

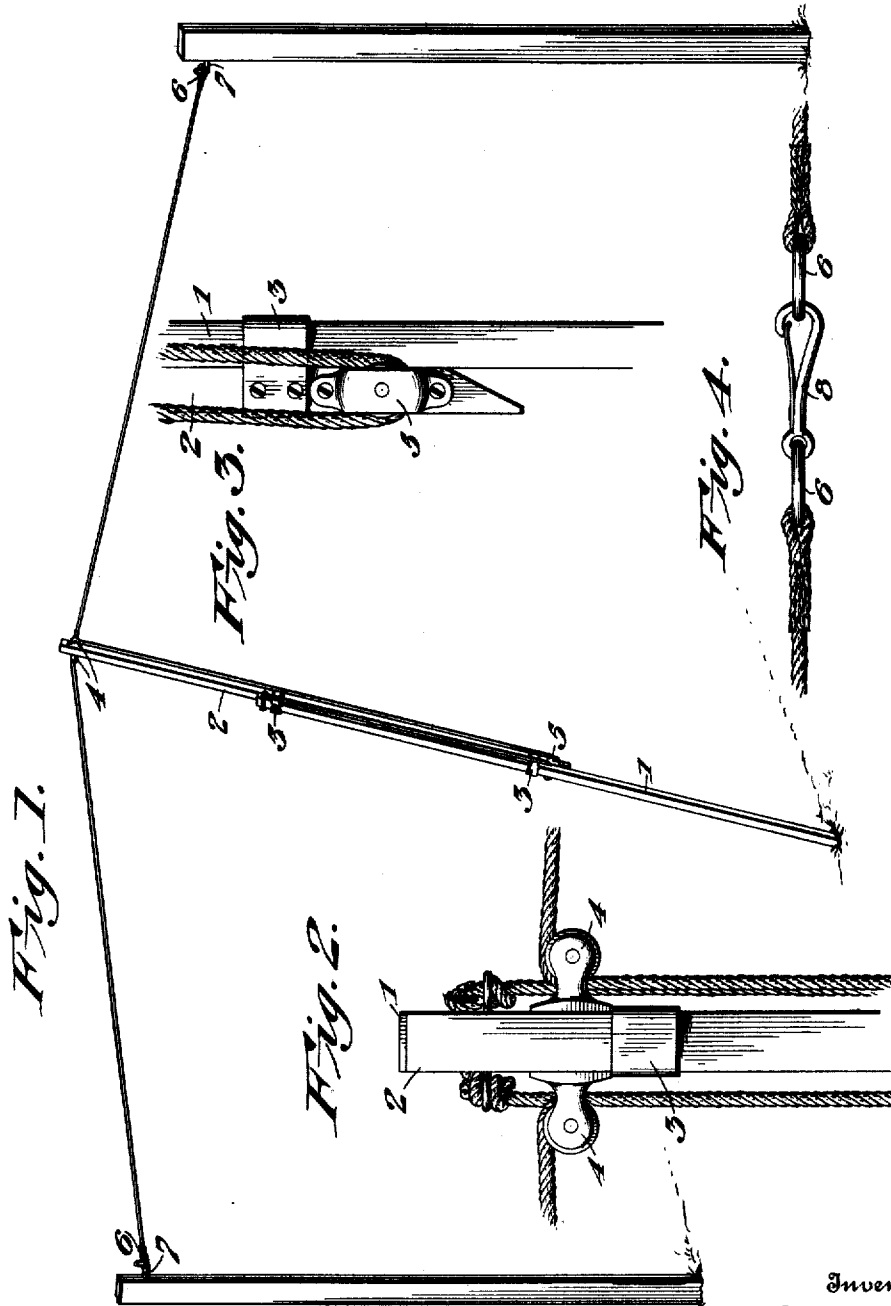
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY U. SCOTT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lansdowne, in county of Baltimore and State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Clothes-Lines and Props, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in combined clothes line and prop, the object being to provide an article of the character described which may be adjusted to the desired length according to the height it is wished to hang the clothes, after which it may be slid together into comparatively small compass, the device being entirely self-contained, that is comprising the prop and clothes-line all combined in one.

