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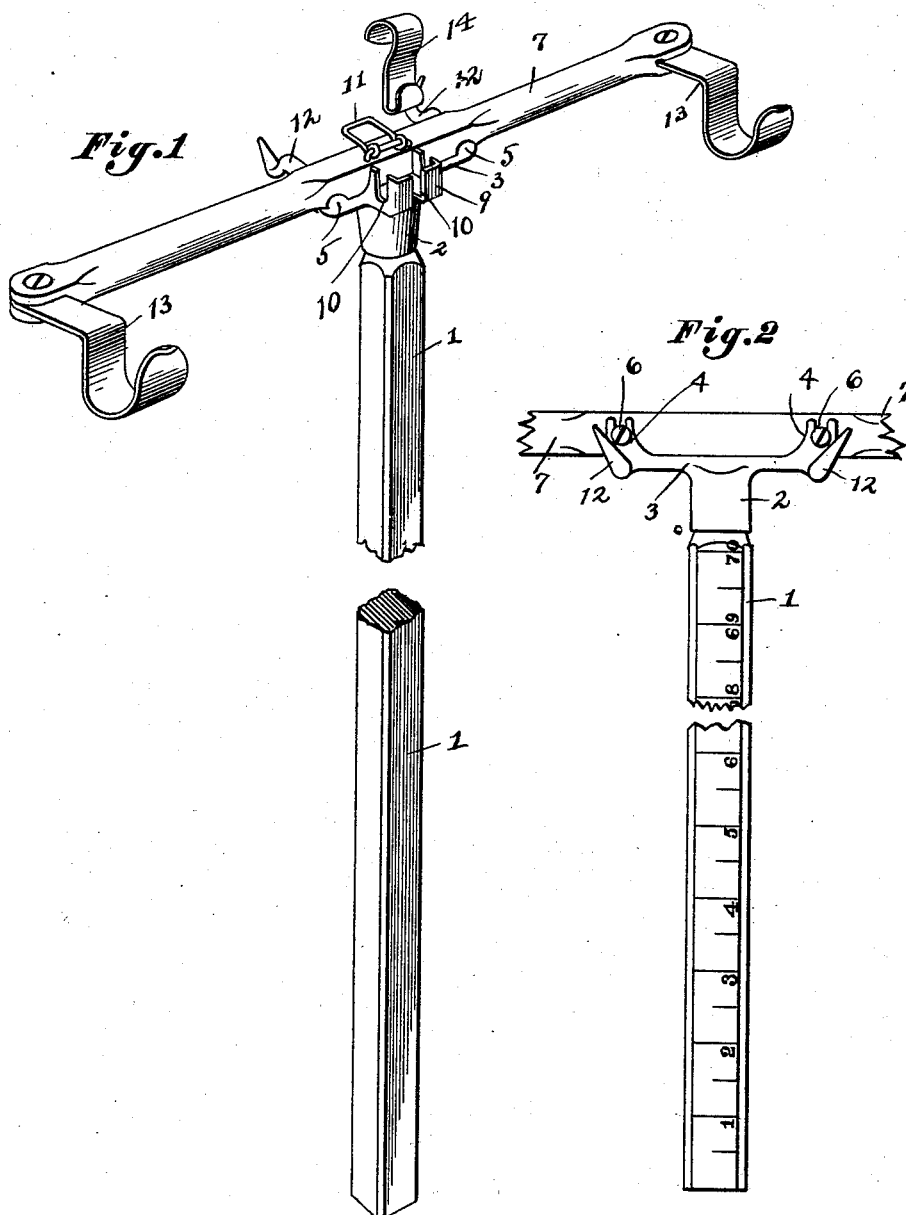
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLARA MCCLELLAND, a citizen of the United States, residing at Columbus, in the county of Franklin and State of Ohio, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in a Combined Picture and Curtain Hanging Device, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to the improvement of combined picture and curtain hanging devices; and the object of my invention is to provide an improved device of this character comprising means for lifting a curtain or drapery pole into or out of its seat in the usual curtain-pole-supporting brackets and means for hanging or removing pictures. This object I accomplish in the manner illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of my device, showing in conjunction therewith and removed therefrom a picture-hanger or molding-hook in position for insertion in a seat of the device; and Fig. 2 is a view in elevation of said device, showing the opposite side from that more clearly illustrated in Fig. 1.

