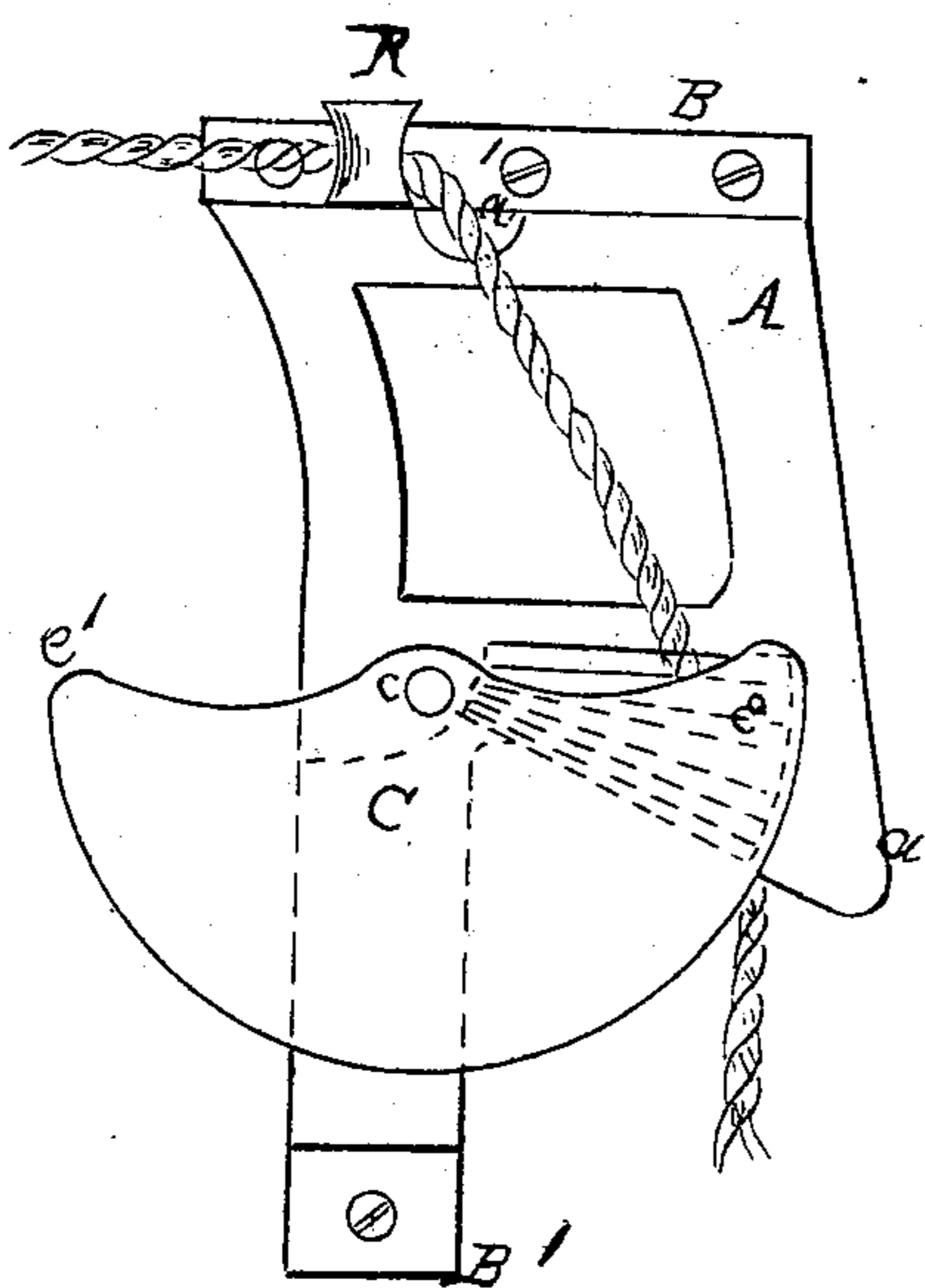


Peter Riordan. Clothes Line Holder.

