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Fig 1

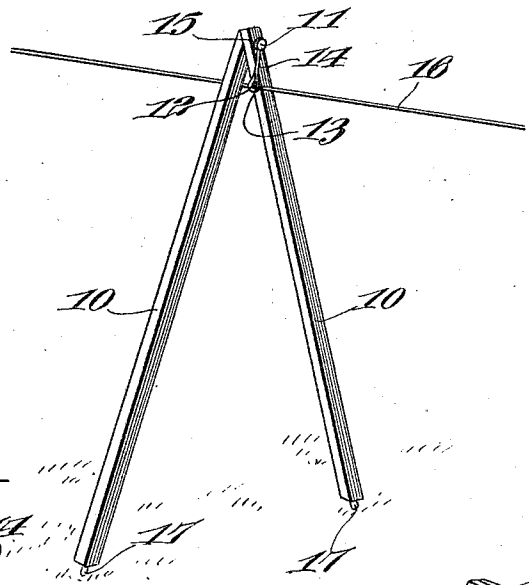


Fig 2

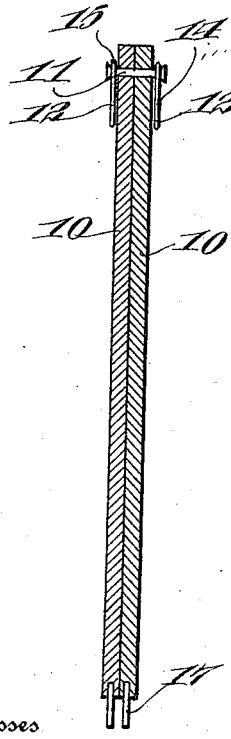
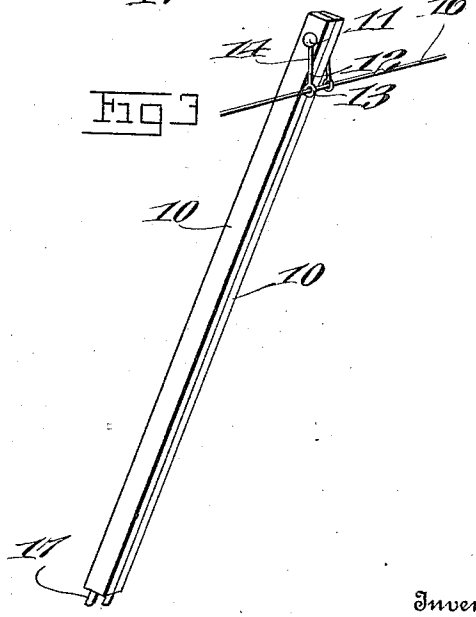


Fig 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LYMAN S. ANDREWS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Plain City, in the county of Madison and State of Ohio, have invented new and useful Improvements in Clothes-Line Props, of which the following is a specification.

An object of the invention is to provide a device for supporting clothes lines and the like.

The invention embodies among other features, a device for supporting clothes lines, whereby the clothes line having clothes attached thereto will be prevented from swaying in the wind, the clothes line prop being adjustable to vary the height of the clothes line from the ground.

In the further disclosure of the invention, reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, constituting a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference denote corresponding parts in all the views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my device, showing the same applied. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of the device, the same being in folded position. Fig. 3 is a side elevation, showing another manner of applying the device.

Referring more particularly to the views, I provide a plurality of standards 10, pivotally connected at their upper ends by a horizontally extending bearing rod 11 having the ends thereof upset to prevent the withdrawal of the bearing rod from the standards, supporting members 12 being mounted to swing on the bearing rod 11, adjacent the outer sides of the standard 10, the said supporting members each consisting of an integral piece of material bent to form an eye 13 adapted to receive the clothes line therethrough and terminating in a shank 14, having the other end thereof formed into an eye 15, arranged to encircle the bearing rod 11.

As shown in Fig. 1, the standards 10 are mounted with their lower ends in spaced relation with the supporting members 12 swingingly depending from the bearing rod 11, the lower ends of the supporting members being arranged to lie within the longitudinal planes of the standards 10 with the eyes 13 normally adapted to register. A clothes line 16 is passed through the eye 13 of the supporting members 12, thus supporting the clothes line a distance from the ground and it will be seen that the clothes line prop can be slid along the clothes line to support the same at various points thereof. Pointed gripping members 17 are preferably mounted to extend from the lower ends of the standards 10 and adapted to extend into the ground to retain the standards in supporting position and prevent any slipping thereof. My device can also be employed in the manner that the one-piece clothes props now generally used are employed and in order to accomplish this result the standards are swung to lie in relatively adjacent position with the supporting members 12 depending vertically to one side of the standards, it being understood that the adjustment of the standards when used in the manner mentioned is the same as the adjustment of the single-piece clothes prop now generally used.

I claim:—

1. In a clothes line prop, a plurality of standards, a bearing rod mounted to extend transversely through the said standards at the upper ends thereof, and having the ends enlarged, and supporting members mounted to swing on the said bearing rods adjacent to the outer sides of the said standards.

2. In a clothes line prop, a plurality of standards, a bearing rod mounted to extend transversely through the said standards at the upper ends thereof, gripping members mounted to extend from the lower ends of the said standards, and supporting members mounted to swing on the said bearing rod adjacent the outer sides of the said standards.

3. In a clothes line prop, a plurality of pivotally connected standards, and a plurality of supporting members mounted to swing relatively to the said standards, and normally adapted to register.

4. In combination with a plurality of pivotally connected standards, supporting mem-

bers mounted to swing relatively to the said standards, each of the said supporting members consisting of an integral piece of material bent to form an eye and adapted to receive the clothes line therethrough, and terminating in a shank having pivotal connection with the said standards.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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