

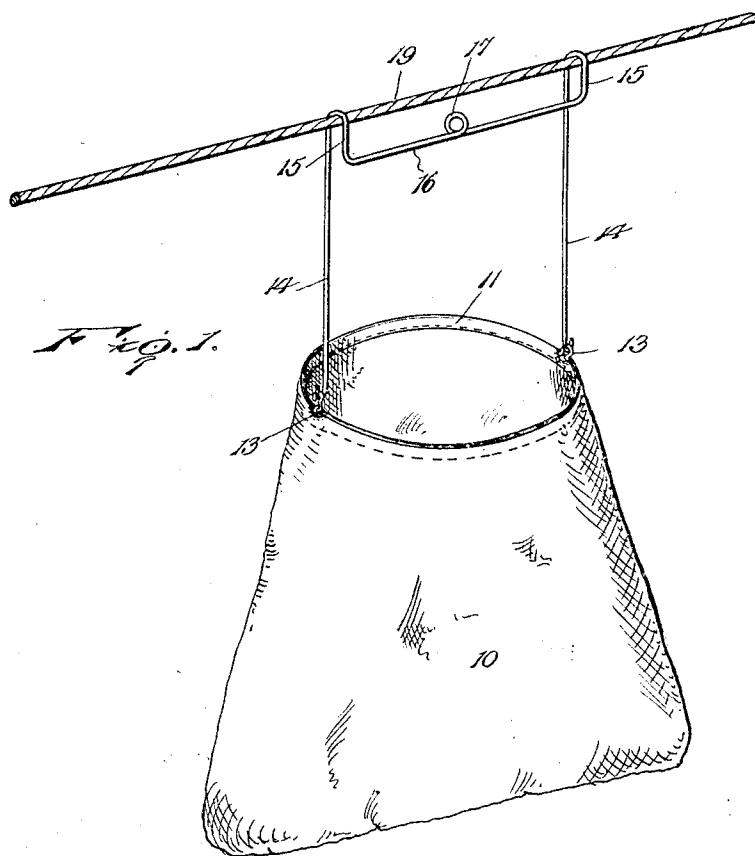
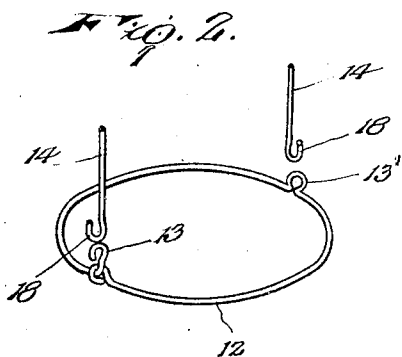
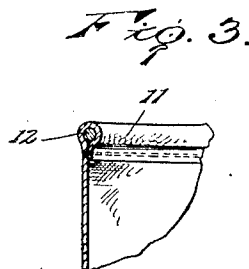
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID O. McROBERTS, citizen of the United States, residing at Stewardson, in the county of Shelby and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bag Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved clothes pin holder and has as one of its principal objects to provide a device of this character which may be readily employed, when removing clothing from a line, for conveniently receiving the pins as they are detached from the clothing.

The invention has as a further object to provide a clothes pin holder which may be hung upon the line and freely moved therealong as the operation of removing the clothing progresses.

And the invention has as a still further object to provide a device of this character wherein the mouth of the container employed will normally be maintained distended or open so that in use, clothes pins may be freely removed from or deposited in the container.

Other and incidental objects will appear hereinafter.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved device suspended from an ordinary clothes line.

Figure 2 is a perspective view illustrating the spreader for the mouth of the container as well as the terminals of the hanger of the device disconnected from the spreader, and

Figure 3 is a fragmentary sectional view through the hem of the container.

