

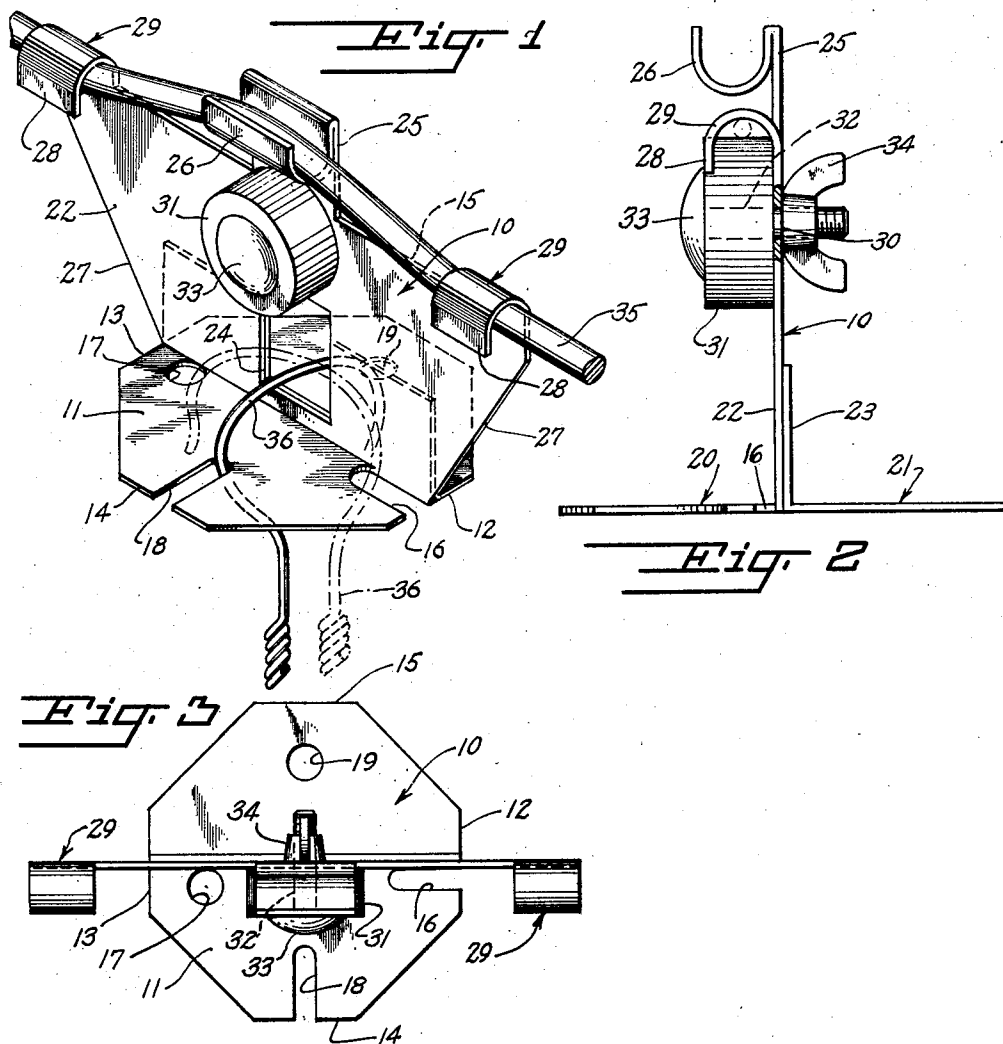
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This invention relates to a clothes line attachment and more particularly to a means for supporting garment hangers and it consists in the constructions, arrangements and combinations herein described and claimed.

It is a particular object of the invention to provide a means for securing garment hangers upon a clothes line, whether the line is formed of cotton, wire or plastic, said means having a plurality of line engaging hooks, certain of which engage upon the upper side of the line while a hook intermediate of the first hooks engages the under side of the line, the latter being spaced above a longitudinal line through the bight portions of the first hooks so as to exert a tension upon a clothes line engaged by the hooks to thus secure said means in a fixed position on the line.

More specifically, it is an object of the invention to provide a means for securing a garment hanger upon a clothes line in a desired fixed position, in which said means includes a base member and a right angular upright extension having a plurality of hook members, certain of which are in inverted position with respect to other hooks so as to tension a clothes line extended through said hooks, the base having a pair of openings formed therein, aligned with an open slot at right angles to respective openings, enabling the hook portion of a garment hanger to pass through a selected slot and aligned opening, thus permitting the garment hanger to be suspended transversely of the clothes line or at right angles thereto.

It is also an object of the invention to provide a means for supporting a garment hanger upon clothes lines of various diameters.

