

(No Model.)

T. McCOY.
CLOTHES LINE FASTENER.

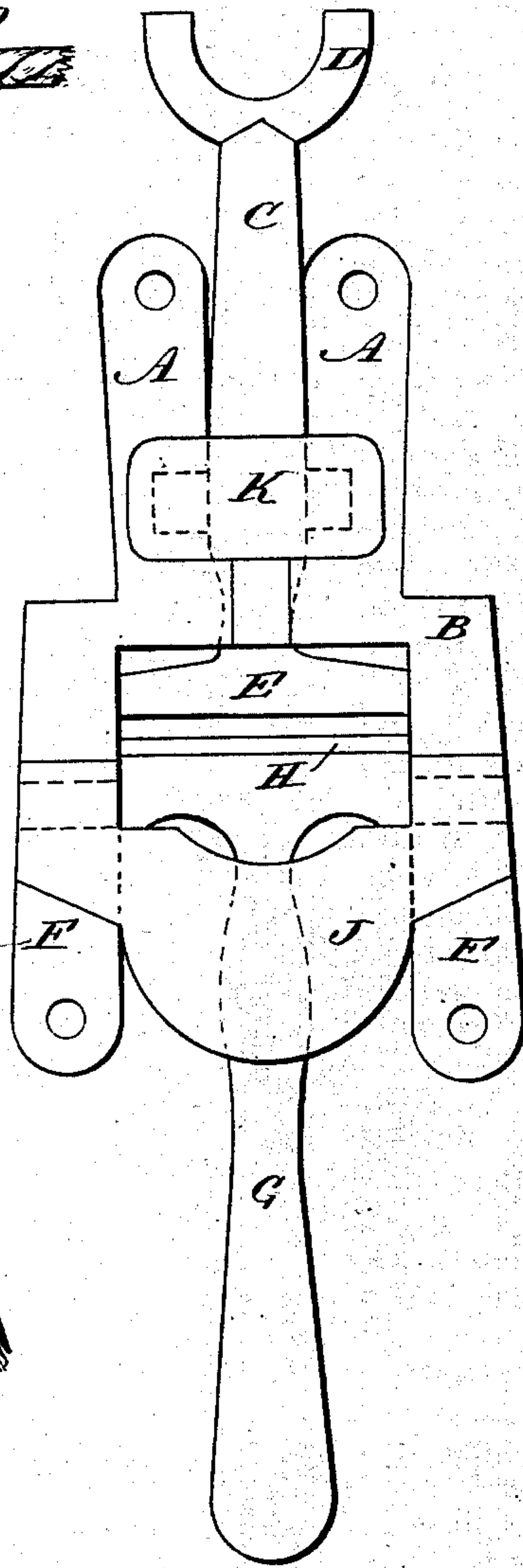
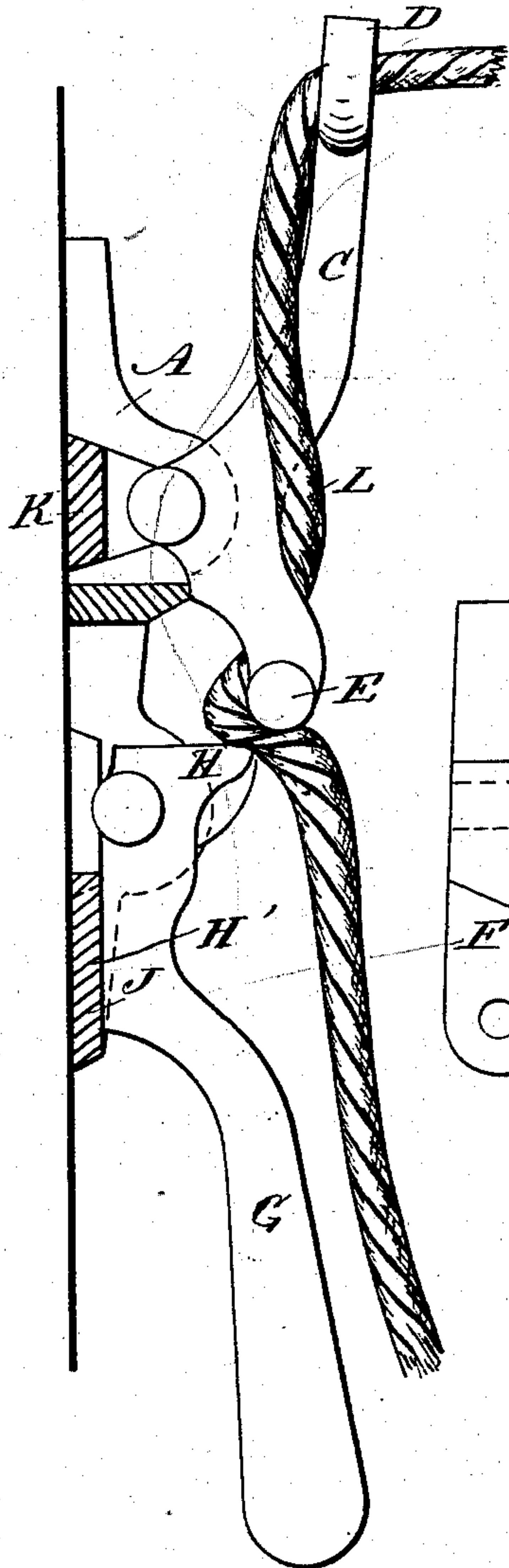
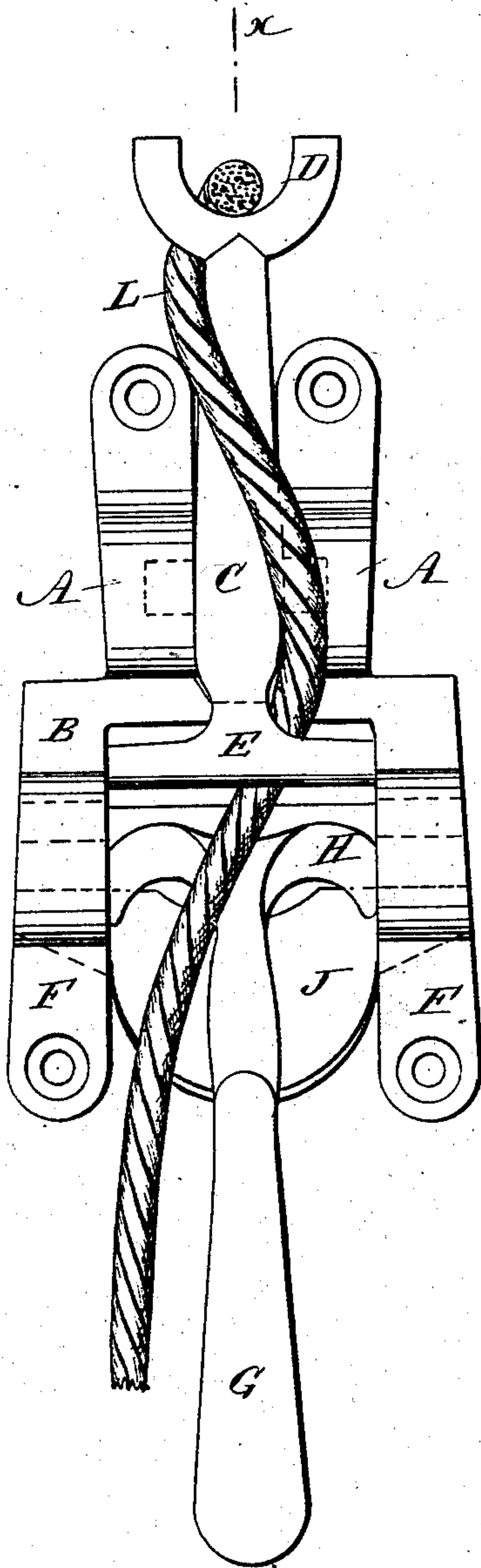
No. 315,312.