As is well known, in removing clothing from an ordinary clothes line, considerable loss of time and annoyance is involved in making frequent trips to a receptacle for depositing clothes pins removed from the clothing. Accordingly, my improved device seeks to overcome this disadvantage by providing a holder which may be readily kept within convenient reach as the removal of the clothing progresses. Also, as will be readily appreciated, the device may be employed with equal advantage when clothing is hung upon the line. In carrying the invention into effect, I employ a flared bag or container 10 of the general design shown in Figure 1 of the drawing. This bag is preferably made from ticking or other suitable

wear resisting fabric and is formed with a substantially circular mouth or opening at its upper end. A portion of the material of the bag at the mouth thereof is turned inwardly and, as clearly indicated in Figure 3 of the drawing, said inwardly turned portion is secured by a line of stitching to the body of the bag, providing a hem 11 about said mouth. Arranged in the hem is a spreader 12 for the mouth of the bag reinforcing and holding said mouth open. This spreader is, as disclosed in Figure 2, circular in outline to conform to the contour of the mouth of the bag and is preferably formed from a single strand of suitable resilient wire provided at one end with an eye through which the other end portion of the wire is passed and bent upwardly for connecting the ends of the wire. The upwardly bent terminal of the wire is provided with an eye 13 at one side of the spreader while at the opposite side of the spreader the wire is bent up to form a second eye 13'.

Associated with the bag 10 is a substantially U-shaped hanger therefor which is also preferably formed from a single length of suitable resilient wire bent to provide spaced parallel sides 14 at the upper ends of which are formed suspension hooks 15, the intermediate portion of the wire being thence continued to define a transverse connecting portion 16 extending between the hooks joining the sides and looped at a point midway its ends to provide an eye 17 disposed below a plane touching the bights of the hooks 15, said eye providing a means whereby the holder may be conveniently carried about or may be hung upon a nail or the like. At their lower ends, the sides 14 are bent to provide hooks 18 removably engaged through the eyes 13 and 13' of the spreader 12 for connecting the hanger with the bag, straddling the bag, it being noted that said eyes project upwardly through the material of the hem 11 of the bag for receiving said hooks.

In use, the suspension hooks 15 of the holder are, in the manner suggested in Figure 1, engaged over a clothes line, conventionally indicated at 19, for suspending the bag from the line at spaced points thereon, to be readily moved along the line by pushing or pulling upon the bag, the line being freely received in the bights of the hooks. It is to be noted in this connection that by disposing the eye 17 below a plane touching

the bights of the suspension hooks, as previously indicated, the eye will not become entangled with the line to hinder movement of the receptacle as it is shifted along the line. It will also be noted upon reference to Fig. 1 that the eye is formed by doubling the strand of wire upon itself and carrying the branches at the sides of the bight past each other in opposite directions so that the eye will be somewhat resilient and will tend to swing the free ends of the hooks slightly so that the hooks will firmly engage the clothes line and will thereby prevent premature movement of the bag holder along the line. At the same time when the bag holder is pulled, the eye will yield somewhat and will bring the opposite sides of each hook into parallelism so that the holder may be slid easily along the clothes line, and by having a connection between the hooks they may be simultaneously engaged over the clothes line or removed therefrom so that the work of suspending or removing the bag may be accomplished within a few seconds. Moreover, the eye to some extent serves as a guard to prevent the bar connecting the hooks from riding up on the line so that the movement of the bag holder along the line will be even and easy. Further, by forming the hanger to straddle the spreader and en-

gaging the hanger with the spreader at diametric points, the bag will be steadied and balanced so that it will hang evenly while tilting of the bag in the direction of the line, under the influence of an excessive push or jerk, will be practically eliminated so that spilling of pins from the bag under such conditions will not likely occur. Likewise, in practice, the mouth of the bag will not sag with respect to the body thereof so that free access may always be had to the interior of the bag. Accordingly, I provide a highly convenient and simple device for the purpose set forth and one which may be easily and cheaply manufactured.

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

A bag holder comprising a spreader ring to be secured in the mouth of the bag, and a hanger consisting of two parallel arms engaged at their lower ends with the spreader ring at diametrically opposite points thereof and having their upper ends forming inverted hooks to engage over a supporting line, a cross bar connecting the terminals of said hooks, and an eye in said cross bar between the hooks, said eye lying entirely below the bights of the hook.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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