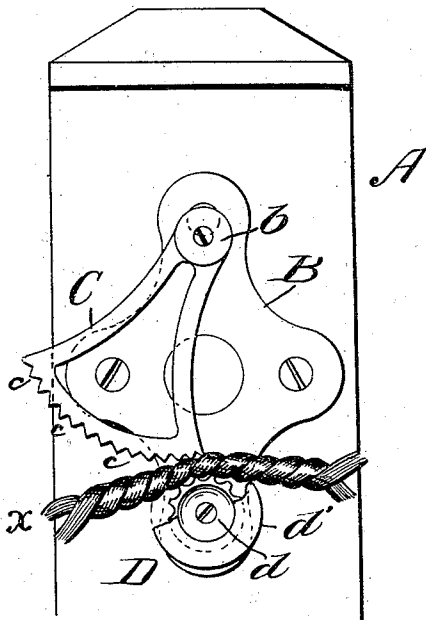


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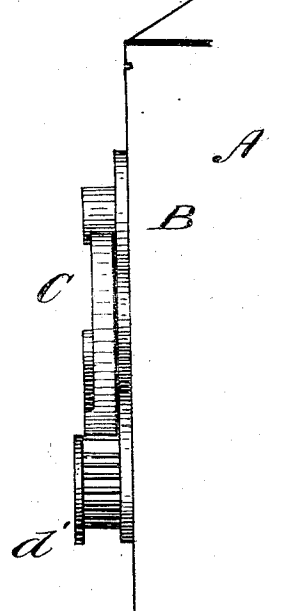
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVED CLOTHES-LINE HOLDER,

*The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.*

### TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN;

Be it known that I, ALBERT COMEY, of Cuyahoga Falls, in the county of Summit, and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Line-Holder; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

This invention consists of a simple device for holding lines or ropes, as will be fully described.

In the drawings, A represents a post upon which is suitably attached by screws the plate B, to which is pivoted, at the point *b*, the cam C; the latter being constructed as shown in Figure 1, nearly triangular in shape, its lower edge, however, being a section of a circle, or nearly so, and having the teeth *c*. D represents a ring, provided with the flange *d'*, and also serrated, which is attached at the point *d* to the plate B, in such manner as to revolve freely.

From this description the operation of my invention will be easily understood. The cam C, having been swung to one side, the rope *x* is laid upon the ring D, the flange *d'* of which prevents it from slipping off, and when the desired tension has been given, the cam C is allowed to come down upon the rope and the teeth *c*, thus made to engage it, as shown in fig. 1. When in this position it will be observed that when the strain is greatest the rope is most tightly held.

My invention is especially designed for holding clothes-lines or tie-lines for horses, but if suitably constructed it can be used for holding any size of line.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The plate B, with swinging cam C, arranged in such manner as to operate by its own weight from either side, and flanged serrated roller D, when combined as and for the purpose set forth.

This specification signed and witnessed, this twenty-seventh day of December, 1867.

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