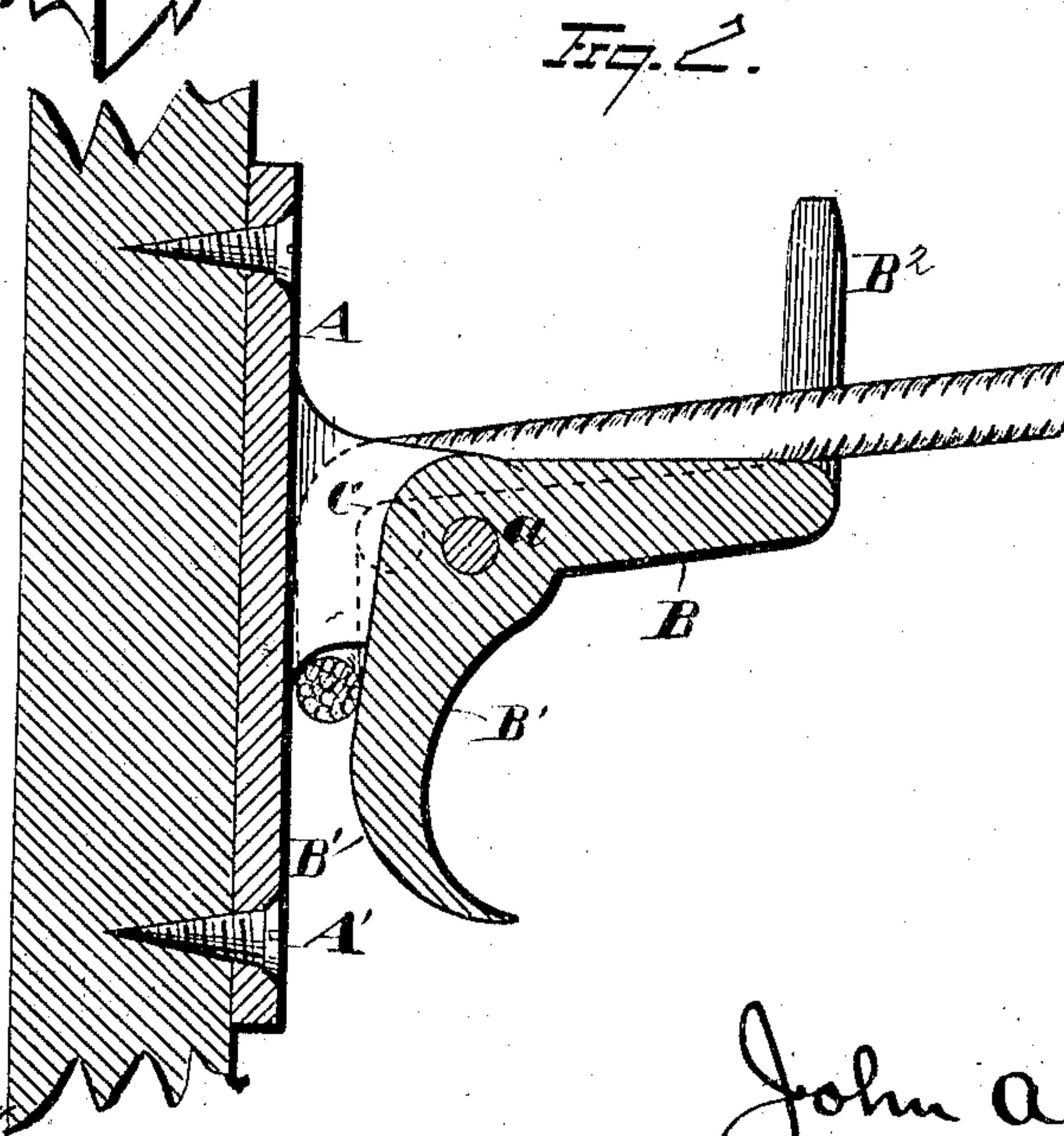
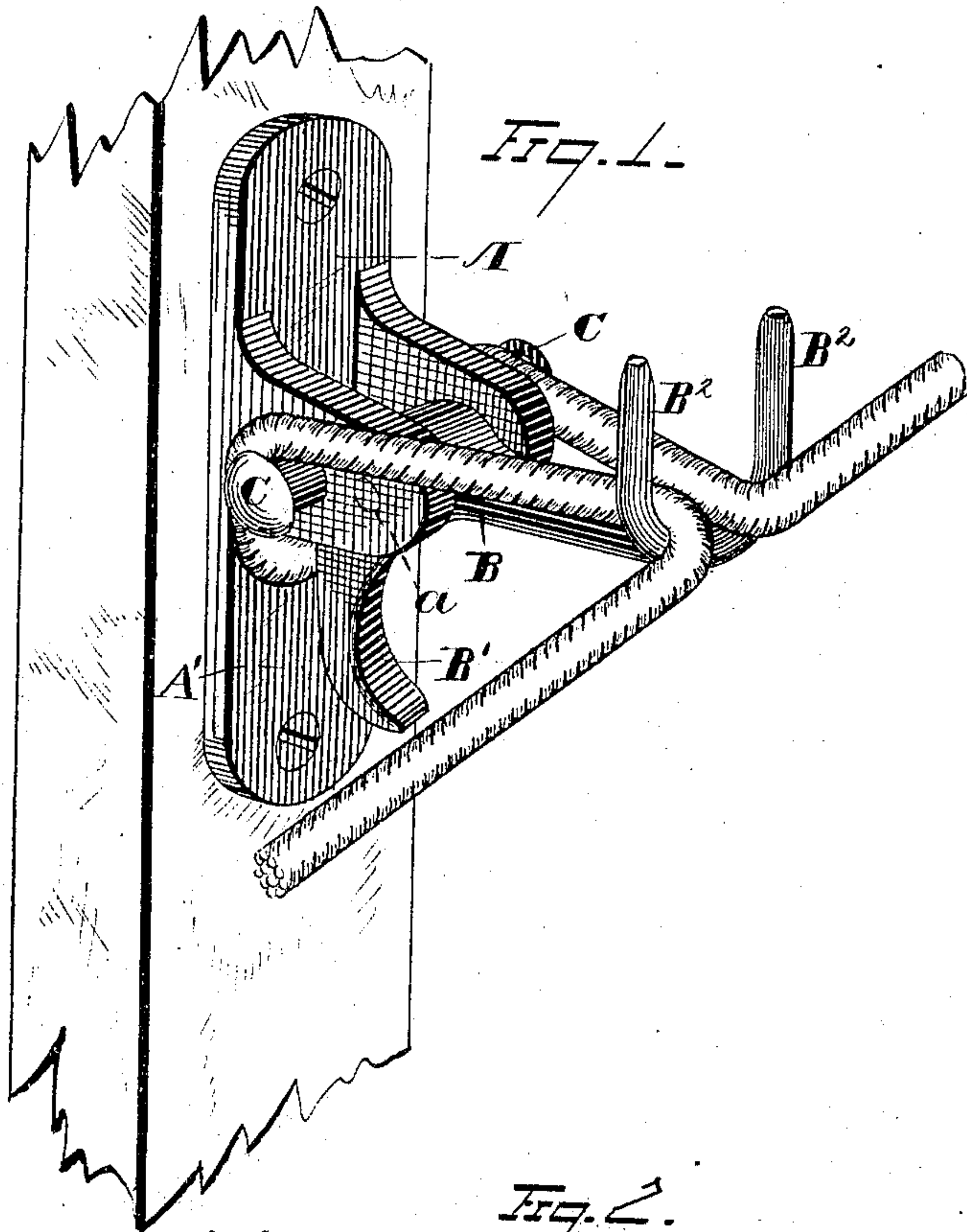


