

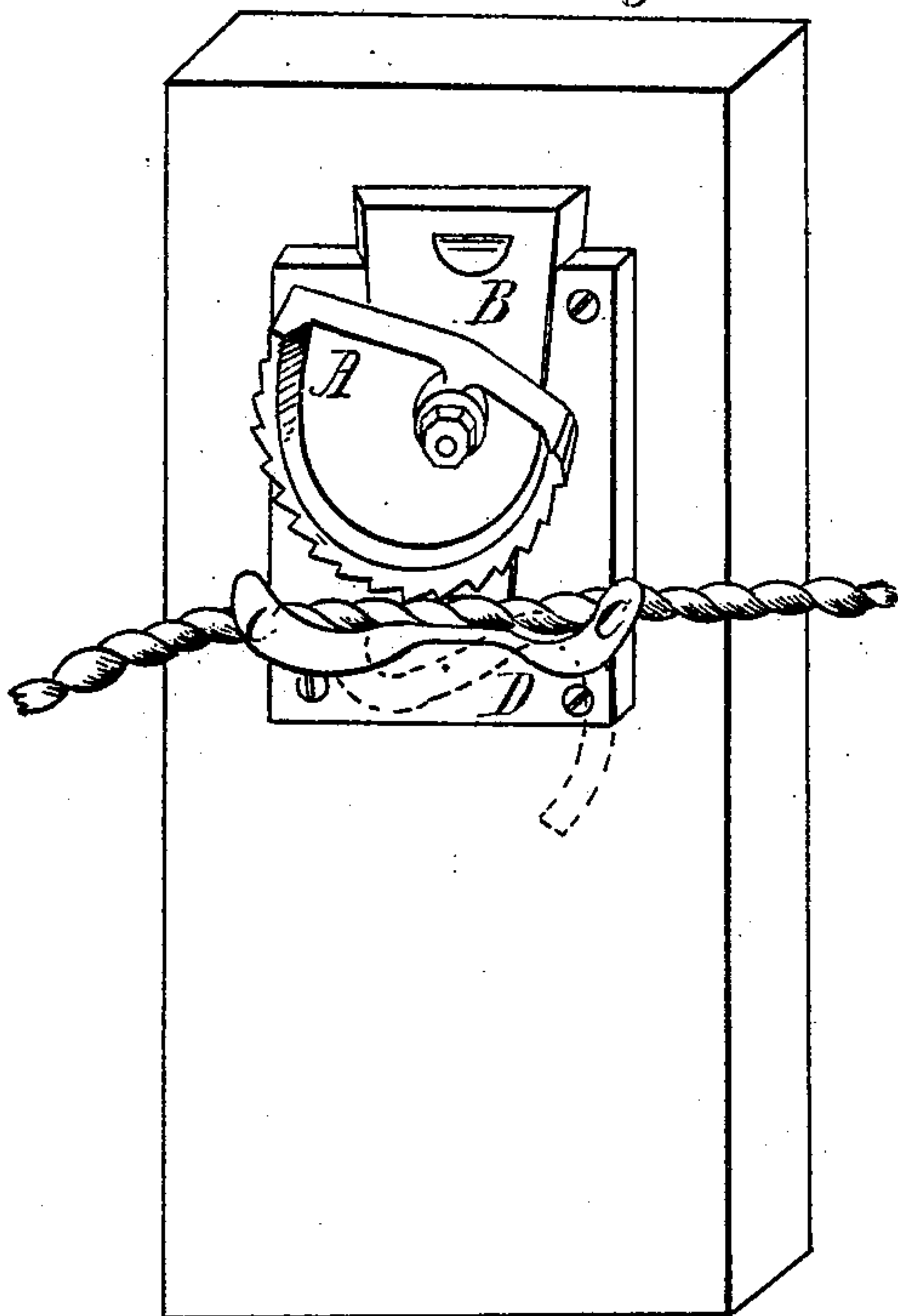
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*Clothes Line Fastener.*