With the foregoing objects in view, my invention consists in two bars slidably connected together, one containing pulleys at opposite ends, and a line or lines secured to the upper end of one of the bars and thence rove through the pulleys, first at the lower end of the other bar and thence at the upper end, and equipped at the outer or free ends for attachment to a hook or other securing means, the prop itself being adapted to be lengthened out to take up the slack in the line or lines somewhat according to the dimensions of the yard or space in which the line is placed; and as previously indicated, to regulate the position of the clothes from the ground accordingly whether they be large articles, such as sheets, counterpanes, table-cloths, and the like, or smaller articles of laundry.

My invention further consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations of parts which will be hereinafter described and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings:—Figure 1 is a view in perspective, showing the application of the device, Fig. 2 is a fragmentary detail at the upper end of the prop, Fig. 3 is a similar detail located at or near the lower end, Fig. 4 is a detail of the snap for the extension of a line.

The numerals 1 and 2 represent the two sections of the prop, these being made of any suitable material, and in any approved dimensions, and the bar 2 being preferably (though not necessarily) somewhat shorter than bar 1. These bars are slidably con-

nected together, and metal straps 3, 3, secured in one instance to bar 1, and in the other to bar 2 and embracing its fellow, confine the two bars in sliding relation with each other. On the shorter bar 2, pulleys 4, 4, and 5, 5, of any approved design and construction are secured to the opposite edges by screws or other means.

A single line or two lines may be employed if desired, and this or these lines are securely attached to the extreme upper end of the bar 1 in any suitable manner, thence the two ends or the two lines as the case may be, extend downwardly around the pulleys at the lower end of bar 2, then upwardly over the pulleys at the upper end of bar 2, and the extreme ends are preferably provided with some fastening means, such as rings 6, 6, which rings, by the way, may be hooked under the lower end of bar 2, when the prop is collapsed into its smallest compass. When in use, these rings are placed over hooks 7, 7, or similar fastening devices on posts or other supports, the prop lengthening out to correspond with the amount of clothes-line required, after which to give the clothes line the required elevation and tension, the operator simply lifts the bar or section 2 to the required elevation where it remains and is held by the tension of the line.

When the laundry is dry, and it is desired to take down the line, the ends are unhooked, and the sections of the prop are slid together, and the rings are hooked over the lower end of bar 2, as described.

Occasionally it is necessary to have more length of line, and this can be accomplished by fastening additional sections at the end of the line by snap-hooks 8, such as shown in Fig. 4, or in any other manner, as for instance by tying, if desired.

An article of this character is simple, composed of few parts, and can be made at a small initial cost, while serving every purpose of an ordinary clothes-line and prop combined, and being especially convenient because of the facility with which it can be reduced in size and stored away.

More or less slight changes might be resorted to in the form and arrangement of the several parts described without departure from the spirit and scope of my invention, and hence I do not wish to be limited

to the exact construction herein set forth, but:—

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

1. A combined clothes-line and prop comprising two members slidably connected together, and a line secured to one and having sliding connection with both ends of the other member, whereby the clothes-line, when fastened at the outer end, holds the prop in the position to which it may be lengthened.

2. A combined clothes-line and prop comprising two members slidably connected together, one member having two pulleys at or near each end, a clothes line secured to the other member, and opposite ends passed over pulleys at one end of the other member

and then over the pulleys at the opposite end, the free ends of the line being adapted to be fastened, and when so fastened, to hold the prop in its adjusted position.

3. A combined clothes-line and prop comprising two members slidably connected together, bands secured to one member and embracing the other to insure this sliding connection, one member carrying pulleys at opposite ends, over which the line passes, the line being secured at an intermediate point to the other member, and means for fastening the ends of the line.

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

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