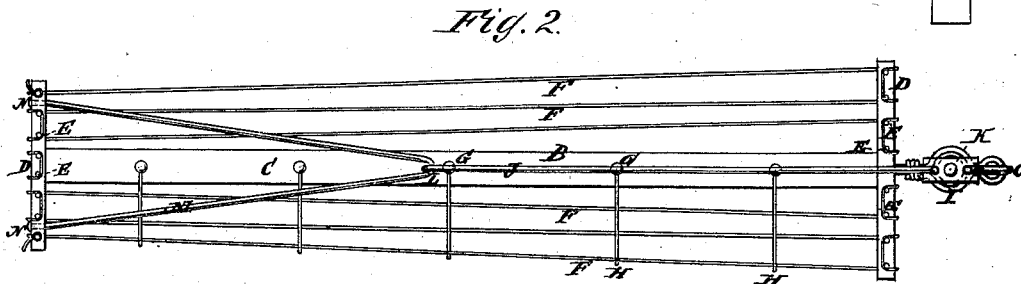
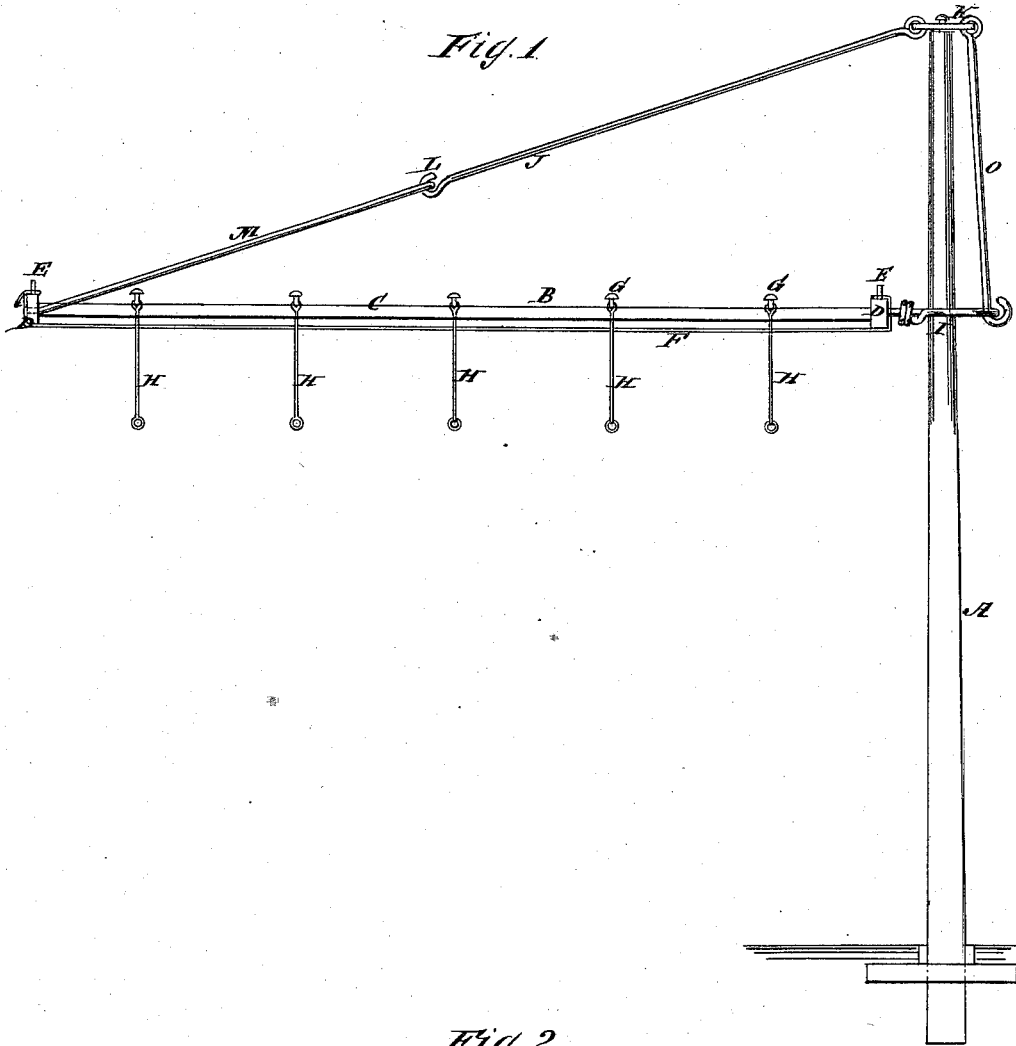


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IMPROVEMENT IN CLOTHES-DRIERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE BENT, of Seneca, in the county of Nemaha and State of Kansas, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Clothes-Driers, of which the following is a specification:

This invention relates to a new and useful improvement in apparatus for drying clothes; and consists in a drying-frame suspended from a fixed post, arranged to be revolved thereon, and constructed substantially as hereinafter described.

Figure 1 is a side elevation. Fig. 2 is a top view.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A is a post or stand fixed permanently in the ground. B is a frame consisting of a central arm, C, and transverse pieces D D, one at each end of the arm. In the top edges of these cross-pieces D D are a series of wires, E, to which the cords or lines on which the clothes are hung are attached, as seen in Fig. 2. These end pieces D D may be of any desired length, so as to accommodate any desired number of lines F. On the upper side of the central arm C are a number of buttons, G, to which cords H are attached. These cords are to support or furl the clothes when taking the frame, with the clothes, from the stand. The frame B is attached to the stand A by the ring I, or by any equivalent device which will allow it to revolve freely on the post, and to be readily detached therefrom. The frame B is supported on the stand A by rods J and O, which extend from the swivel-plate K of the stand to the outer end

of the frame, and from the swivel-plate to the rings I. The rod J is made in two parts, preferably hooked together at L, the lower part M being formed of a double wire, the ends of which are spread, and attached to the ends of the outer cross-bar, as seen at N N. The rod O may be connected with the ring I, or it may be hooked to a double wire, attached to the ends of the inner cross-bar, in a manner similar to the rod J, as described above.

With this arrangement, the drying-frame will freely revolve with the wind, or may be placed or adjusted to take advantage of the sun in drying clothes. The drier can readily be detached from the post with the clothes furled and carried under shelter in case of storm.

This clothes-drier is cheaply made, it is inexpensive, and seems admirably adapted for the purpose for which it is intended.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. The combination of the swinging clothes-frame B, ring I, rods J, M, and O, and swivel-plate, with the post or standard A, all constructed substantially as herein described, for the purpose set forth.

2. The combination of the cords H with the clothes-supporting frame B and cords F, as and for the purpose set forth.

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