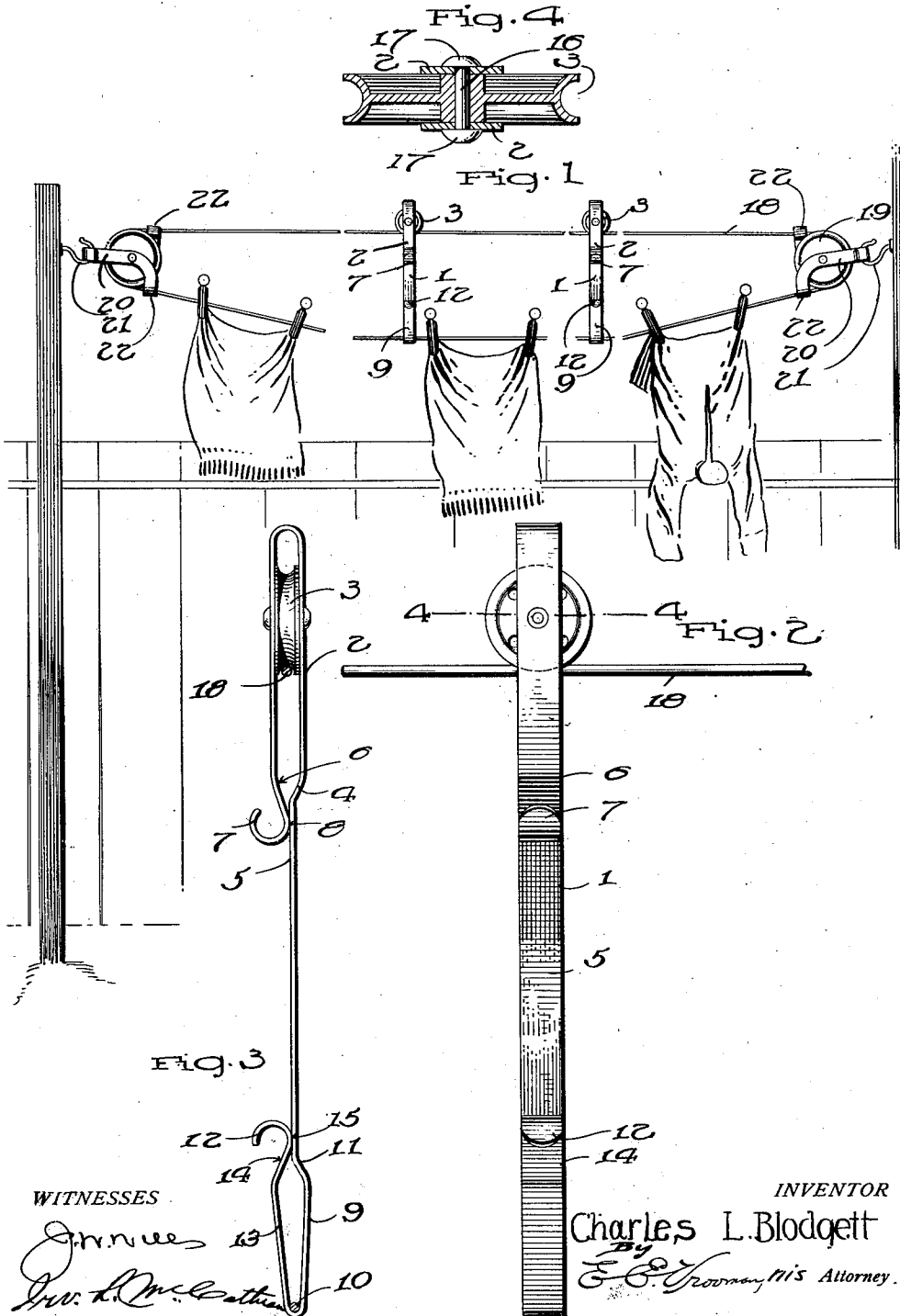


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES L. BLODGETT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Oakland, in the county of Alameda and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clothes-Line Supporters, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to clothes line supporters and has for its object the production of an efficient supporter whereby the same will be firmly held upon the line so as to prevent the same from becoming inadvertently detached therefrom, but yet may be readily detached from the line when so desired.

Another object of this invention is the production of an efficient supporter which will hold the two lines spaced sufficiently as to prevent the same from becoming tangled.

With these and other objects in view this invention consists of certain novel constructions, combinations and arrangements of parts as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the drawings:—Figure 1 is a side elevation of the device attached to a clothes line. Fig. 2 is an enlarged side elevation of the supporter. Fig. 3 is an edge view of the device. Fig. 4 is an enlarged sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

By considering the drawing, it will be seen that the clothes line supporters are attached to the line of the pulley type wherein one strand of the line constitutes a supporting member, and the other line constitutes a line for connecting the clothes thereto. The supporter used in connection with the present device consists in a straight flat body 1 made of sheet metal having an upper terminal loop 2 within which is journaled a pulley 3. The terminal loop 2 is provided with an offset portion 4 terminating in a straight body as indicated at 5 in Fig. 3. The free end of the loop 2 is curved inwardly as indicated at 6 in Fig. 3, and terminates in a finger piece 7 for facilitating the withdrawing of the free end of the loop from the body portion 5. This finger piece 7 engages the flat straight body portion 5 as indicated

at 8 in Fig. 3, thereby constituting an efficient gripping means for the free end of the loop upon the body 1.

The lower end of the body 1 is continued in a line supporting terminal loop 9 which tapers toward its lower end for supporting the clothes line strand 10. This loop 9 is offset outwardly as at 11 as indicated in Fig. 3 so as to form a wide inlet for the wire when the free end of the loop is bent outwardly. The free end of the loop is bent to form a finger piece 12 and this finger piece is bent from the body 13 of the lower loop 9, as indicated at 14. The free end of the loop engages the straight flat portion 15 of the body 1, and it will, therefore be seen that the free end of the loop 9 will have a flat even surface upon which to rest when the loop is in a closed position.

It will be seen that owing to the offset portions 4 of the loop 2 and offset portion 11 of the loop 9, the strands of the clothes line may be directed out upon the straight surface 5 of the body portion 1 when the free ends of the loops 2 and 9 are drawn away from the body thereby allowing the clothes line to be removed from the support. Furthermore, it will be seen that this loop engages a flat portion and does not engage the sloping portion of the loop, and owing to this fact, an efficient means has been produced for firmly clamping the lower end of the loop in a closed position. It should be understood that the loop 9, as well as the loop 2 is formed of spring metal so as to hold the same in a closed position, and that this body is made comparatively long so as to constitute a spacer to hold the lower clothes line in a spaced relation relative to the upper supporting strand of the line whereby the lines will be held from becoming twisted.

The pulley 3 is journaled upon a pin 16 which has its head 17 flattened upon the outer face of the sides of the loop 2. The clothes line 18 is supported upon the end pulleys 19 which pulleys are rotatably mounted upon the supporting brackets 20, which brackets engage the hook 21. These brackets 21 are provided with guiding loops 22 extending upon opposite sides of the pulley 19, and these loops constitute guides for

preventing the line 18 from becoming inadvertently detached from the pulley 19.

What is claimed is:—

5 A clothes line support having a straight flat body, the latter being continued into terminal loops the sides of which are offset with respect to said straight portion and said loops terminating in finger pieces nor-

mally in engagement with the straight portion.

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

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