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Clothes-Line Fasteners.

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Fig. 1.

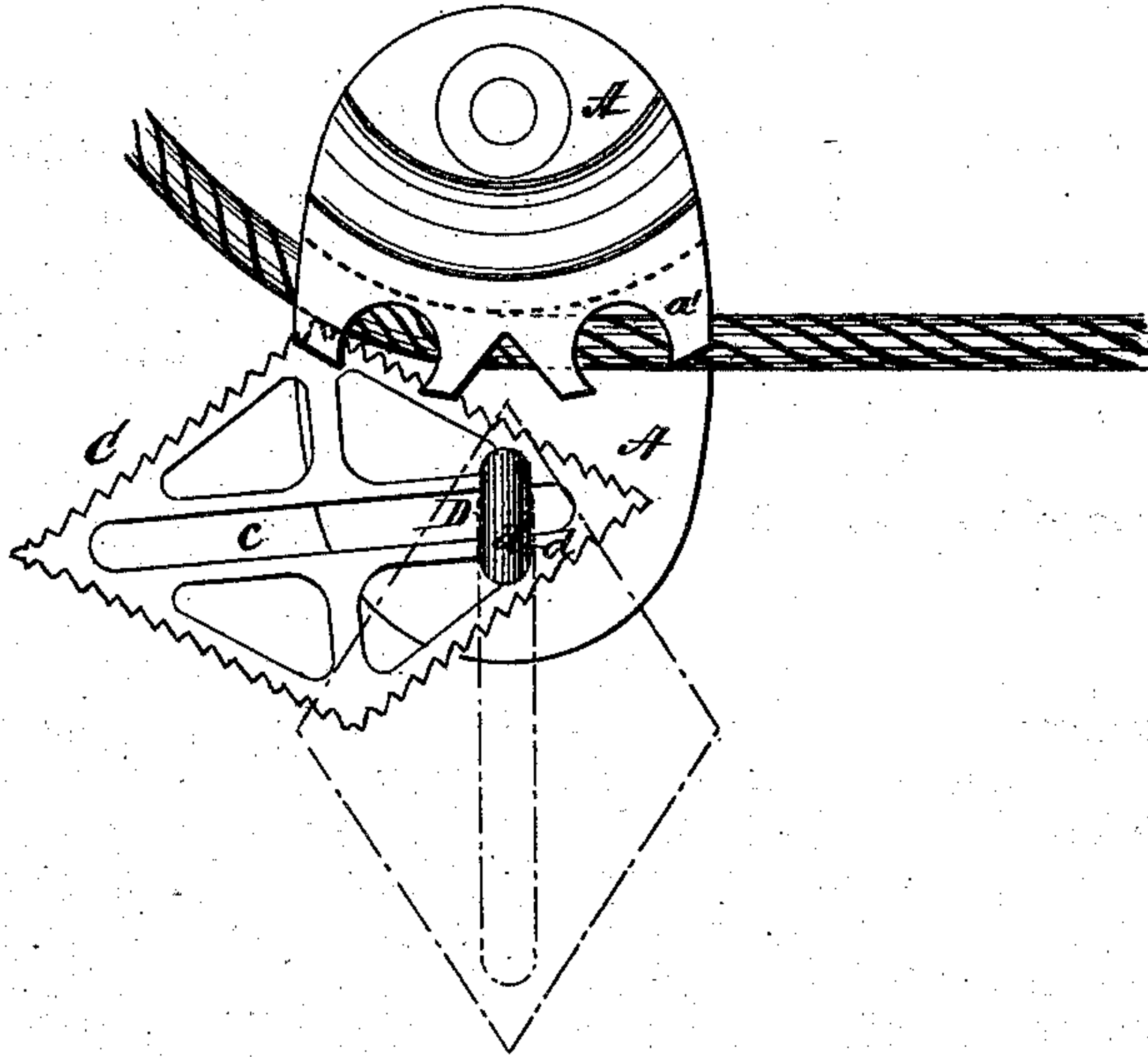
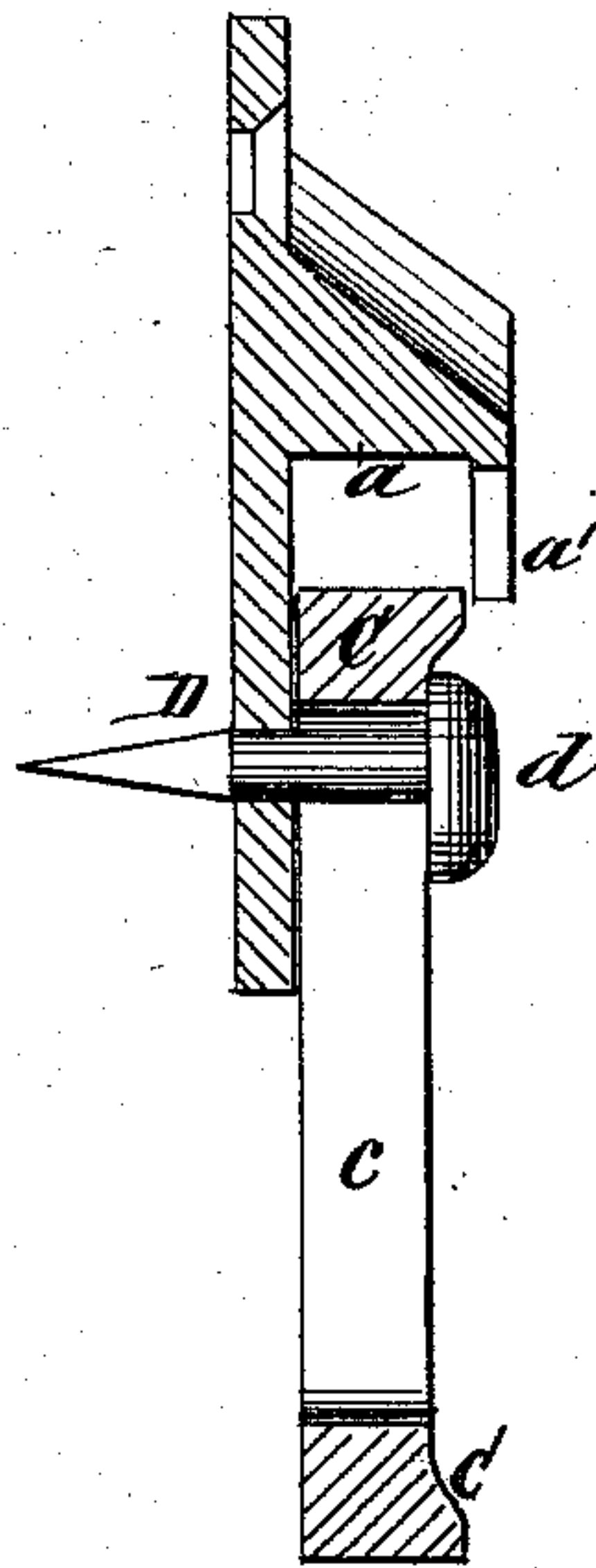


