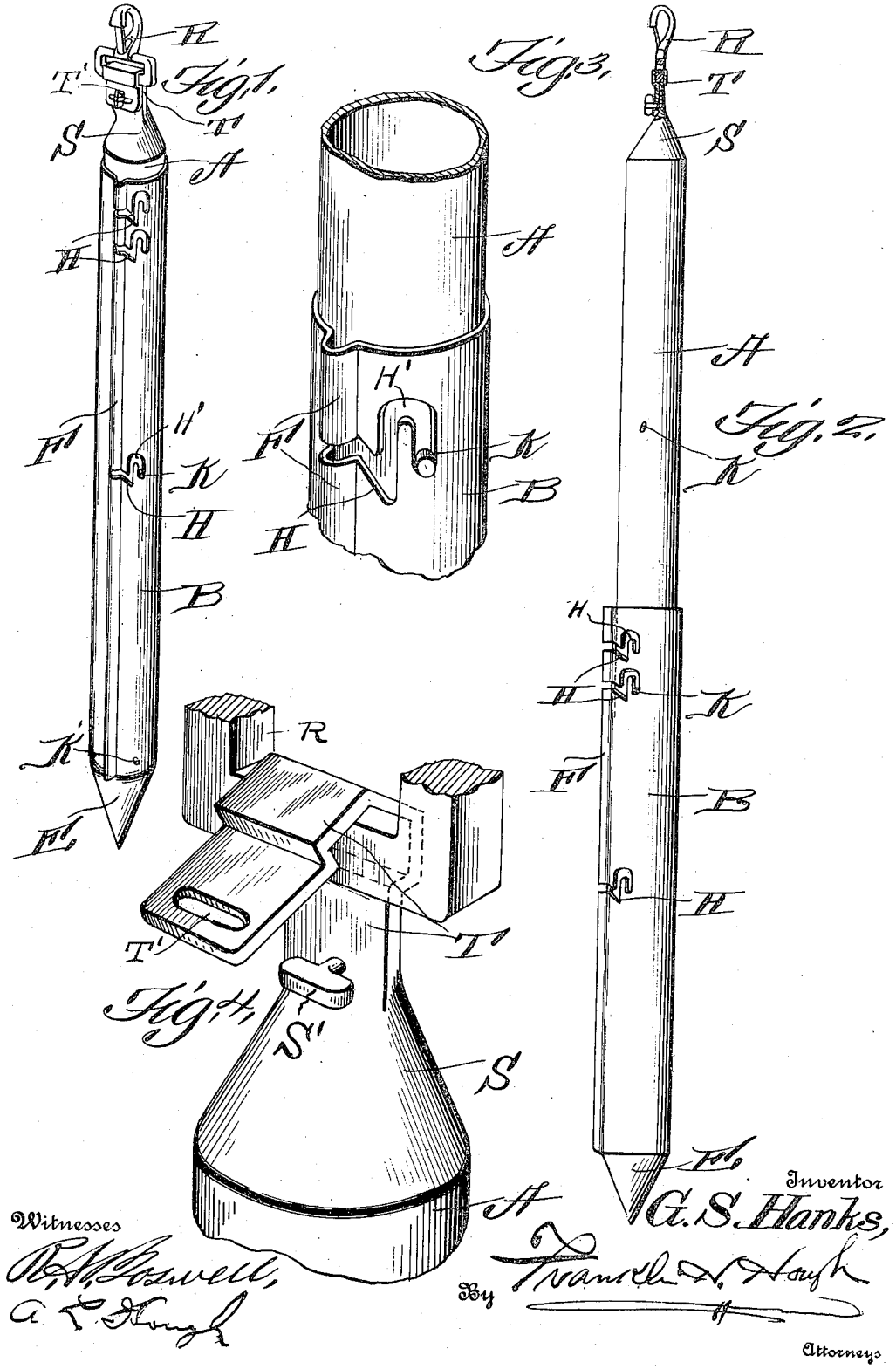
G. S. HANKS.

TELESCOPING CLOTHES PROP.

APPLICATION FILED NOV. 16, 1918.

1,310,336.

Patented July 15, 1919.



Witnesses

R. F. Boswell,

A. P. Hough

Inventor

G. S. Hanks,

By Franklin D. Hough

Attorneys

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

GEORGE SAMUEL HANKS, OF ATCHISON, KANSAS.

TELESCOPING CLOTHES-PROP.

1,310,336. Specification of Letters Patent. Patented July 15, 1919.

Application filed November 16, 1918. Serial No. 262,875.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE S. HANKS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Atchison, in the county of Atchison and State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Telescoping Clothes-Props; and I do hereby 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 the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in a telescoping prop for holding clothes lines, etc., and consists of a simple and efficient device of this character which, may be reduced to a compact form or extended to different lengths for supporting lines at different elevations.

The invention consists of a simple and efficient device of this nature, having various details of construction, combination and arrangement of parts which will be hereinafter fully described, shown in the accompanying drawings and then specifically defined in the appended claim.

I illustrate my invention in the accompanying drawings which, with the letters of reference marked thereon, form a part of this application and in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the device collapsed into compact form.

Fig. 2 is a view showing the parts extended.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged perspective showing the means of connecting the parts together, and

Fig. 4 is an enlarged detailed perspective of one end of one of the sections.

Reference now being had to the details of the drawings by letter:

A and B designate two tubular telescoping portions, although if desired, any number of sections may be utilized to make the prop longer. The section B is provided with a tapering end E adapted to engage the ground and hold the device from slipping, and said section B has an elongated beading F extending its entire length and which at intervals is provided with slots H which have inclined portions merging into inverted L-shaped ends H′. The said tubular portion A is provided with a lug K which, entering the slot H end engaging the latter in the manner shown clearly in the drawings, will tend to lock the parts securely together. The section A has a second lug K′ projecting therefrom near its lower end and which when the two sections have telescoped and pushed together will tend, as axial movement is given to the two tubular sections in opposite directions, to spring by the groove F and frictionally engage the inner surface of the wall of the section B and hold the parts in their closed positions.

The section A has its upper end S tapering and merging into a strap T which is angular outlined, as shown clearly in Fig. 4, and is adapted to conform to the angular outline of the snap hook R about which the strap passes. Said strap is provided with an elongated slot near its free end designed to receive the button S′ which is fitted in a threaded aperture T′ in the strap T. After the strap has been placed through the buckle in the manner shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings, the angled portion of the strap engaging over the angled portion of the snap hook and the button S′ after passing through the slot T′ may be turned at right angles thereto to securely lock the strap in place.

When the two tubular sections are telescoped one within the other, the lugs K will be guided in the groove F which extends substantially the length of the shell B. When it is desired to lock the parts in their telescoped positions, axial movements are given the two shells in opposite directions to cause the lugs to engage the slots H. When extended the same movement is imparted to the shells causing the same to be held extended.

What I claim to be new is:

A prop for clothes lines having a tapering tip with an integral resilient strap extension, said strap having at points opposite angularly outlined portions and a transverse slot near the free end thereof, a button revolubly fastened to the strap at a location adjacent to its mergence into said tip and designed to engage said slot to hold said angular portions in gripping relation with a snap hook.

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

GEORGE SAMUEL HANKS.

Witnesses:

JOE MCCRUM,

DORA M. KESPOKE.