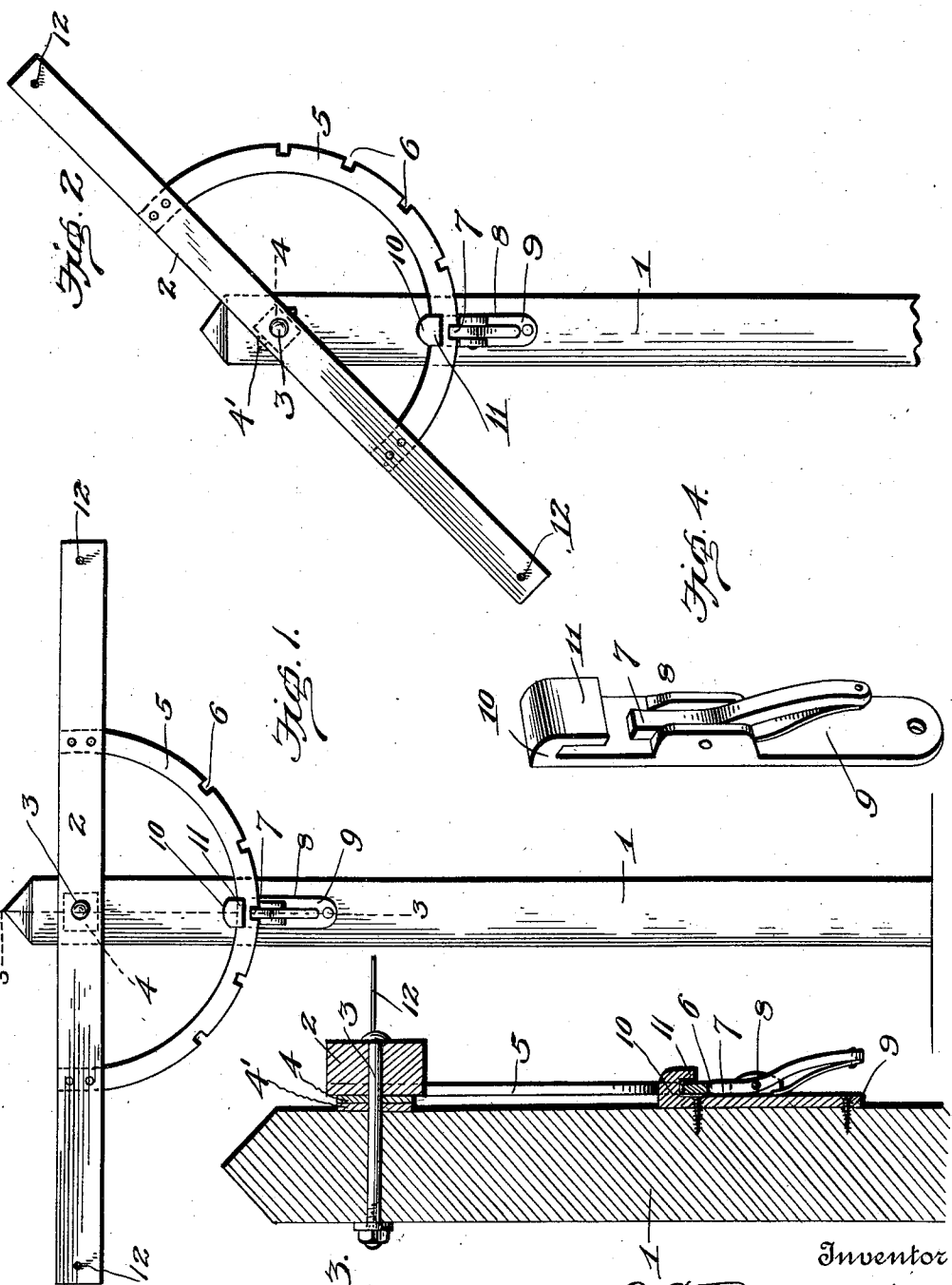


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ORBRA C. PENNINGTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Columbus, in the county of Platte and State of Nebraska, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clothes-Line Supports; and I do 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.

