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CLOTHES LINE.

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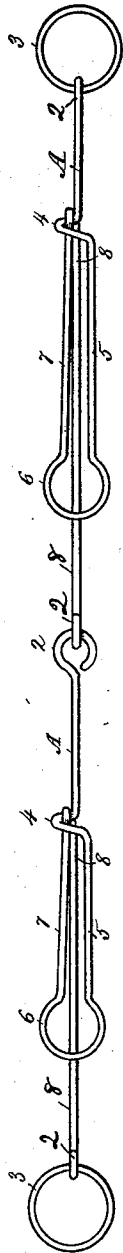


Fig. I.

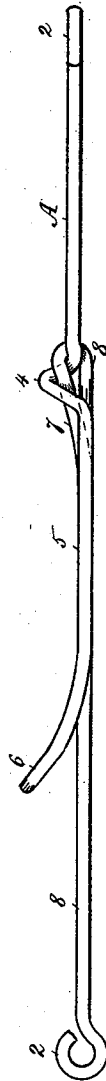


Fig. II.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY J. WENDT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Excello, in the county of Macon and State of Missouri, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Clothes-Lines, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings, in which—

10 Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved metal clothes-line, and Fig. 2 an enlarged side view of one of the sections of the same.

My invention relates to sundry improvements in clothes-lines, and its purpose is to 15 provide an economical, reliable, and durable device composed of a series of sections made of suitable wire, each section being bent and convoluted in such a manner as to form a clamp which readily adjusts itself to clothing 20 of every description without the aid of pins or other separate appliances.

The peculiar construction and advantages of the invention will be apparent by referring to the accompanying drawings. The wire 25 should be galvanized with zinc, or otherwise secured against corrosion in order to protect the clothing from stains or injury produced by rust. The quantity and size of the wire required may be governed by circumstances. 30 In practice it has been found that twenty-four inches of No. 10 wire is a desirable length and size for one section. It is desirable that the sections be arranged in pairs, as shown in Fig. 1, having their inner ends united by 35 eyes 2 and their outer ends to adjoining sections by rings or links 3. By this means the

line may be conveniently folded for storage when not in use.

In forming the clamp the arm 8 of the wire is bent at one end into an eye 2, and then 40 bent backwardly, forming an arm 7, and bent into circular form, forming a loop 6, which is turned or bent outwardly or away from the arm 8, as seen in Fig. 2. The said wire is then extended forwardly, forming an arm 5, 45 and then bent or curved upwardly, forming an arm 4, and then passed between arms 7 and 8 at their junction, and then extended outwardly, forming a horizontal arm A, the end of which is bent into an eye 2. 50

What I claim as new is—

As an improved article, a clothes-line made up of a number of sections each consisting of a horizontal metal arm 8 of wire having one end bent into an eye 2, and said wire bent 55 backwardly forming an arm 7 and bent into a circular form forming a loop 6, which is turned or bent outwardly or away from the arm 8, and said wire then extended forwardly forming an arm 5, and then bent upwardly 60 forming an arm 4, and then passed between arms 7 and 8 at their junction, and then extended outwardly forming a horizontal arm A, having an eye at the end, substantially as described. 65

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand, this 22d day of March, 1895, in the presence of witnesses.

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