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NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART
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WASHINGTON: June 16: Two employees of the National Gallery of Art yesterday received cash awards of \$50.00 each for devising a new method for hanging the Gallery's paintings. The first awards made by the Gallery under the Federal employee suggestion system went to George Egan, of 6200 12th Street, N. W., and William O. Grams, of Woodland Beach, Edgewater, Md.

The improved device supplants the older method of hanging pictures by twisting the ends of the wires or removing screws from the hanging clips. It consists of a removable pin that passes through a fastening permanently attached to the frame. The painting can be taken down by simply removing the pin.

This device, suggested jointly by the two employees, will facilitate the removal and rehanging of paintings. At the same time, it represents a measurable increase in security for old and fragile masterpieces.

Presentation of the awards was made by Col. Harry A. McBride, Administrator.

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