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IMPROVEMENT IN CLOTHES-LINE HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN A. WORLEY, of Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clothes-Line Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to a new and useful improvement in clothes-line fasteners; and consists in certain details of construction, as will hereinafter be described, and pointed out in the claim.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a device embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal central section of the same.

A is a suitable frame, preferably of metal. B is a lever, pivoted at *a* to the frame A. The lever B is hook-shaped at its lower end, at B¹, or otherwise so shaped as to readily permit of the loop of the rope being passed beneath it. Its other end, B², is formed into a fork shape. The frame A has a projection, A', extending down behind the end B¹ of the lever, between which and the portion B¹ of the lever the line may be gripped. C C are studs, which serve as a belaying-pin or cleat, to effect a better gripe upon the line.

These studs may or may not be used; but I deem it preferable to employ them, in order

that the loop may be directed well up into the angle between the lever and the frame A.

The operation of the device is very simple. A portion of the line extending between the two hands is pushed up under the portion B¹ of the lever. The adjacent portions upon each side are then passed upward back of the studs C and out through the fork B². It is now apparent that whatever strain exists upon the line will, by forcing the forked end B² of the lever out around the pivot *a*, cause the end B¹ of the lever to gripe upon the cord beneath it, and thus there is effected a union which will prevent the line from slipping, while it is capable of ready disengagement when desired. It is also apparent that this fastening may be effected at any point upon the line without requiring an end of the line. So, also, if either end of the line should become slack, or even unfastened, this fastening will still maintain and prevent any slipping of the rope through it. It is therefore equally well adapted for securing the end of the line.

What I claim is—

The clothes-line holder consisting of the combination, with the frame A, of the levers B B¹ B² and the studs C, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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