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Fig. 1.

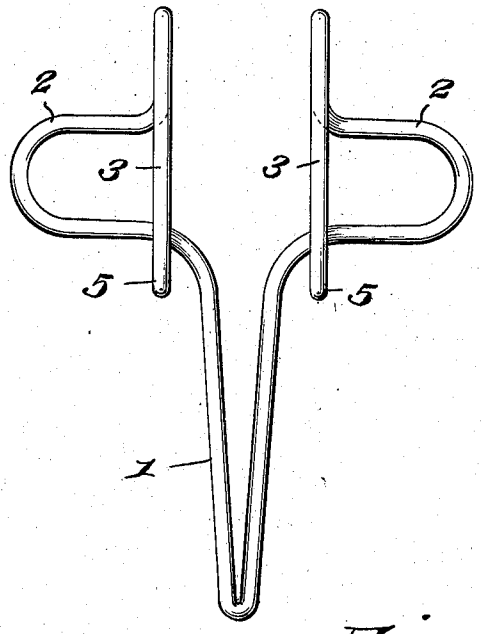


Fig. 2.

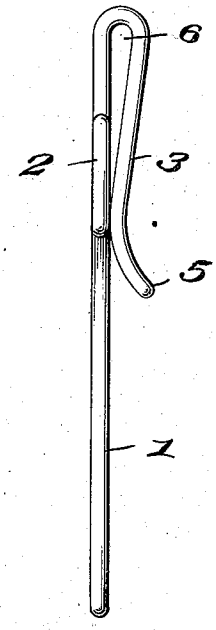
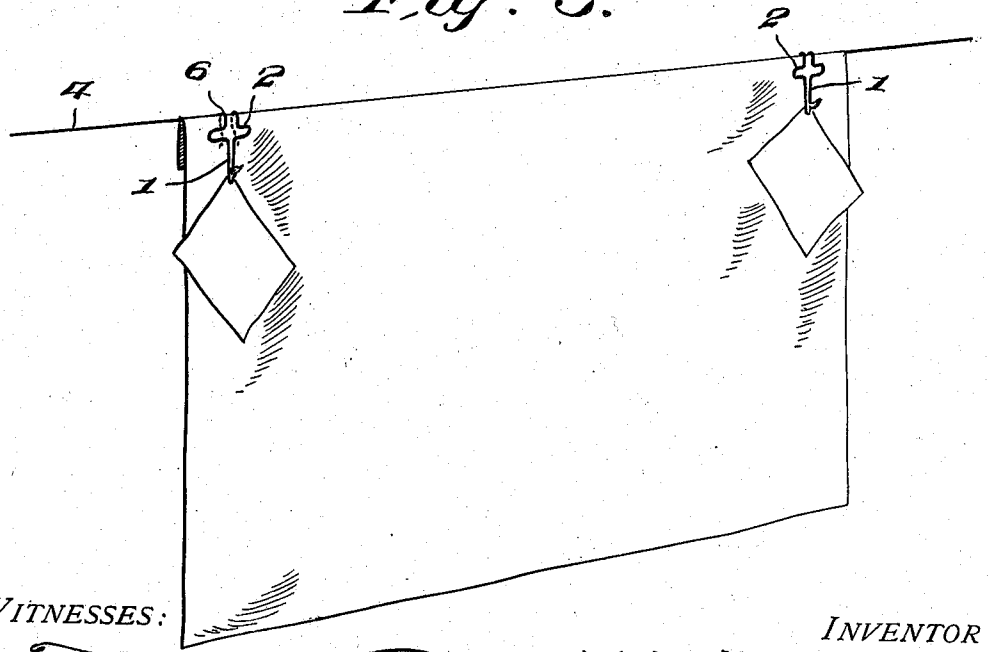


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FORREST L. BEARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Mingo, in the county of Randolph and State of West Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Securing Devices; 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.

My invention relates to new and useful improvements in securing devices and more particularly to that class adapted to be employed for securing garments on a line and my object is to provide a device of this class of spring wire, the fingers of which are adapted to clamp the garment over the line and between the body of the device and fingers.

A further object is to provide means for securing a smaller garment to the securing device coincident to securing a larger garment to the line.

Other objects and advantages will be hereinafter referred to and more particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings which are made a part of this application, Figure 1 is a side elevation of the securing device. Fig. 2 is an edge elevation thereof and Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing the device applied to use.

Referring to the drawings in which similar reference numerals designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, 1 indicates the body portion of my improved securing device, which is substantially V-shaped and closed at its lower end, each arm of the body being provided adjacent its upper end with extensions 2, which are formed by bending outwardly portions of the body and said extensions are preferably U-shaped.

The extreme upper ends of the body portion 1 are curved downwardly to form spring fingers 3, the extreme lower ends of said fingers being bent inwardly to engage one face of the extensions 2, so that a garment placed between said fingers and extensions will be firmly gripped and in order to allow the fingers to readily engage garments and pass over the supporting line 4, that portion of the spring fingers extending below the extensions 2 is curved outwardly as shown at 5.

The securing device is formed from a single section of wire and is first bent at its central portion until the ends of the wires are brought substantially together, the integral portions of the body being at the lower end of the securing device. The extensions 2 are then formed by bending out portions of the body 1, after which the fingers 3 are formed by bending down the extreme upper ends of the sections of wire forming the body, the fingers at their juncture with the body being curved to form a pocket 6, in which the line 4 and parts of the garment extending over the line, are received and by forming the extensions 2, the lower ends of the fingers 3 will have a firm bearing.

That portion of the body below the extensions 2 is substantially V-shaped, so that by placing one corner of a garment between the separated portions of the body and drawing it downwardly, or to the lower end of the body, the garment will be wedged therein and securely held, thereby enabling me to secure smaller garments in position to dry simultaneously with a larger garment on the line and in applying the securing device to use, one edge of the garment is placed over the line 4 when the securing device is placed into engagement therewith, the body 1 passing to one side of the line and garment, while the fingers 3 pass to the other side thereof, the line 4 resting in the pocket 6, while the overlapped portions of the garment are impinged between the extensions 2 and the fingers 3 and, if desired, a smaller garment such as a handkerchief, may be engaged with the V-shaped portion of the body 1 by introducing one corner of the smaller garment into engagement with the body, as previously described.

This securing device is adapted to be used more particularly for securing garments to a line after they have been washed and it will be seen that by forming the securing device of a single section of wire, and bending the same in the form shown, said securing device may be very cheaply and quickly constructed and it will further be seen that the securing device may be readily applied to use for holding one or more garments. It will further be seen that instead of engaging both fingers with one garment, one of the fingers may be engaged with the end of one garment and the opposite finger with the next succeeding garment, thereby dispensing with the employment of an additional securing device, and, as the fingers are spaced some distance apart,

the smaller garment engaged with the V-shaped portion of the body, would be suspended approximately between the adjoining ends of larger garments and thereby be in better position to dry

What I claim is:

1. A securing device of the class described, comprising a substantially V-shaped body portion, U-shaped extensions adjacent the upper end of said body portion and fingers formed by bending the extreme upper ends of the body portion downwardly and inwardly to engage the lower arms of the U-shaped extensions, whereby a pocket is formed between said fingers and the upper part of the body portion.

2. An article of manufacture comprising a securing device formed by bending a single section of wire to form a V-shaped body, portions of said wire being bent outwardly to form extensions and spring fingers formed by bending downwardly the free ends of the wire, directing the same into engagement with the lower arms of said extensions and outwardly curving the extremities thereof.

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

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