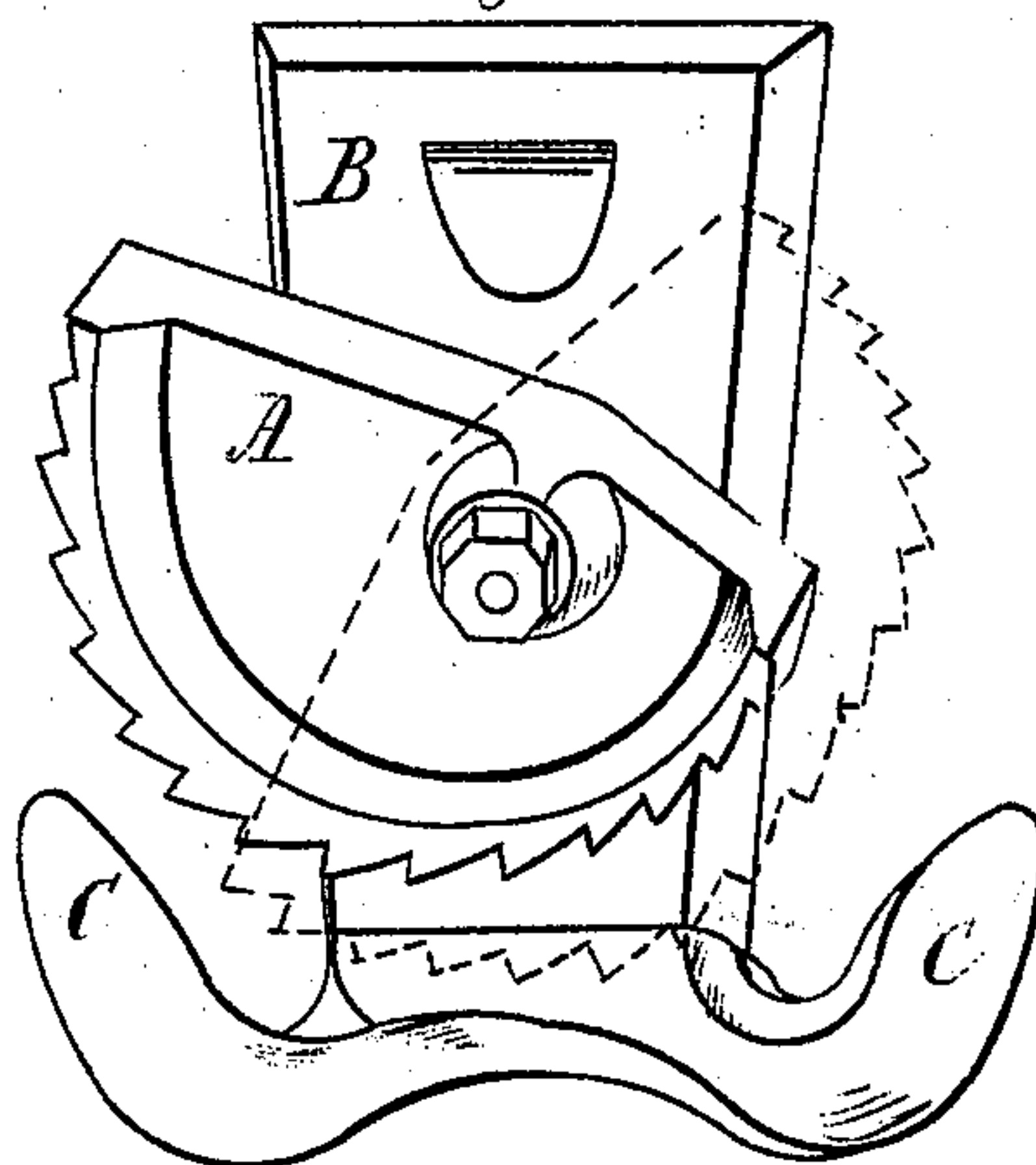
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*Fig. 1*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVED CLOTHES-LINE HOLDER.

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

I, HAMILTON BROWNE, of Des Moines, in the county of Polk and State of Iowa, have invented certain Improvements in Clothes-line Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists of a peculiarly shaped eccentric, pivoted to a movable slide having horns at its bottom end, and a base which has a slot corresponding with the slide, and which base may be permanently attached to a wall or pole, together forming a complete movable holder adapted to hold a line or strap of any size.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my movable eccentric clothes-line holder secured to a block, ready for use, holding a rope.

A is the pivoted eccentric, having a common serrated or toothed edge to take hold on the rope. The circumference of this eccentric runs toward the center, and, by this peculiarity, is adapted or graduated to hold an inch rope or a small line equally well. A rivet, a bolt, or a socket-hinge, may be used to pivot the eccentric to the movable slide.

B is a movable slide with horns or projections at the lower end.

C C, the horns or projections, cast solid with the slide.

These horns or projections may vary in form, and are intended to provide a base or rest, upon which the line can be clamped by the pivoted eccentric.

The dotted lines show how the rope may be taken around the horns in order that it can be stretched at a right angle from the holder.

D is the base, secured to a wooden block. It is cast solid, and may vary in form. The slot is intended as a socket to hold the movable slide, and may be shaped in various ways.

The rope is under the eccentric, and by pulling on it from the left to the right, it will cause the eccentric to fasten on it and hold it immovably. By pulling the opposite way it is released.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the holder removed from the base D.

The position of the eccentric A shows the vacant space for a full sized clothes-line.

The dotted lines show how its position may be changed and adapted to hold a fine twine.

My holder may be cast of any kind of metal, and of various sizes, and may be used for holding ropes and lines and straps for various purposes.

I am aware that an eccentric is a common mechanical appliance, but the peculiar form which I use, combined with the movable slide and horns, is new.

### *Claim.*

I claim as my invention—

The eccentric A, the movable slide B, and the horns C C, all made, combined, and operated substantially as described, and for the purposes specified.

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