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WIRE CLOTHES LINE AND CLOTHES HOLDER.

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Fig. 1.

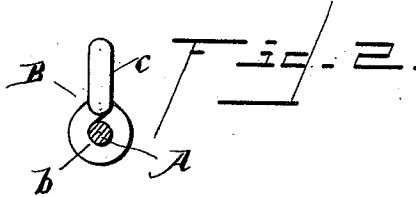
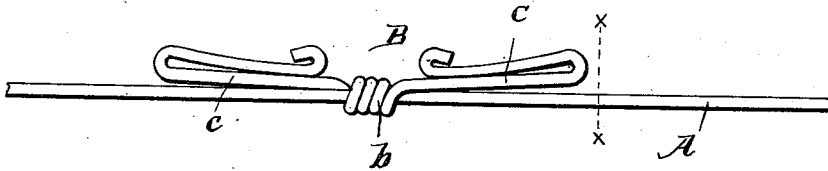


Fig. 3.

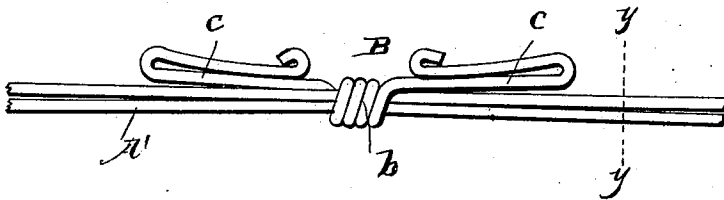


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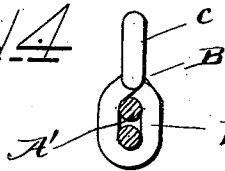
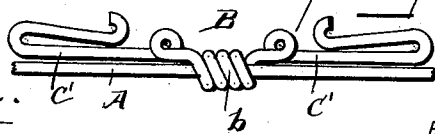


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM C. BAKER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Eureka Springs, in the county of Carroll and State of Arkansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wire Clothes-Lines and Clothes-Holders; and I do 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 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.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a side view of a holder adapted to a single line. Fig. 2 is an end view of the same. Fig. 3 is a side view of the holder applied to a double line. Fig. 4 is an end view of the same. Fig. 5 is a view of a modified form of holder.

This invention relates to improvements in clothes-holders for clothes-lines; and it consists in the novel construction thereof, as hereinafter specified.

In the accompanying drawings the letter A designates the line, which is preferably of metal, although a textile line might be employed.

B represents the holder, which consists of the ring or eye *b*, adapted to engage the line and slide thereon. Extending from one or both ends of this eye is an arm *c* substantially parallel with the wire and preferably having considerable spring or elasticity.

As shown in the drawings, the holders are preferably formed from a single piece of wire bent to form the hollow coil or eye *b* at its central portion. The arms *c* at their outer ends are usually doubled back upon themselves for the purpose of giving them greater strength and for greater convenience in handling.

The clothes being placed upon the line, the holders are slid to the proper point and the spring-arm brought to bear upon the clothes, holding them firmly in place against the action of the wind. It will be seen that by means of the oppositely-extending arms the same holder may secure the adjacent edges of the different articles of clothing or pieces of cloth. A double line *A'* may also be employed, the eye or ring engaging both wires. By this construction the clothes may be clamped between the wires as well as secured to them.

If it is desired, a coil might be formed in each of the arms *c'* to add to its elasticity and holding power, as shown in Fig. 5.

Having described this invention; what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The clothes-holder formed from a single piece of wire bent at its intermediate portion into a hollow coil or eye, its end portions being extended in the plane of the eye and bent back upon themselves to form elastic arms, substantially as specified.

2. The combination, with a wire line, of the clothes-holder arranged to slide thereon, said holder formed from a single piece of wire bent at its center into a hollow coil or eye and having its end portions extended therefrom in opposite directions and bent to form spring-arms, said arms having each a coil therein to give greater elasticity, substantially as specified.

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

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