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Fig. 1.

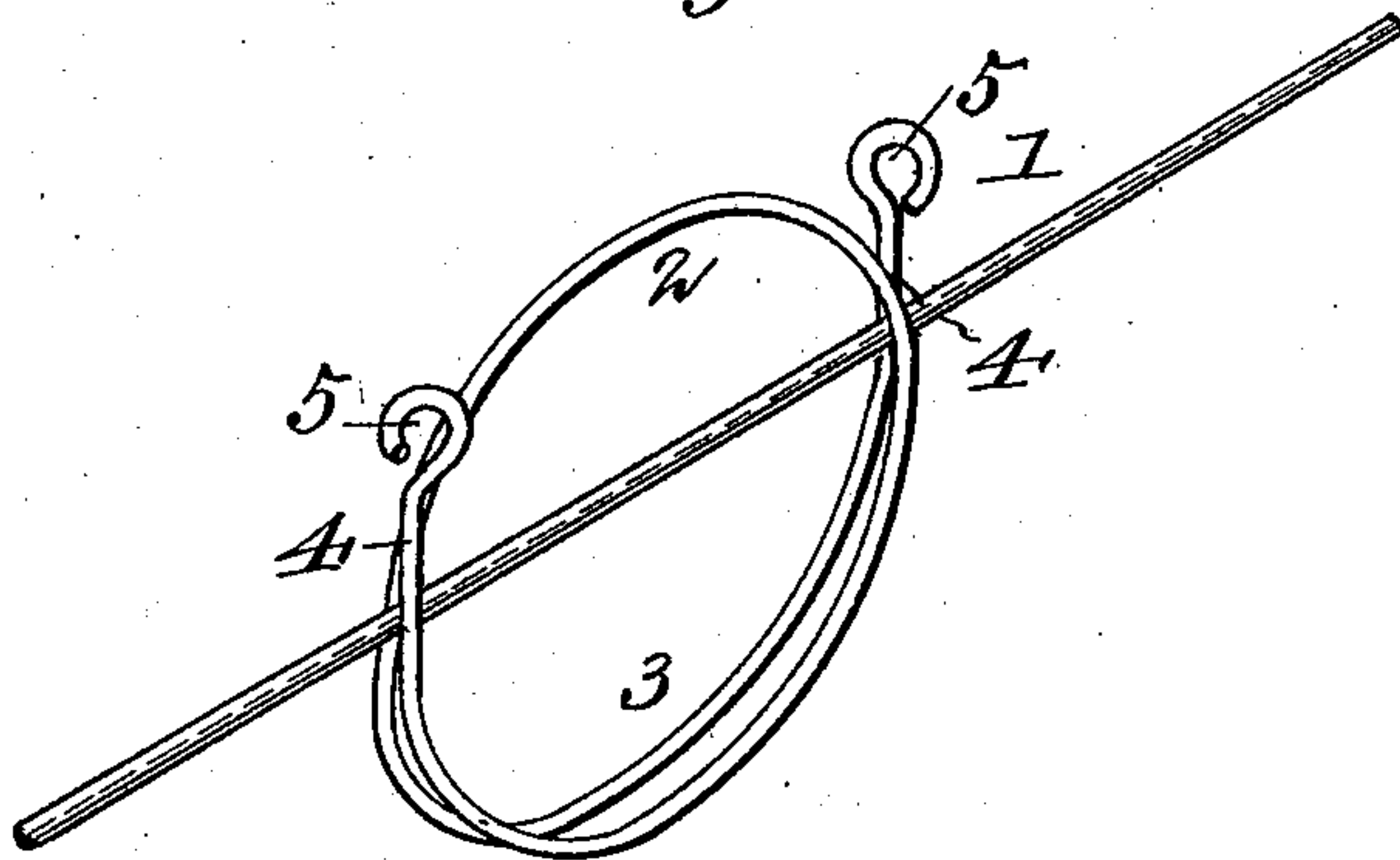
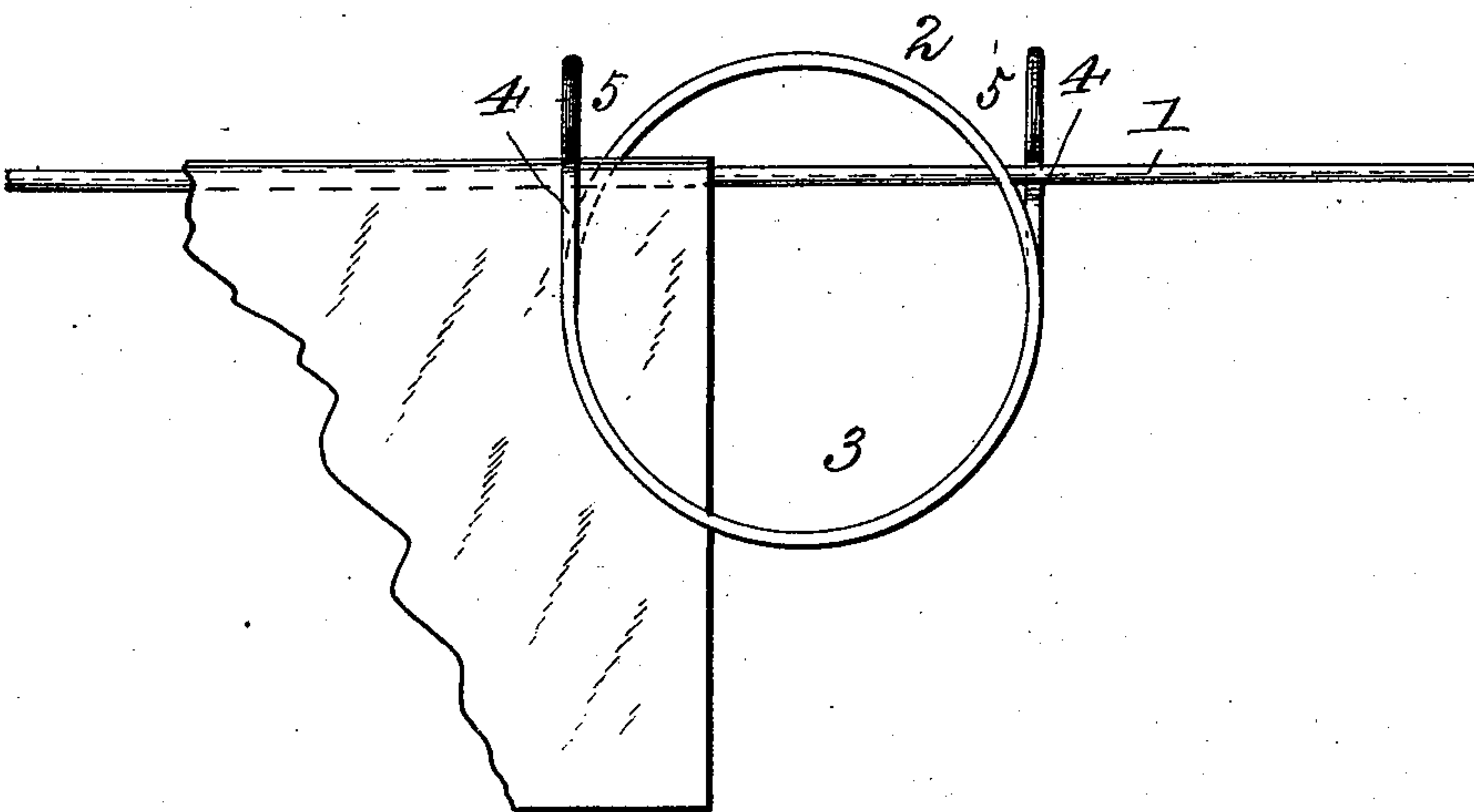


