars are adjustable and can be made in any length desirable, and any number of wires put on to suit the size of the tobacco. The wires can also be removed from the stick, and, together with the leaf-tobacco, be packed away. The wires can be rehung on sticks preparatory to the assortment of the tobacco. We thus avoid stripping the leaves from the wires when cured, thus avoiding the breaking or tearing of the leaf where the wire passes through.

Heretofore tobacco-leaves have been strung upon long wires or cords reaching from one side of the barn to the other. In this instance the tobacco has to be pulled from the wire, thus tearing it and otherwise mutilating the same.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The tobacco-hanger consisting of the wire formed about at its center, with a closed rectangular loop slipped upon a supporting-bar, which wire, after the formation of said loop, is twisted upon itself and extended in opposite directions, in a horizontal plane, into arms which are provided with pointed ends, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing we have hereunto set our hands this 8th day of October, 1887.

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