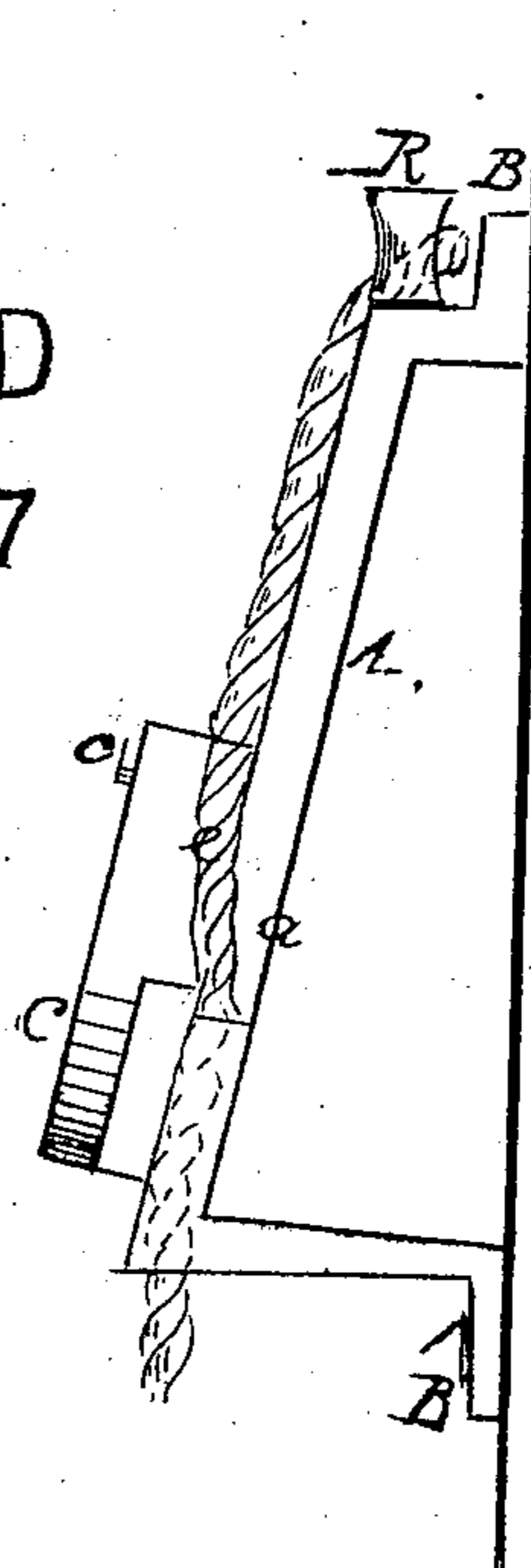
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Fig. 1.



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Fig. 2.



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IMPROVED CLOTHES-LINE HOLDER.

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TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, PETER RIORDAN, of the city and county of Washington, and District of Columbia, have invented a new and improved Clothes-Line Holder; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of my invention, and

Figure 2 is an edge view of the same.

In this invention a neat, cheap, and simple apparatus is employed, by means of which the clothes-line can be readily fastened and unfastened, or tightened and loosened, with the use of one hand, and without tying a knot.

In the drawings, A represents a plate or frame, of the form and dimensions shown in the drawings, in which the flanges B B' are for the purpose of fastening the plate to its support, the lower one being the longer, in order to give the frame a certain degree of inclination from the supporting-wall, whereby the line can be more easily introduced beneath the clamp than if the frame were perpendicular. R is a reel or spool, which may be firmly fixed to the frame, as shown, or may be supported by a spindle, or on a journal, so as to revolve freely around its vertical axis. C is a clamp, consisting of a block, of the form shown in the drawings, pivoted at *c*, and provided at one end with a bevelled and corrugated surface, *e*, and at the other end with a weight, *e'*. The frame A has an ear, *a*, which extends down, so that when the block or clamp C is in a horizontal position, as shown in fig. 1, the corrugated surface *e* of the clamp will cover the lower part of the ear *a*. The surface of the ear is bevelled off, so as to be parallel to the inclined or bevelled surface *e*, and is similarly corrugated. The upper corner of the frame A at *a'*, in a line between the spool R and the ear *a*, is rounded off, to prevent cutting or wearing the line. The corrugations on both the clamp and ear are arranged in a circular position.

When in operation, the line is passed around the spool R, and its end passed down over the face of the frame, and inserted between the corrugated or bevelled surfaces *e* and *a*. The weighted clamp C prevents it from being withdrawn in the direction of the spool, after being once inserted between *e* and *a*. The corrugations on the clamp assist the weight in operating it, and also prevent the rope from slipping.

The operation of the device is exceedingly simple, and can be easily effected with one hand, requiring but a moment's time.

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

The device above described, consisting of the frame A, clamp C, and spool R, when combined, constructed, and operating substantially in the manner as and for the purpose specified.

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