

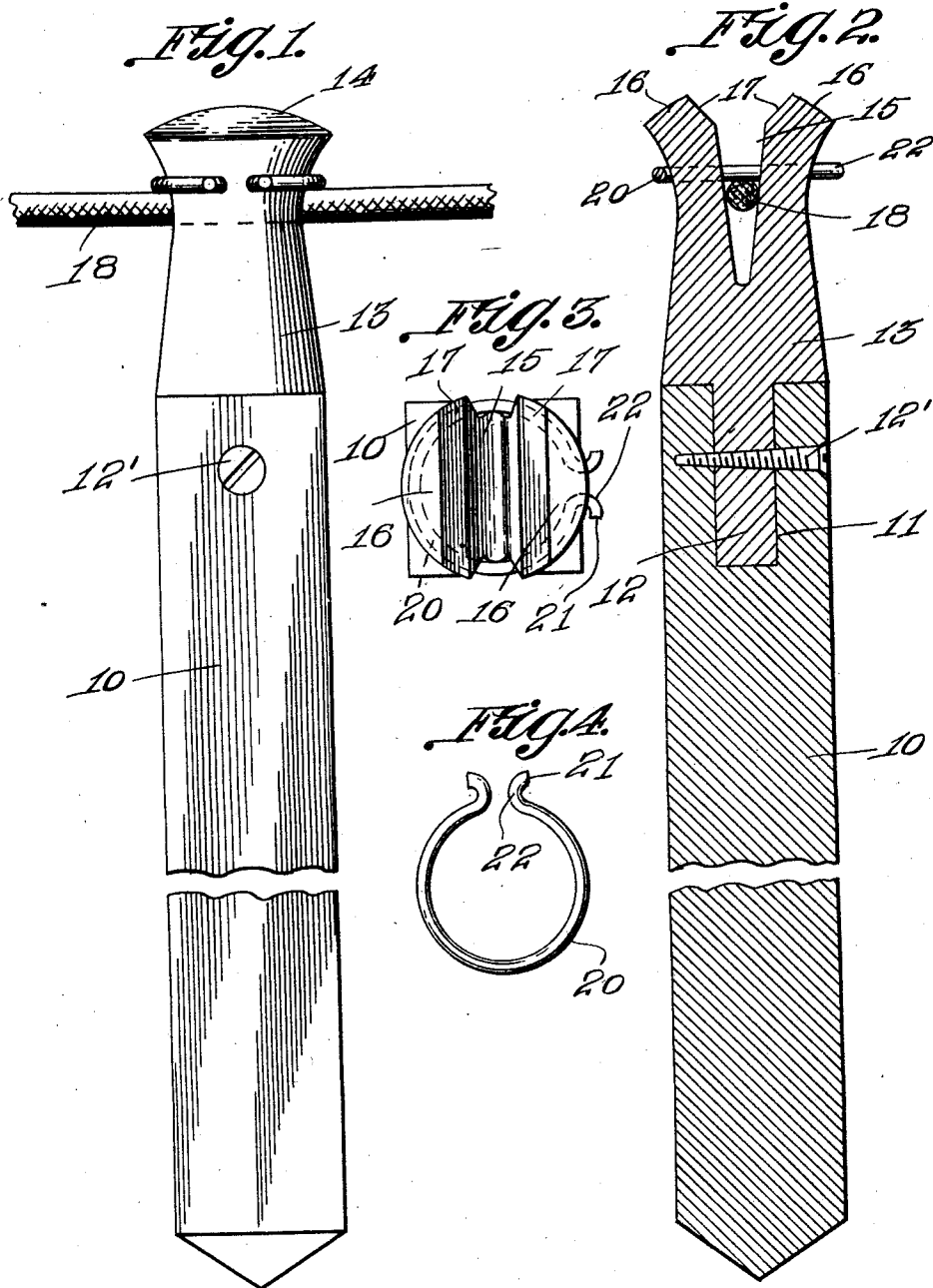
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WASH-LINE-SUPPORTING POLE.

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The object of this invention is to provide a particular form of supporting device or wash pole, which shall include the pole per se and a line retaining device, comprising a forked element and a split ring surrounding the prongs of the fork and adapted to bear on the line after the latter has been positioned in the fork.

A further object is to provide, in connection with a pole having a vertical bore in one end thereof, a head or the like having a tongue or tenon adapted to enter the bore and to be retained therein by a transverse pin or screw, the head being split to form a fork, the prongs of which flare outwardly, and which are engaged by a split ring which bears on the line after the latter has been positioned within the fork.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists in the novel construction and arrangement of elements described, illustrated and claimed, it being understood that modifications may be made within the scope of the claims without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the drawings forming part of this application,

Figure 1 is a view in elevation showing a pole, with the middle portion thereof broken away, and also showing a portion of a line assumed to be held by the locking means herein disclosed.

Figure 2 shows the structure of Figure 1 in vertical section.

Figure 3 is a top plan view.

Figure 4 is a detail view showing the split ring or locking device.

A pole 10 may be of any suitable length, and may be square in cross section, the pole being provided with a longitudinal slot or bore 11 at one end, constituting the upper end, this part receiving a tongue or tenon 12 carried by a head 13 preferably circular in cross section. The upper portion of the head may be rounded as shown at 14, and the head is split or slotted vertically or longitudinally of the pole, to provide a V-shaped opening 15, thereby forming prongs 16. These prongs may be beveled as shown at 17, and the opening 15 may be V-shaped as shown in Figure 2.

The line 18 is to be positioned within the V-shaped opening, or within the fork, between the prongs 16, and a retaining device is employed in the form of a split ring, designated 20.

The ends of the split ring constituting the line retaining device, are turned outwardly, as shown at 21, and curved portions 22 are provided opposite each other at the points engaged by the line when it passes thru the split or slotted portion of the ring. Owing to the size of the ring, as compared with the lower portion of the head 13, the ring will not slip down the pole, farther than is desirable in order to free the line, and the outwardly flared portions of the prongs 16 will prevent displacement of the ring in that direction.

The ring is turned so that the slotted portion thereof will be opposite the V-shaped opening 15, and the line may then be passed thru the slotted portion, the ring being rotated sufficiently to permit of the same operation on the other side of the fork. The ring would usually be of resilient material, and although the connection is easily effected, accidental displacement cannot readily result. The head 13 and especially the portion 12 thereof is secured by a transverse retaining device such as a screw 12'.

A device of this construction is of moderate cost, will last for a long period, and is always efficient in operation.

Having described the invention what is claimed is:—

1. A device of the class described, including a pole head having a slot in its end to form a fork, the cross section at the ends of the prongs of the fork being greater than the cross section at a point spaced from the ends of the prongs, and a split ring surrounding the portion of reduced cross section.

2. A device of the class described, comprising a pole, one end of the pole having a longitudinal slot, a slotted ring loosely surrounding the slotted portion of the pole, and means for retaining the ring on the pole.

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