Fig. 2.



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## CLOTHES-PIN.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM M. FITZWATER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Christiansburg, in the county of Montgomery and State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Clothes-Line and Clothes-Pin; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in clothes-pins or devices for fastening clothes to a clothes-line, and its object is to provide an improved metallic spring-fastener which shall possess superior advantages with respect to efficiency in use.

The invention consists in the novel construction and combination of parts hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a clothes-line with my improved fastener applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a side elevation showing the device as it appears in use in holding an article on a line.

In the said drawings, the reference-numeral 1 designates a clothes-line consisting of a stiff or stout piece of wire with the ends secured to fence-posts (not shown) or other suitable objects, as usual.

The numeral 2 designates the fastener, consisting of a piece of spring-wire of suitable length bent into a circular loop 3, the ends crossing each other and then extended tangentially outward, forming two parallel arms 4, the ends of which are bent into small loops 5.

In practice the fastener is intended to be permanently attached to the line and sold

with it, the construction being such that when sprung upon the line there will be no danger of accidental disengagement.

It will be seen by reference to Fig. 1 that when the fastener is attached to the line the latter will pass between the loop and be clamped between the same and the arms 4, which extend down on opposite sides of the line, and the loops at the ends of said arms, engaging with the line, prevent the fastener from being pulled off the latter, yet allowing it to swing and move laterally thereon.

To attach an article to the line, it is thrown over the same and the folded edges pressed between one of the arms and the loop, and will be clamped therebetween, or the article can be passed between the loop and arm without throwing or folding it over the line.

The device can be cheaply manufactured and, being permanently secured to the line, there is no danger of its being lost. It can be slipped along the line to accommodate it to different articles, and will be found very convenient and efficient in use.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim is—

The combination with a clothes-line of the pin consisting of a single piece of wire bent into circular form with its ends crossing each other and then extended tangentially outward forming two upwardly-extending parallel arms, the extremities of which are bent into eyes or loops engaging with the line to prevent the pin being pulled off the same, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereunto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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