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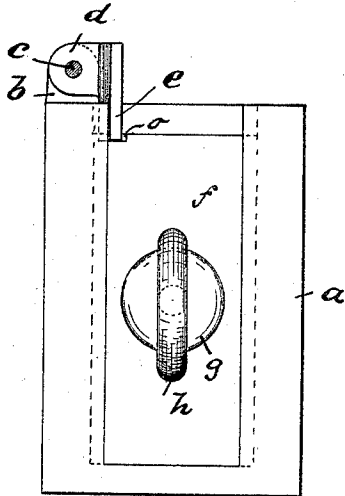


Fig. 1.

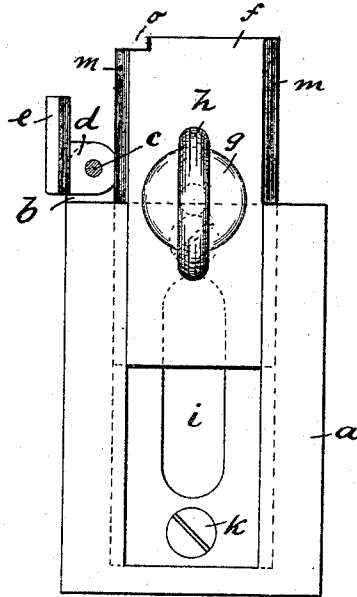


Fig. 2.

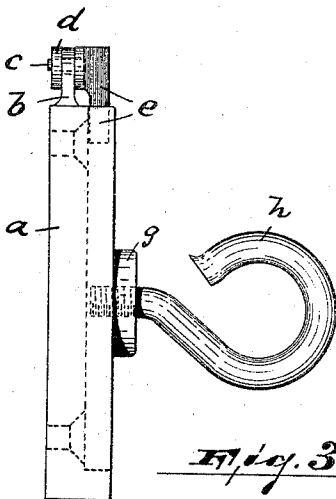


Fig. 3.

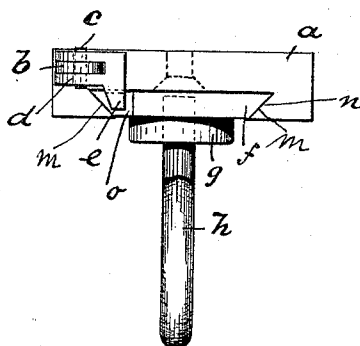


Fig. 4.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THEODORE WESTERMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing in Newark, Essex county, State of New Jersey, have  
5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fastening Devices; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which  
10 it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to an improvement  
15 in fastening devices or supports for clothes lines, lamp brackets and the like.

It consists in the combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

20 In the drawings Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved device, showing the removable plate locked within the base plate or frame. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the removable plate partly removed and the locking device thrown back. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of Fig. 1, and Fig. 4 a top plan view of  
25 Fig. 1.

In the drawings *a* represents the base plate or frame of the device, provided on one side  
30 of its upper end with a projecting lug *b*. To this lug *b* is pivoted by a pin *c* or in any suitable manner the swinging arm *d*, of the latch *e*. This frame *a* is recessed or channeled as at *n* (Fig. 4) to receive the plate *f*, which is  
35 beveled on its sides as at *m* and adapted to slide in said frame *a*. To the face, or projection *g* on the face of this plate *f* is secured by screw thread connection or in any suitable manner a hook *h*, to which the clothes line is  
40 attached. It is evident that a lamp bracket or any supporting bracket may in like manner be secured to the plate *f*. The upper end of the plate *f* is notched as at *o* on the side adjacent to and adapted to receive the latch  
45 *e* and be locked thereby within the frame *a*.

The frame or base plate *a* may be secured to the support for the device by means of screws *k*, and for the purpose of cheapening

the construction and making the frame lighter, without interfering with its strength, said  
50 frame may be recessed as at *i*.

In operation the latch *e* is thrown back on its pivot into the position shown in Fig. 2, and the plate *f* slid in the channeled frame *a*. The latch *e* is then thrown over, its end entering the notch *o* of plate *f*, as shown in Fig. 1. When the latch is in the notch of the plate and the plate is slightly raised the latch swings outward until its lower corner engages the vertical wall of the notch *o*, which prevents further movement of the latch in an outward direction and prevents further upward movement of the plate, thus preventing the withdrawal of the plate *f* from the base plate or frame.  
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It is obvious that any number of frames *a* may be used in conjunction with one or more of the sliding plates *f*, as for instance in case the same is used for a clothes line support, when the window sill may be provided with  
70 two frames *a*, so that when the line is taken in, the sliding plate may be removed from its connection outside the house and slid into and locked in the unused frame on the window sill.  
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Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of the channeled frame plate permanently secured to its support, a  
80 removable plate notched at its upper end and adapted to slide into said channeled frame plate, and a hook attached at right angles to said removable plate, with a latch pivoted to the upper end of said frame plate and adapted  
85 when thrown over to engage the notch in said removable plate and thereby lock it in and to said frame plate, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 5th day of  
90 January, 1893.

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