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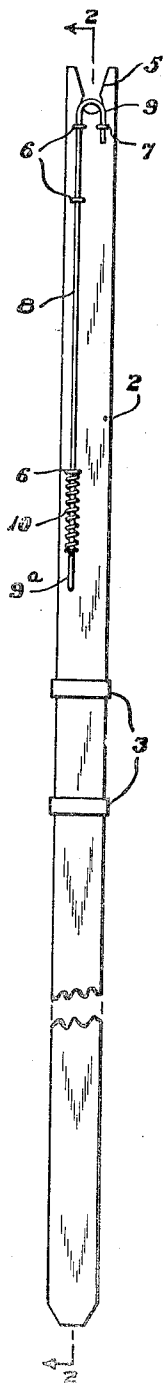


Fig. 1.

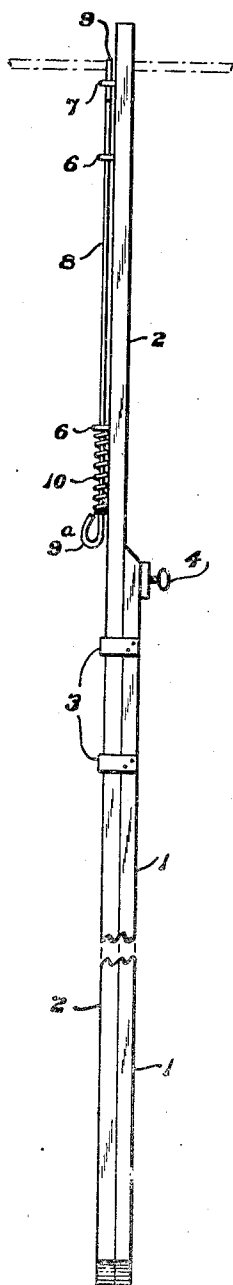


Fig. 2.

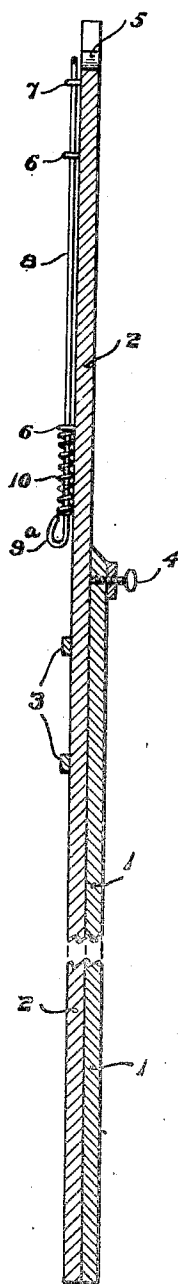


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My present invention has reference to a clothes prop.

My object is to produce both an adjustable clothes prop and means thereon for effectively holding the clothes line in the notched end thereof.

The drawing, which accompanies and forms part of this application, illustrates a satisfactory embodiment of the improvement reduced to practice, and wherein:—

Figure 1—is a front view in elevation of the improvement.

Figure 2—is a side view in elevation of the same.

Figure 3—is a sectional view on the line 2—2 in Figure 1.

As disclosed by the drawing, my prop is made up of any desired number of sections. In the said showing, only two sections are illustrated, the lower section being indicated by the numeral 1 and the upper section 2. The lower section 1 is provided with bands 3 through which the upper section 2 slides, the lower section having adjacent to its upper end a binding element in the nature of a screw 4 designed to contact with the upper section 2 to hold the sections adjusted. The upper section 2 has its outer end provided with a V-shaped notch 5 to receive the clothes line therein. The section 2 is provided with longitudinally spaced staples 6, and a transversely spaced staple 7, the last mentioned staple and one of the staples 6 being arranged upon the opposite sides of the V-shaped notch 5. Received through the aligning staples 6 is a bar 8. The bar has its upper

end bent to provide a hook-like portion 9, and the beak of this hook is designed to be received through the staple 7. The lower end of the rod 8 is provided with a handle portion 9<sup>a</sup> which is of a greater thickness than the rod proper, and disposed around the rod and in contact between the handle 9 and the lowermost staple 6 is a helical spring 10. The spring influences the rod to bring the hooked end thereof through the staple 7 so that a clothes line received in the V-shaped notch 5 will be effectively clamped against the angle walls thereof. To remove the line from the notch, an upward pressure on the handle is exerted, which brings the beak of the hook 9 out of engagement with the staple 7.

Having described the invention, I claim:—  
A clothes prop having a line receiving notch in its upper end, a rod mounted for longitudinal sliding movement upon one face of the prop, a substantially U-shaped hook at the outer end of the rod for engagement over a line when the latter is positioned within the notch, the hook extending inwardly an appreciable distance from the inner end of the notch upon opposite sides of the center of said notch, a staple extending from the face of the prop adjacent to and spaced inwardly from the notch to receive the free end of the hook and hold the latter in position and spring means to resist sliding movement of the rod.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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