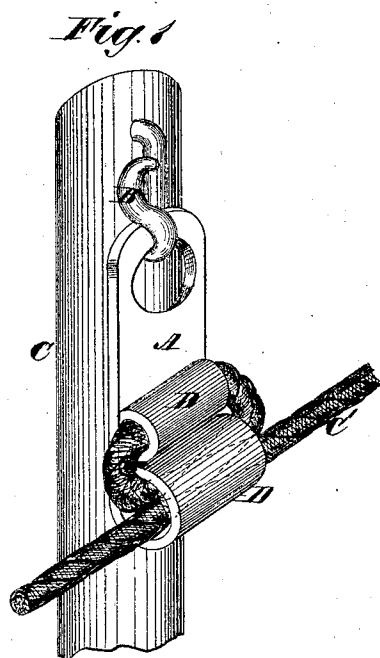


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IMPROVEMENT IN CLOTHES-LINE ATTACHMENTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DWIGHT W. SMITH, of Fox Lake, in the county of Dodge and State of Wisconsin, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Clothes-Line Attachment, of which the following is a specification:

The object of this invention is to provide convenient means for disposing of clothes for drying after being washed, and to avoid the tedious operation of hanging out the clothes in the ordinary way in the open air; and it consists in metallic supports or eyes attached to the clothes-line, by means of which the line, with clothes attached, may be suspended from hooks in the wash-room, and then detached and carried to the yard, and then suspended from hooks on the clothes-line posts.

The drawing illustrates my invention.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A represents the supporting eye or attachment. B is the hook. C is the post. C' is the line.

In order to give a proper understanding of my improvement, I will proceed to describe the manner of using the supporting-eyes in the process of hanging out the clothes.

One of these eyes is attached to the end of the clothes-line; others are attached a proper distance from each other, any of which may be slipped or adjusted on the line to suit the position of the hooks. To each of three sides of the wash-room a hook is attached, from which the line is suspended by means of the eyes

A. The clothes are then hung on and fastened or pinned to the line in the ordinary way. The line and clothes are now detached from the third hook, and the eye of that hook is attached to the first hook, thus doubling the line. The line is then carried back and hooked to the second and third hooks and filled with clothes, as before, and again doubled by hooking onto the first hook, and so on, according to the quantity of clothes. The clothes-line thus loaded is readily detached from the hooks and deposited in the clothes-basket. The basket can now be carried to the yard by a man or boy, and the line, by means of the eyes, is attached to the hooks on the ordinary clothes-line posts, thus relieving the wash-woman of the long and tedious operation of hanging out the clothes—an operation particularly disagreeable in a cold or windy day, and frequently attended with serious consequences.

The supporting-eye A is preferably made of brass or other non-corrosive metal, having two tubes, D D, for the line. Through the lower one the line passes twice, as seen in the drawing.

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

The clothes-line holder consisting of eye-plate A and tubes D D, as described.

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