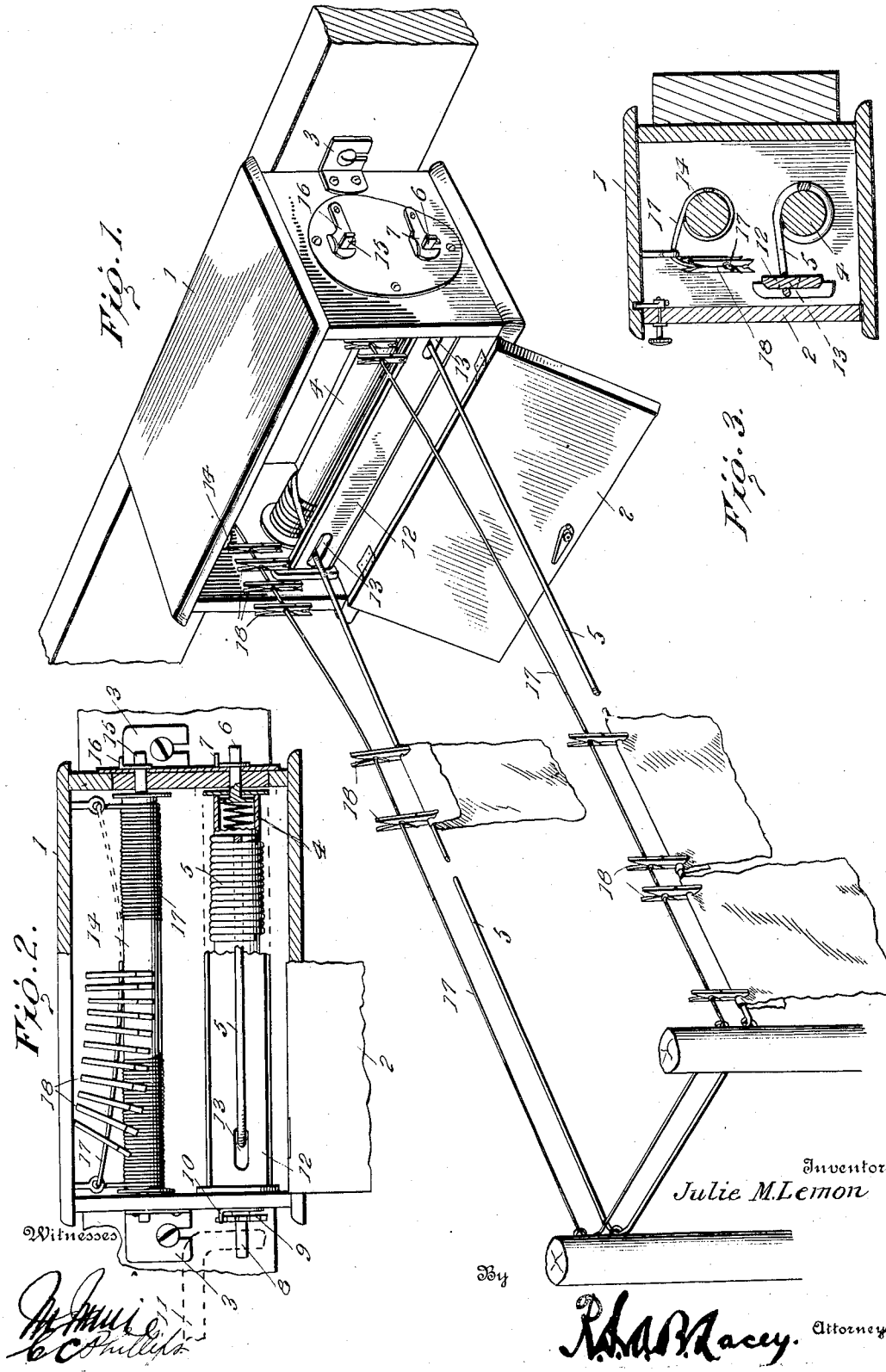
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JULIE M. LEMON, citizen of Canada, residing at Mono Mills, in Province of Ontario, Dominion of Canada, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Apparatus for Drying Clothes and the Like, of which the following is a specification.

