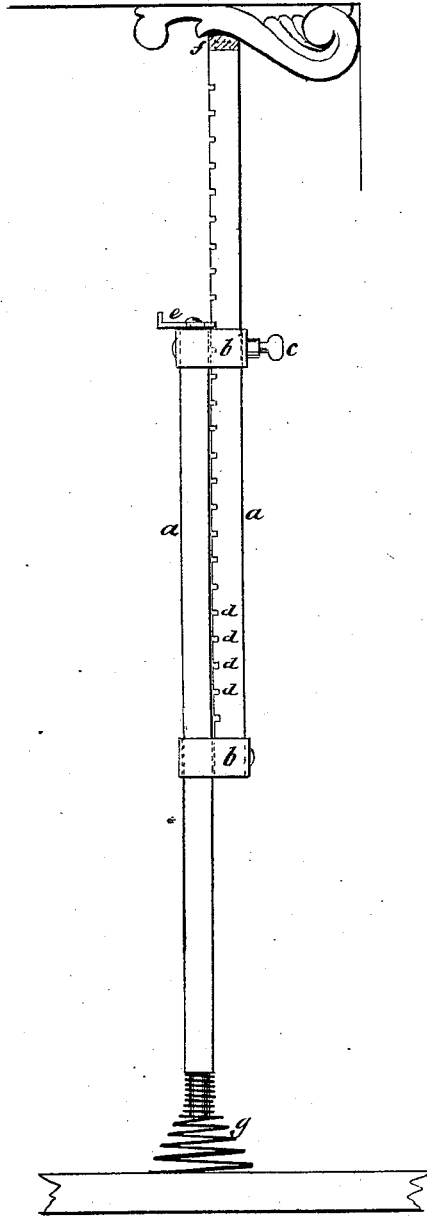


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IMPROVEMENT IN HOLDERS FOR ORNAMENTS, &c.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER J. GARVEY, of St. Louis, in the county of St. Louis and State of Missouri, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Holders for Ornaments, of which the following is a specification:

The object of this invention is to provide ready and convenient means for holding up the ornaments which are placed upon ceilings until they can be fastened thereto; and it consists in a spring-holder constructed to operate substantially as hereinafter described.

The accompanying drawing illustrates my invention.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This ornament-holder is made similar to the extension rule or measure, having a coil-spring at one end and rubber or other elastic material at the other, with a set-screw through a metallic band for confining the parts of the holder together.

a a are the two parts of the holder, of either wood or metal, confined together by bands *b b*, so that the parts *a a* may slide in contact while confined together. The two parts are held to any desired length by means of the set-screw *c*. In one of the pieces *a* slots *d* are made. On the end of the other part is a plate,

e, the end of which enters one of the slots, for preventing the slipping of the parts when they are adjusted to make the holder of the desired length. *f* is a piece of rubber or other soft substance, fastened to the end of the holder to prevent marring or disfiguring the ornament; but this cap may, in some cases, be dispensed with. At the other end is a spiral or coil spring, *g*, which is made to bear upward with a force to correspond with the weight of the ornament. Instead of the parts *a a* made to slide, as shown, tubes may be used after the manner of the telescopic joint. A bow or other kind of spring may be used instead of the coil-spring *g*. I do not therefore confine myself to this particular construction of the holder.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A spring-holder for ornaments, made adjustable as to length, capped with rubber or other soft material, and with a spring at the other end, substantially as described, and for the purposes set forth.

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