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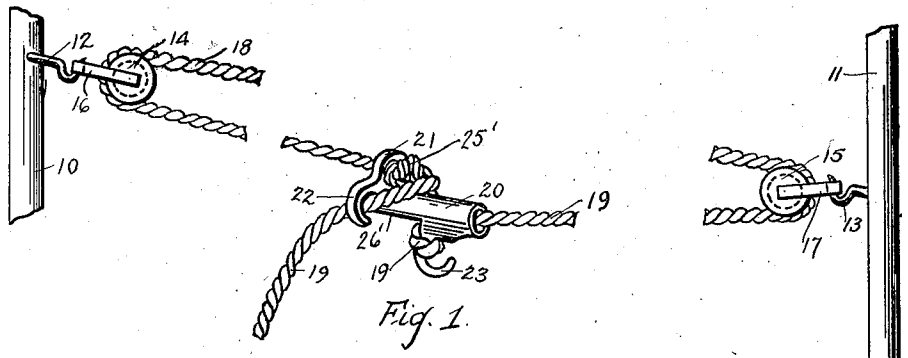


Fig. 1.

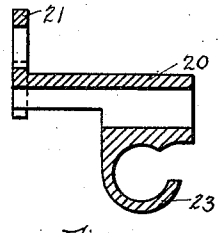


Fig. 2.

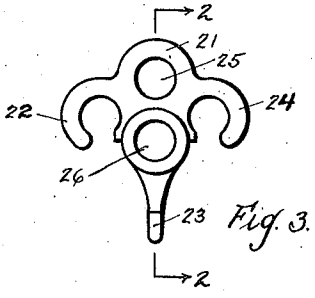


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD BEAR, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bronx, county of Bronx and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clothesline Fasteners, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in clothes line fasteners, particularly to a device for connecting the loose ends of a clothes line.

It is the principal object of the invention to provide a device or clamp of this character which is simple and inexpensive to construct and which effectively prevents the parting of a line if the same is accidentally dropped while a person is occupied to hang wash on the line or remove it therefrom.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a device of this character allowing an instantaneous separation of the line, if desired.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a device of this character which allows a clamping of the line in order to hold it taut under all circumstances.

These and other objects and advantages of my device will become more fully known as the description thereof proceeds, and will then be specifically pointed out in the appended claim.

In the accompanying drawing, forming a material part of this invention,

Figure 1 shows a device constructed according to the present invention in perspective view attached to a clothes line.

Figure 2 is a vertical longitudinal section through the device on line 2—2 of Figure 3.

Figure 3 is an end view of the device.

As shown, to the two posts 10 and 11, or similar supporting means, hooks 12 and 13 are secured to which are attached the pulleys 14 and 15 by means of the customary hangers 16 and 17. A rope or clothes line 18 is guided over the pulleys, and one of its ends, 19 is guided through a sleeve formed by the body 20 of the device, around a hook element 23 on the bottom of the sleeve and over the upper edge of a hook element 24 at the reduced end of said sleeve across the upper face of said sleeve and under a hook element 22. The other end of said line is guided through an opening 25 of a crown 21 at the end of said sleeve and formed below said crown into a knot 25′. The sleeve is hollow as indicated at 26 and has a reduced front part 26′.

The operation of the device will be clear from the above description without further explanation, the end 19 may also be provided with a knot in order to prevent a slipping off of the line if the operator is interrupted during the hanging of wash or the taking in of clothes or wash, so that he simply may drop the line and device without any danger of letting the wash fall to the ground.

As shown one end of the clothes line is passed through opening 25 from the rear and is then formed into the knot 25′ in order to securely hold this end attached to the clamp. The other end of the clothes line is passed through opening 26 of the sleeve from the front to the rear and is then guided through the lower hook element 23 whereafter it is guided over the hook element 24 through the same and turned on itself and over the back of sleeve 20 to the outer lateral hook 22 in the manner indicated in Figure 1.

It will be clear that the end 19 of the line can be loosened to move the line over the pulleys and to hang the wash thereon and to remove the same from the line, and if a knot is formed at the outer free end of line 19 the line and clamp may be dropped at any time without causing a parting of the ends and causing the wash to drop onto the floor.

It will be clear that changes may be made in the general arrangement of my device and in the construction of the minor details thereof without departing from the scope and spirit of my invention.

What I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

A clothes line clamp comprising a body part having a reduced end, a sleeve formed at the end of said body oppositely disposed to said reduced part, a lower hook on said sleeve, a perforated crown on the reduced end of said clamp adapted to allow the passage of one end of a line to be knotted behind said crown, two lateral hook portions in said crown for guiding the free end of the line passed through said sleeve around said lower hook, from below over one of the said lateral hooks and over the upper face of said body through the other of said lateral hooks, substantially as described and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature.

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