Patented Apr. 7, 1885.

Fig. 1

Fig. 2

Fig. 3



WITNESSES:

C. Newell
C. Sedgwick

INVENTOR:

T. McCoy
BY *Munn & Co*
ATTORNEYS.

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

THOMAS McCOY, OF LAWRENCE, KANSAS.

CLOTHES-LINE FASTENER.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 315,312, dated April 7, 1885.

Application filed November 20, 1883. (No model.)

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS McCOY, of Lawrence, in the county of Douglas and State of Kansas, have invented a new and Improved
5 Clothes-Line Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to provide a new and improved device for holding a clothes-line firmly and securely.

10 The invention consists in a clothes-line fastener formed of a pivoted lever with a fork at its upper end and a cross-piece at its lower end, which lever is combined with another pivoted lever having a cross-piece at its up-
15 per end, between which cross-pieces the rope is clamped after having been passed over the fork on the upper end of the lever.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate
20 corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a face view of my improved clothes-line holder. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional elevation of the same on the line *x x*,
25 Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a rear view of the same.

Between the two jaws A, formed on a forked plate, B, a lever, C, is pivoted, which is provided at its upper end with a fork, D, and its lower end with a cross-piece, E, the said lever being pivoted at about one-third of its
30 length from the lower end, and being bent outward from the pivot toward both ends. A bearing-plate, K, on which the pivot of the lever C can turn, is held under the same and under the plate B, as shown. On the lower part of
35 the plate B two downwardly-projecting fork-prongs, F, are formed, and rest against the wall, standard, &c., to which the plate B is fastened, between which prongs a lever, G, is
40 pivoted, which is provided at its pivoted upper end with an outwardly-projecting cross-piece, H. The lever G is provided with a straight part, H', adapted to rest on a plate, J, held between the prongs F. When the lever G hangs down, the free edge of the cross-
45 piece will be adjoining the cross-piece E.

The rope is adjusted in the following manner: The free end of the rope L is passed over the fork D from the front toward the rear side, then over the front of the lever C and under
50 the cross-piece E, the lever G being raised. The rope is then drawn taut, and the lever G is swung down, as shown, thereby clamping the rope between the cross-pieces E and H, whereby the rope will be held securely. If
55 the rope is to be slackened, the lever G is swung upward, thus permitting the rope to be drawn from between the cross-pieces E and H. As the upper arm of the lever C is longer than the lower arm, the arm-piece E at the
60 lower end of the lever C will be pressed against the rope K with great force, and thus the rope will be clamped securely between the cross-pieces E and H, the lever G bearing by its straight part H' upon the plate J.
65

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

1. A clothes-line or rope holder made substantially as herein shown and described, and
70 consisting of a pivoted lever provided at the upper end with a fork or loop, through which the rope can be passed, and at its lower end with a cross-piece, combined with a lever provided at its upper end with a cross-piece,
75 between which two cross-pieces the rope is jammed or clamped, and an attaching-plate, as set forth.

2. In a rope-holder, the combination, with the plate B, of the lever C, provided at its upper
80 end with a fork, D, and at its lower end with a cross-piece, E, which lever is pivoted on the plate B near the lower end of the said lever, and of the lever G, pivoted to the plate B, and provided at its upper end with a cross-piece,
85 H, substantially as herein shown and described.

THOMAS McCOY.

Witnesses:

FRANK R. PATTEN,
WILLIAM C. AMISH.