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Clothes Line-Holder.

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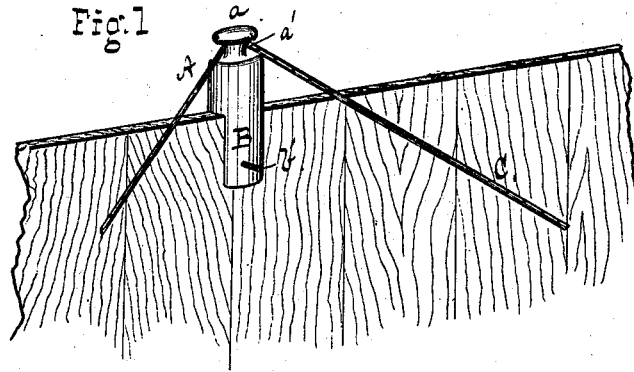
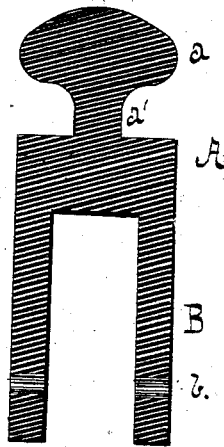


Fig. 2.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN CLOTHES-LINE HOLDERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN W. TURNER, of Baltimore city, State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clothes-Line Holders; and I hereby declare the same to be fully, clearly, and exactly described as follows, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device attached to an ordinary board fence. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of the same.

The object of my invention is to supply a need which has long been felt by housekeepers, and furnish a line-holder simple and cheap in construction, readily applied to and removed from the fence, admitting of the passage of the line around it without chafing, and not liable to rust.

Various forms of devices of this class have been constructed; but they were generally open to one or more of the objections above recited—a statement which is verified by the almost universal use of the primitive nail.

The main desiderata in devices of this class are, that they shall be non-metallic, and that they shall admit of the free passage of the line without clamping it.

Metallic holders are liable to corrode and deposit rust or oxide upon the line, and as the latter is not likely to occupy the same position upon the holder in two successive usings, the part contaminated with rust on the first occasion is liable to come in contact with and mold an article of clothing on the next. That the holder must freely pass the line is necessitated

by the unequal tension caused by rain or wetting, which tension, if the holder clamp the line, is not distributed.

In the accompanying drawings, A represents a peg, preferably turned from some hard wood and slotted centrally, as shown, in order that it may straddle the fence. A head, *a*, is formed on the end of the peg, the neck *a'* being cylindrical and smooth. The sides B are perforated, as shown at *b*, for the insertion of a peg, *b'*, to secure the device in place.

In practice, the peg A is placed upon the fence, and the latter being perforated in the line of the holes *b*, the peg *b'* is inserted and driven home. The line C, being secured to the first holder by two half-hitches or other knot, is led around the other holders and conveniently attached at the other end.

Being constructed entirely of wood, and having a smooth neck, *a'*, for the line, the device fully answers both the desiderata above named.

I am aware that it is not new, broadly, to construct a line-holder adapted to be mounted astride a fence, and such I do not claim.

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

In combination with the holder A, having head *a*, neck *a'*, and perforated legs B, the pin *b*, substantially as set forth.

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