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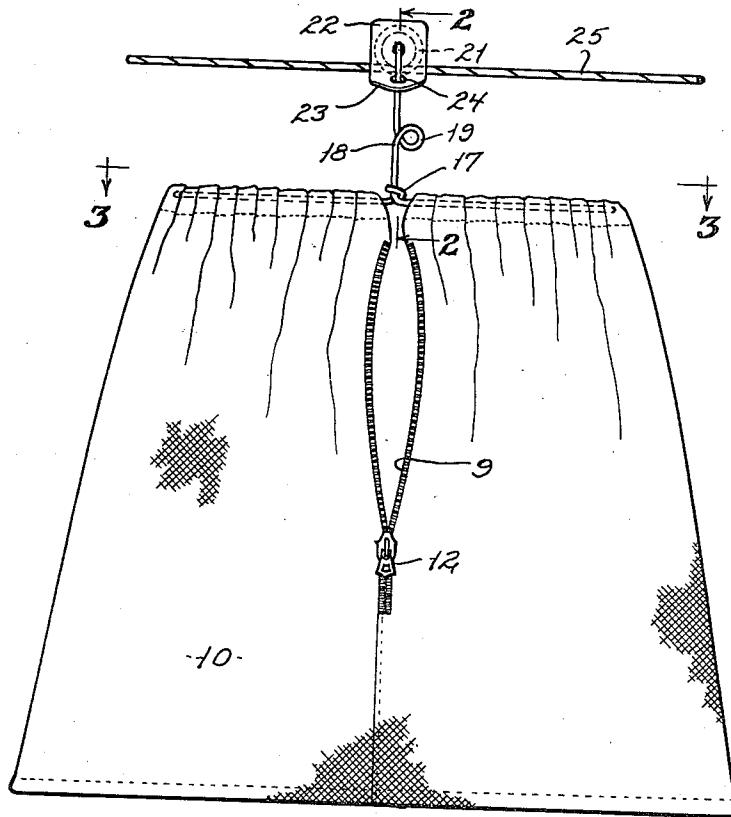


Fig. 1

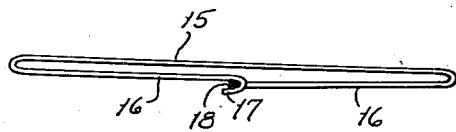


Fig. 3

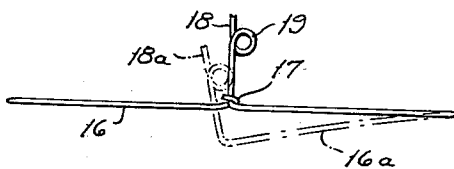


Fig. 4

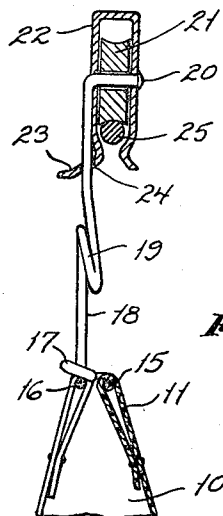


Fig. 2

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This invention relates to a clothes pin carrier, particularly to one which may be suspended on the clothes line and moved along progressively in advance of the clothes being hung upon the line.

One effort heretofore to make a carrier which could be used and moved along the clothesline as stated, has embodied a bag having a supporting wire, the end of which has been bent in the form of a hook to engage the line. Another form has comprised a wire basket suspended from a pulley which could be moved along the line. In each instance, however, the opening for the bag was at the top where it was too inconvenient for the operator to withdraw the clothespins, and, where the wire hook has been used, the wire would catch on the line and be difficult to push along in front of the work. Any effort to push the bag would cause a binding action between the wire and the line, thus requiring an objectionable length of time and effort to propel the bag in advance of the clothes. The wire basket carrier, on the other hand, is too bulky and expensive to manufacture.

An object of my invention is to make a bag which is light in weight, compact in construction, capable of being moved readily along the line in advance of the clothes, and is arranged to make the clothespins more accessible for immediate use, even though the level of the clothespins in the bag diminishes progressively as the clothes are hung.

Referring to the drawing, Fig. 1 is a view showing a carrier embodying my invention suspended from a clothesline; Figs. 2 and 3 are sections taken on the lines 2—2 and 3—3 in Fig. 1, and Fig. 4 is a detail view showing the means for hooking one end of the supporting wire to the other so as to permit detachment or removal of the bag, as for laundering, whenever desired.

The clothespin carrier as shown in the drawing, comprises a bag 10 which is preferably made of fabric which has a heading 11 extending around the open top. The bag also has an opening 9 in the side thereof and is provided with a slide fastener 12 for closing the same.

The bag may be supported by means of a wire which may be bent to provide substantially parallel portions 15 and 16 which extend through the heading and are sufficiently close to make a substantially closed top to the bag. One end of the wire 17 is hooked around a vertically extending portion 13, thus providing a detachable connection as shown in Fig. 4 by the broken lines 16a and 18a, and providing a means for enabling it to be threaded through the passageway within the

heading 11. Thus, the bag may be conveniently removed for laundering and thereafter replaced. A loop 19 in the portion 18 makes a suitable nail-receiving aperture for hanging the bag upon a wall when not in use.

The upwardly extending portion 18 of the wire terminates in a bent portion 20 which provides a journal for a pulley 21. A pulley block 22 straddles the pulley and has a lateral extension 23 which is apertured at 24 to receive the vertical reach of the wire.

Inasmuch as the bag is suspended directly beneath the clothesline indicated at 25, it is held automatically in upright position where the contents thereof are readily accessible through the opening 9. The slide fastener facilitates access to the pins and permits adjustment of the opening in accordance with variations in the level of the pins within the bag.

A carrier made according to my invention may be readily pushed along the clothesline in advance of the clothes, without the need for overcoming any binding action or friction between the line and the support; in addition, the contents of the bag are at all times accessible at a convenient height. Whenever desired, the bag may be detached by unhooking the connection at 17, as shown in Fig. 4. The bag is light in weight, may be economically made, and may be closed when not in use to prevent the pins from spilling out of the bag even though it be laid on its side when not in use.

I claim:

1. A support for a bag comprising a pulley, an embracing strap therefor, a wire mounted on the strap and forming a journal to the pulley, one leg of the strap having an outward extension with an opening through it and the wire extending downwardly through said opening, said wire below the opening being laterally extended to engage the bag adjacent its top.

2. Means for suspending a bag comprising a wire formed for attachment to the bag and having an upwardly extending portion which at its top is bent laterally, a strap having spaced arms in which said laterally bent portion is mounted, a pulley between the arms of the strap journaled on the bent portion of the wire, and means for securing the wire substantially immovably to one of the arms of the strap.

3. A support for a bag comprising a pulley, a strap of general U-shape in cross section having its arms on opposite sides of the pulley, a wire mounted in the two arms of the strap and forming a journal for the pulley, said wire extending

downwardly along the outer face of one arm of the strap and bent laterally beyond the strap to engage the bag.

4. A support for a bag comprising a pulley, a strap of general U-shape in cross section having its arms on opposite sides of the pulley, a wire mounted in the two arms of the strap and forming a journal for the pulley, said wire being bent at the outer face of one arm of the strap and extending downward to support the bag, the arms

of the strap extending downwardly beyond the pulley and being each bent inwardly to choke the entrance to the pulley space and then outwardly in diagonally opposite directions away from the central plane of the pulley, the oppositely flaring ends of the strap forming a guide for positioning the device on a clothesline and being adapted to be cammed outwardly by downwardly forcing the strap across the clothes line.

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