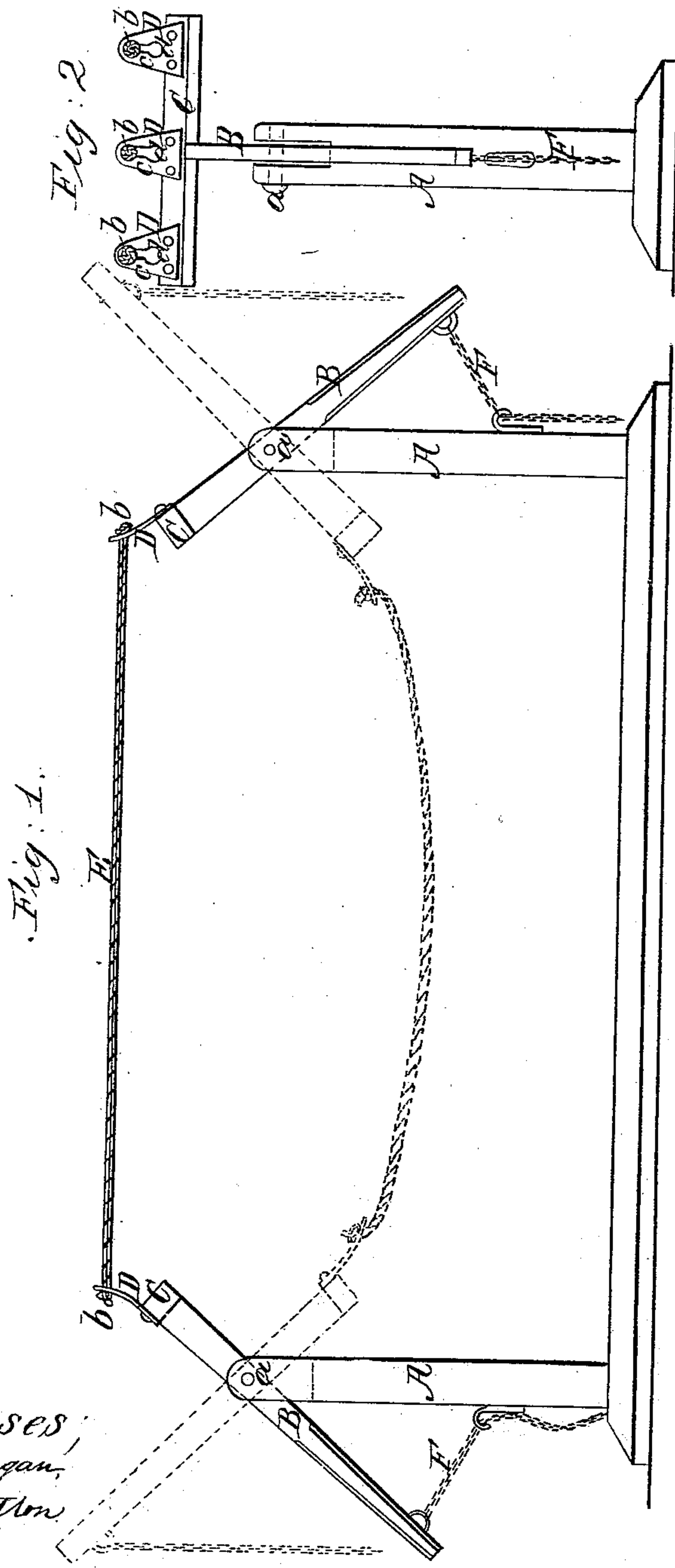


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IMPROVED CLOTHES-DRIER.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. ACKER, of Tarrytown, in the county of Westchester, and State of New York, have invented a new and improved Clothes-Line Frame; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable those skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

This invention relates to a new and improved frame, for the purpose of fastening the clothes-lines thereto, so that they may be drawn to a proper state of tension, when clothes are adjusted upon them, the invention being designed to facilitate the securing of clothes on lines, and also the removal of them therefrom.

In the accompanying sheet of drawings—

Figure 1 is a side view of my invention.

Figure 2, an end view of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A A represent two posts, which are sunk into the earth, at a suitable distance apart, and

B B are two levers, which are secured, by fulcrum-pins *a*, in the upper ends of the posts, one lever being in each post.

The upper end of each lever B has a cross-bar, C, attached, to which one or more slotted plates D are secured, about at equal distances apart.

These plates receive and hold the ends of the clothes-lines E, which have a knot, *b*, made on each end.

The slots *c* in the plates D have their lower ends enlarged, as shown at *d*, so that the knots may pass

through them, the upper parts of the slots being too narrow to admit of the knots passing through.

By this means, the lines E are secured to the bars C of the levers B, and this may be readily done when the levers are loose or disengaged, so that their upper ends may be drawn down. When the lines are thus attached to the loose or disengaged levers, the former are quite slack, and suspended low, so that the clothes may be readily secured upon them, and, when this is done, the lower ends of the levers are drawn down, and secured by chains F, or any equivalent fastening, to the posts A. As the lower ends of the levers are drawn down, the upper ends of course rise, and elevate and draw the lines E taut.

In order to remove the clothes from the lines, the lower ends of the levers are disengaged, and the lines immediately sag or descend, so as to be within convenient reach, and the clothes may readily be removed or detached from the lines.

I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The levers B, pivoted to the upright posts A, and provided, at their upper ends, with the cross-bars C, carrying the slotted plates D, and, at their lower ends, with the chains F, all operating as described, whereby a series of parallel clothes-lines is adapted to be raised, lowered, and tightened between the posts, at the same time preserving their parallelism, as herein shown and described.

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