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CLOTHES-LINE FASTENERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH HILL, of the city and county of Wabash and State of Indiana, have invented a new and Improved Clothes-Line Fastener; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side, and Fig. 2 a sectional, elevation.

The invention relates to devices for holding clothes-lines to fences, palings, posts, or buildings; and consists in the improvement hereinafter described and subsequently claimed.

A represents an apertured plate, which may be fastened by a nail or screw and provided with the preferably, although not necessarily, arc-shaped projection *a*, having flange *a'* parallel to plate. This forms a groove with a projecting surface in the middle. C is a lock, provided with an edge, serrated and curved or angular. It has a diagonal slot, *c*, in which is located the shank and over the sides of which project the ends of the oblong head *d* of bolt D. The lock-piece C can thus be easily removed by bringing the slot *c* in line with the largest

axis of head *d*, or may be drawn back on the bolt and reversed, so as to be used with a rope stretched in an opposite direction. The rope is placed in groove formed by plate A, projection *a*, and flange *a'*, the lock hanging on the bolt with its slot in a downward vertical position. This lock is then turned on the side opposite the direction in which the rope is to be pulled and brought with its serrated edge into contact with the rope, which, being pulled or stretched, increases the bite of the lock-piece so as to hold it firmly and securely.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is—

The combination, with a plate having projections *a* and flange *a'*, of the lock-piece C, having a diagonal slot, *c*, and a bolt, D, having the oblong head *d*, as shown and described, for the purpose specified.

The above specification of my invention signed by me this 1st day of August, A. D. 1874.

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