Additional objects, advantages and features of invention will be apparent from the following description, considered in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, wherein,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the garment hanger support, illustrating its application to a clothes line.

Figure 2 is an end view thereof.

Figure 3 is a top plan view of the support.

Attention is now invited to Figures 1, 2 and 3 of the drawings, wherein a garment hanger support is shown generally indicated by the reference character 10 consisting of a planiform base member 11 of substantially octagonal shape having a pair of short sides 12 and 13 and 14 and 15, the paired sides being arranged in opposed relation. The side 12 is formed with an inwardly extended slot 16 aligned with an opening 17 formed inwardly of the side 13. The side 14 is likewise formed with a slot 18 and inwardly of the side 15 an opening 19 is provided. Thus the paired slots and openings are arranged at right angles to each other, for a purpose presently to be explained.

Reference is now made particularly to Figure 2, wherein it will be seen that the base member 11 consists of a pair of angle plates 20 and 21, the plate 20 having an upright side 22 in abutting relation with a shorter upright side 23 of the plate 21 and these upright sides are preferably welded together to form an integral unit. Medially

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of the plate 22 in the vertical plane thereof an opening 24 is formed as clearly shown in Figure 1, while the plate 23 may be slotted at its upper edge and aligned with the opening 24. The plate 22 has a narrow upright extension 25, the free end of which is bent in a downward direction and recurved upwardly to form a hook 26, which it will be noted is in the medial vertical plane of the plate. The side edges 27 of the plate are inclined outwardly with respect to the base member 11 and inwardly of the terminal ends of the edges 27 are narrow extensions 28 which are recurved downwardly to form hooks 29 which it will be noted occupy a position at a lower vertical level than the intermediate hook 26. It will be noted that the hooks 29 open downwardly in the same direction, and in alignment for reception of a clothes line.

Beneath the hook 26, the plate 22 is formed with an aperture 30 for mounting of a compressible roller or disk 31. The disk 31 is provided with an axial opening 32 aligned with the aperture 30 and through the opening and aperture a stove bolt 33 is extended and secured to the plate 22 by a wing nut 34. The roller 31 is of a diameter to position the periphery thereof on a line in close proximity to the bight portions of the hooks 29, as best seen in Figure 2.

In use, the hooks 29 may be first engaged upon the line 35, the line being raised so that it may be positioned within the upwardly disposed hook 26 and due to the fact that the hook 26 is at a higher elevation than the hooks 29, the line 35 will be tensioned and thus retain the support thereon in a definite position. In the event that a line upon which the support is to be attached is of small diameter, the line is engaged only by the hooks 29 and by tightening the wing nut 34, the roller or disk 31 will be compressed axially causing it to expand radially, thus exerting a tension upon the line and retain the support 10 in a fixed position on the line.

With the support 10 engaged upon the line 35, the hook 36 of a conventional garment hanger may be passed through the slot 18, through the opening 24 and downwardly through the opening 19. Thus a garment suspended from the hanger bar (not shown) and connected with the hook 36, will be supported at right angles to the line. However, should it be desired to support the garment parallel to the line 35, the hook 36 may be positioned in the slot 16, the free end of the hook passing through the opening 17. Obviously, in either case, if desired the free end of the hook 36 may be first inserted through openings 17 and 19 and extend through the slots 16 and 18. The arrangement of the openings 17 and 19 and the slots 16 and 18 is such that a garment may be suspended against a breeze for more thorough circulation of air, or where the clothes line runs parallel with a walk in the yard, the support may be attached to the line so as to suspend the garment parallel to the line and the walk.

While I have shown and described preferred forms of the device, this is by way of illustration only, and I consider as my own all such modifications in construction as fairly fall within the scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A clothes line attachment for support of a garment hanger comprising a planiform base member having a right angular upright extension, said extension having a hook at the upper ends thereof, said hooks being in horizontal alignment and opening downwardly in the same direction, said extension further having an upwardly opening hook intermediate of said first named hooks and aligned therewith, said upwardly opening hook being positioned at a higher level than said first named hooks, said base member having a pair of open ended slots positioned at right angles to each other and a pair of

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openings formed therein, a respective slot and an opening being in aligned relation, said upright extension being formed with an opening therethrough and being aligned with a slot and opening at opposite sides of said upright extension permitting passage of a hanger hook through said slot, the opening of said upright extension and the aligned opening.

2. The structure of claim 1, in which an elastic disk element is mounted upon said upright extension and of a diameter to position the periphery thereof on a line in close proximity to the bight portion of the downwardly opening hooks, and means for compressing the elastic disk element for increasing the diameter of the disk for

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tensioning small diameter clothes lines beneath the underside of said hooks.

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