In carrying out my invention I employ a staff or handle-piece 1 of desirable length, and upon the upper end of this staff I fix the downwardly-projecting central socket portion 2 of an oblong bracket-body 3. As indicated in the drawings, this bracket-body is provided with upwardly-projecting side lugs 4 at its outer ends and oppositely-located side lugs 5, the lugs 4 being, as indicated in Fig. 2, bifurcated to receive screws 6, through the medium of which said bracket is united with a top cross-bar 7, the central portion of which is embraced between said lugs. As indicated, I form one side of the central portion of the bracket-body 3 with a cup-like projection or seat 9, the side and end walls of which are provided with vertical recesses, as indicated at 10. Upon the upper side of the cross-piece 7 I hinge one end of a wire yoke 11, which is designed to be turned downward over the mouth or upper side of the seat 9. On that side of the bracket-body which is opposite said seat projection 9 I provide the ends of the bracket with outwardly-projecting hook-fingers 12, the latter having their hook terminations inclined outward, as shown. In each

end of the top cross-bar 7 is rotatably supported one end of a hook-strip 13, the latter having their hook-shaped terminations of such form as to admit of the proper support of a curtain-pole.

It will be observed by reference to Fig. 2 of the drawings that one face of the staff 1 is provided with inch graduations and fractions thereof.

In utilizing my invention for the purpose of hanging a curtain or other drapery which has previously been mounted upon an ordinary curtain-pole I cause the hook-strips 13 to be projected in parallel directions and at right angles with the top bar 7, after which the curtain-pole may be laid therein and by raising the staff said pole may be readily lifted into engagement with the usual curtain-pole brackets. In order to facilitate the hanging of a picture, an ordinary picture hook or hanger, such as is indicated at 14, may have one of its end portions inserted in the bracket-seat 9 with the hinged yoke 11 turned down against the same to insure its retention therein, after which by lifting the staff the outer end of said hook or hanger may be readily engaged with an ordinary picture-molding.

In Fig. 1 of the drawings I have shown a picture hook or hanger in position for dropping into its seat or pocket 9. In order to raise and suspend the picture from said hanger, it will be seen that the picture-cord may be looped into engagement with the hook-fingers 12 and lifted and engaged with said hanger. It is obvious that this method of hanging the picture or removing the same may be also employed where an ordinary picture-nail is used instead of the hanger 14. In order to prevent interference with the operation of hanging or taking down a picture, it is obvious that the pivoted hook-strips 13 may be rotated until they extend in the direction of the length of the top cross-bar 7.

It will readily be seen that by providing the staff 1 with the inch graduation-marks, such as are shown in Fig. 2, a measuring device is produced through the medium of which the length of curtain or other drapery desired may be readily ascertained.

It will be observed that the recesses 10, which are formed in the seat or cup projec-

tion 9, will facilitate the removal of a picture-cord from a hook in case the picture-cords are run vertically from the ends of the picture-frame and made to pass over two picture-hooks, inasmuch as these recessed portions may be made to engage the cord or wire adjacent to the nail.

From the description and operation described it will be seen that a simple and effective implement is provided which will serve the combined purposes of hanging and taking down draperies or pictures and of ascertaining the desired measurements for the latter.

Having now fully described my invention,

what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A picture and curtain hanging device comprising a bracket supported upon a pole, hook-fingers 12 projecting from one side of said bracket, a pocket projection 9 on the opposite side thereof, a cross-bar 7 centrally mounted on the bracket and hook-strips 13 pivotally connected with the ends of said cross-bar, substantially as specified.

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