This invention contemplates certain new and useful improvements in apparatus for drying clothes, lace-curtains, and the like, and the invention has for its object a simple, durable and efficient apparatus of this character which will serve as a housing for the clothes line and clothes pins when not in use so as to protect them from the action of the elements, and which will form convenient means whereby the operator may stretch the lines with very little trouble, the parts being so arranged that when the clothes line is released it will glide back into the casing of the apparatus, as will also the line upon which the clothes pins are strung.

With these and other objects in view as will more fully appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists in certain constructions, arrangements, and combinations of the parts that I shall hereinafter fully describe and claim.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the apparatus in practical use. Fig. 2 is a front view thereof with the lines retracted or withdrawn into the case. Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

My invention comprises a box or casing 1 which is preferably closed at the back, top, bottom, and ends, and which is provided with a front door 2, preferably hinged at its lower edge so as to swing outwardly and downwardly when the device is in use. The case 1 is preferably provided at its ends with outstanding recessed brackets 3 so that the box may be suspended from hooks or the like projecting from a post or other support.

A clothes line roller 4 is journaled within the case 1, said roller being spring retracted. A clothes line 5 winds upon said roller, the ends being secured thereto near the ends of the roller, it being intended, when in use, that this line shall be drawn out from the case 1 and secured to one or two hooks on fence posts or other supports, so as to produce an extended clothes line of two or three runs. The gudgeon 6 of the roller 4 projects out of one end of the case so as to afford convenient means for winding the spring of the roller, a pivoted lock pin 7 being provided with a recess so that it may be slipped over the said gudgeon and hold the spring at the proper tension. The opposite spindle 8 of the roller carries a ratchet 9 designed for engagement by a pawl 10. A handle 11 may be applied to the spindle 8 so as to turn the roller and stretch the clothes lines properly after it has been extended. This handle may also be used for winding up the spring of the roller.

12 designates a guide bar which is secured within the front of the case and which is formed with slots 13 through which the two lengths of the clothes line 5 extend.

A roller 14 is journaled within the case 1 above the roller 4, said roller 14 being also spring retracted and provided with a spring tensioning gudgeon 15 designed to be held by a pivoted locking plate 16. A cord or clothes pin line 17 has its ends secured to the roller 14 and is adapted to be wound thereon. A plurality of spring jaw clothes pins 18 is strung on the line 17, being freely movable along the same, as required, said pins being preferably provided with the coiled springs 19 through the coils of which the said line is threaded.

In the practical use of the apparatus for holding clothes, the clothes line 5 is drawn out of the case 1 and properly stretched, and the clothes pin line 17 is also drawn out and secured to hooks or other fastening devices, preferably several inches above and outside of the clothes line, so as to provide for the proper adjustment or positioning of the clothes. The clothes to be dried are then secured to and suspended from the stretched clothes line 5 by means of the clothes pin 18, in an obvious manner. After the clothes have been taken down, it is only necessary to release the two lines from the hooks or other devices, whereupon the lines will glide backwardly into the case, the clothes pin line 17 holding the pins within the case in a closely grouped series, so that the lines and pins may be kept secure from the action of the elements, and thereby preserved.

From the foregoing description in connection with the accompanying drawing, it will be seen that I have provided a simple and durable construction of apparatus for drying clothes, and the like, in which the housing for the two lines and pins will afford protective shelter from the elements, and that the said lines may be easily drawn out for use and withdrawn into the case 1 with comparatively no trouble, it being only necessary to release the lines from the devices which hold them extended, to permit them to glide backwardly into the case, the clothes pins being carried backwardly at the same time.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. An apparatus of the character described, comprising a case, a spring retracted roller journaled in said case, a clothes line mounted to wind on said roller, and adapted to be drawn out of said case and fastened in an extended position, another spring roller journaled in said case, a clothes pin line mounted to wind on said last named roller and designed to be drawn out along and close to the clothes line and held in extended position, and clothes pins carried by the clothes pin line and adapted to secure clothes on the clothes line.

2. In an apparatus of the character described, the combination of two spring retracted rollers, separate lines mounted to wind on the respective rollers, and a series of clothes pins strung on one of said lines and adapted to hold articles on the other line.

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

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