This invention relates to improvements in clothes line supports.

One object of the invention is to provide an improved support for clothes lines whereby the latter may be lowered in position to be conveniently reached for hanging the clothes thereon and whereby the lines may be supported in such manner that the clothes on one line will not shade those on the other thus permitting the sun and air to reach and thoroughly and uniformly dry all of the clothes.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts as will be more fully described and particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1 is a front elevation of a clothes line support constructed in accordance with the invention and showing the lines supported in the same plane; Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the parts tilted to hold one line above the other; Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view of the same on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1; Fig. 4 is an enlarged detail view of the catch for holding the clothes line supports in their adjusted positions.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, 1 denotes one of the supporting posts of my improved clothes line support said posts having pivotally connected thereto near their upper ends transversely disposed line supporting arms or bars 2 the ends of which project a suitable distance beyond the opposite sides of the posts 1 as shown. The arms or bars 2 may be of any suitable length and are pivotally connected to the upper ends of the posts by pivot bolts 3. On the inner side of the arms or bars 2 midway between their ends are secured wear plates 4 while to the outer side of the adjacent portion of the posts 1 are secured similar plates 4'. By providing the plates 4 and 4' the

adjacent surfaces of the bars 2 and upper ends of the posts are prevented from engaging and thus becoming worn by the repeated swinging of the arms or bars 2.

The arms or bars 2 are held in their adjusted positions by suitable fastening devices comprising semicircular rack bars 5 the outer or upper ends of which are secured to the bars 2 on opposite sides of the posts as shown. In the lower edges of the bars 5 are formed a series of locking notches 6 with which are adapted to be engaged the pivoted pawl 7 of a catch 8 comprising a base plate 9 which is secured to the post and is provided on its upper end with a guide lug 10 having an overhanging lip or flange 11 which is engaged with the upper or inner edge of the rack bar 5 and through which said bar is adapted to be turned by the movement of the bars or arms 2 when the latter are tilted or swung on the post. The pawls 7 are pivotally connected by pivot bolts 8 to apertured ears or lugs formed on the outer sides of the base plates 9 and between said plates and the inner ends of the pawls are arranged pawl retracting springs 12 whereby the opposite ends of the pawls are held in engagement with the notches 6 in the rack bars.

The clothes lines 12 are connected to the outer ends of the bars or arms 2 and extend between the posts 1 of the support, said posts being located at any suitable distance apart. When it is desired to hang the clothes on one or the other of the lines 12 the pawl 7 of the catch is disengaged from the notches in the rack bars thus permitting the bars or arms 2 to be swung down to a sufficient extent to bring the line to the desired position where the same is held by the engagement of the pawl with another notch in the rack bars. When in this position the clothes may be readily hung upon the lower line after which the pawls of the catches may be released and the arms or bars 2 swung in the opposite direction to bring the other line down within reach for hanging the clothes thereon. After the clothes have thus been hung upon the lines the latter may be permitted to remain in this position with one line higher than the other thus allowing the sun and air to have free access to the clothes on both lines or the arms or bars may be swung back to a horizontal position thereby holding the lines on a level.

From the foregoing description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction and operation of the invention will be readily understood without requiring a more extended explanation.

Various changes in the form, proportion and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention as defined in the appended claim.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

A clothes line support comprising a post, a line holding arm pivotally mounted on said post, a semi-circular rack bar secured to said arm on opposite sides of the post

provided with notches on its lower edge a catch secured to the post comprising a plate provided with an overhanging lip forming a guide for the rack bar and a spring actuated pawl attached to the plate for interlocking engagement with said rack bar below the overhanging lip, for holding the line holding arm in proper alinement in respect to the post.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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