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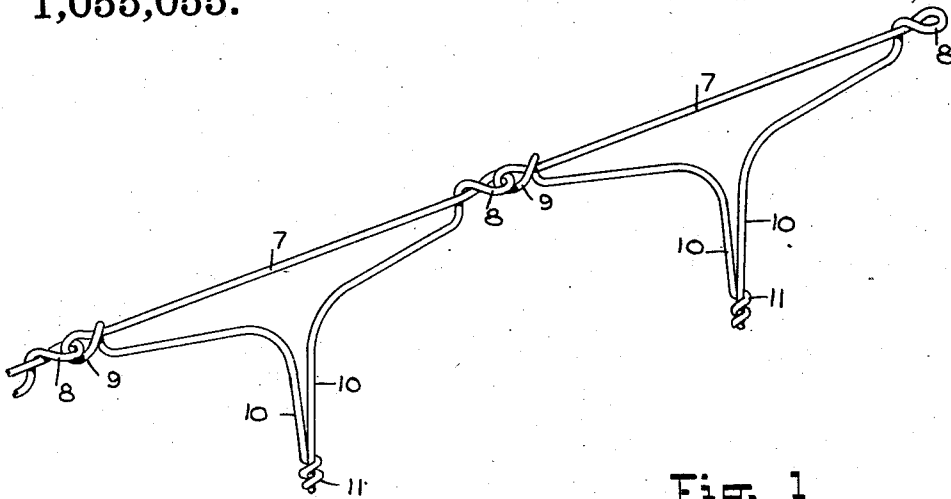


Fig. 1

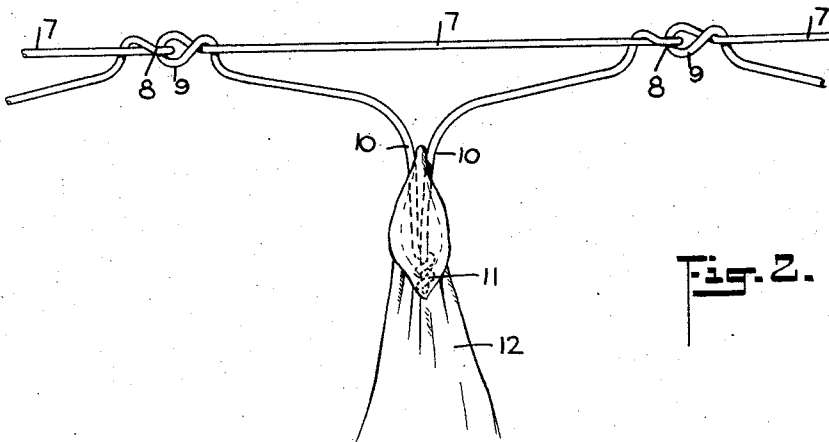


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DELL JAMES LAHAY, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Carney, in the county of Menominee and State of Michigan, have invented a new and Improved Clothes-Line, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

Among the principal objects which the present invention has in view are: To provide a line having means incorporated in the construction for holding articles of laundry for drying; to provide the means for holding said articles at suitably close intervals; to minimize the weight of construction of the line; and to minimize the cost of construction of the same.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a fragment of a clothes line constructed and arranged in accordance with the present invention; and Fig. 2 is a side view of a section of a clothes line, showing in conjunction therewith an article of laundry as suspended thereby.

A clothes line, when constructed in accordance with the present invention, comprises a plurality of short link strain-receiving bars 7. The strain-receiving bars 7 are constructed from light galvanized or suitable weather-protected wire, which is twisted and returned upon itself to form eyelets 8 and 9. The eyelets 8 and 9 are interwoven to form loose joints between the bars 7, thus giving to the line a structural appearance somewhat resembling the ordinary surveyor's-chain.

The wire, after being shaped to form the eyelets 8 and 9, is returned toward the center of the bars 7, and there bent to provide two contracted grip sections 10, said sections being wrapped one upon the other to form a twisted connection 11 at the bottom. The sections 10, as shown in the drawings,

are slightly gapped at the upper end to form an entrance opening for the insertion therebetween of a corner or gathered section of laundered articles, such as 12.

The weight of the grip section 10 operates to rotate each link so that the grip section hangs below the bar 7. This disposition of the grip sections is further insured whenever an article to be dried is held therein.

The operation of hanging an article, such as 12, upon the line, when constructed in accordance with the above description and as seen in the accompanying drawings, is as follows: Dispensing with the ordinary clothes-pins, the laundress gathers a small section of the article to be dried, and lifting it above the grip sections 10, draws it downward between the straight sides thereof, the spring of the wire permitting the distortion of the grip sections and the subsequent grasp thereof upon the material. One end of the article being thus secured, the laundress passes to the opposite end, or to a convenient intermediate portion, which is threaded in the same manner, and secured in the same convenient grip section 10 of said line.

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

A clothes line having a plurality of links, each link consisting of a wire looped about itself intermediate its ends to form a straight, strain-receiving bar, having terminal link-connecting eyes, the terminals of the wire then being extended toward each other and away from the strain receiving bar and connected together to form a V-shaped article receiving throat.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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