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Fig. 1.

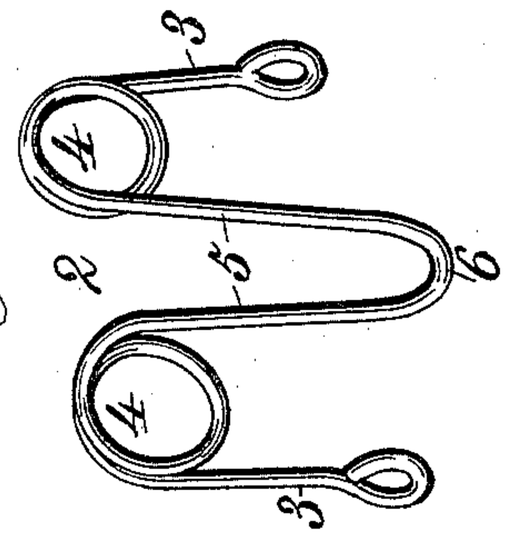
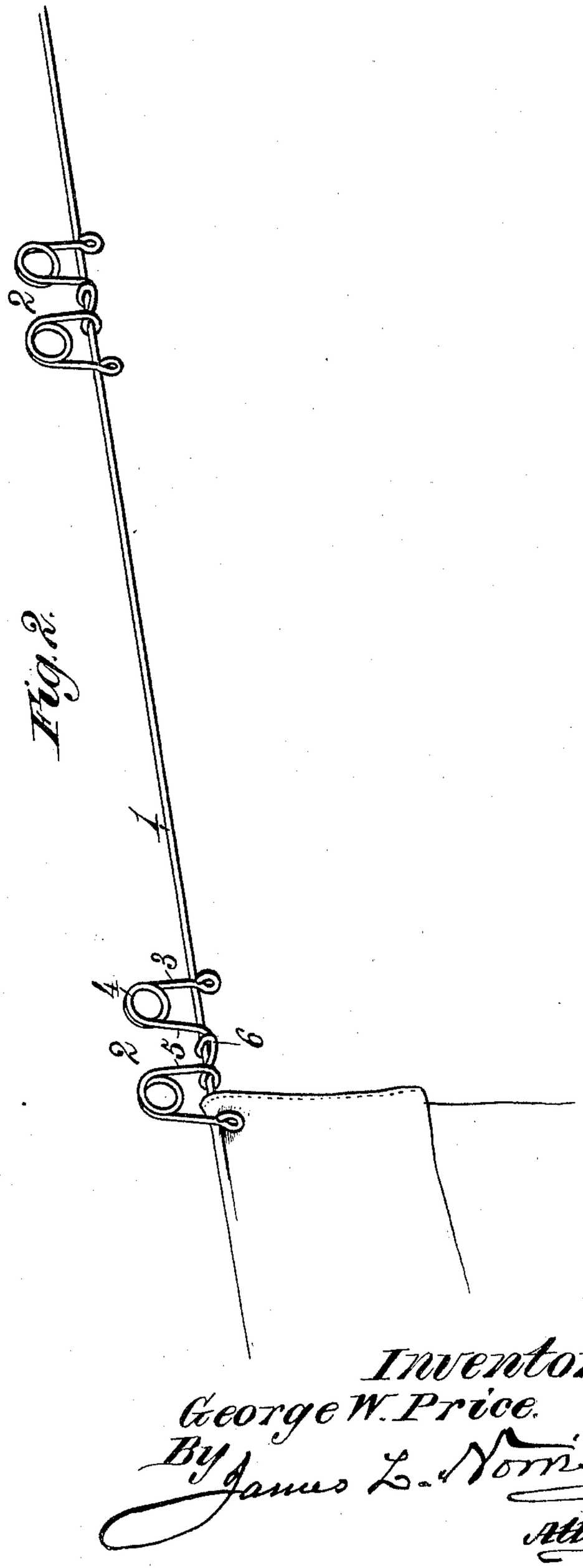


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. PRICE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Taylorsville, in the county of Alexander and State of North Carolina, have invented new and useful Improvements in Devices for Hanging Clothes or Like Articles on Lines, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in devices for hanging clothes or like articles on a line, and has for its object to provide a fastening device of novel construction which will suspend the article of clothing without pinching, as in the use of ordinary wooden clothes-pins, which is adapted to be detachably secured to a line, preferably of wire, in such manner that it may be moved on said line to different points, as may be desired, and which is adapted also to turn or swing upon the line and be readily detached therefrom when necessary or desirable. The capacity of the fastening device to swing or turn upon the wire when the clothing is suspended thereby is of considerable importance in the event of a high wind, since the fastening device will turn or swing with the article of clothing suspended thereby, thus avoiding danger of tearing, which often occurs where the article is suspended by a practically rigid pin or fastening device.

To these ends the invention consists in a device for suspending or hanging clothes upon a line constructed as hereinafter set forth and claimed, reference being made to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the fastening device complete before being applied to the line. Fig. 2 illustrates two of the devices applied to the line, one of said devices suspending an article of clothing.

In the said drawings the reference-numeral 1 indicates a clothes or other like line, which is preferably of wire.

2 illustrates my improved fastening device. This fastening device is constructed of a single piece of wire having outer and opposite depending legs 3, which when the device is strung upon the wire yieldingly hug or bear against said wire, so as to support or hang an article of clothing with sufficient security. The upper extremities of these legs 3 are coiled, as at 4, and after forming the coil the wire of which the device is formed is carried downward into intermediate parallel arms 5, joined together at their lower extremities by the continuous wire, as at 6.

The completed fastening device as thus described is illustrated in Fig. 1 of the drawings. The manner of attaching the same to the wire, as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings, is as follows: The bend 6, joining the lower extremities of the parallel arms 5, is turned over upon the wire, as illustrated, and thus in a very simple manner the device is strung upon the line. The engagement of the bend 6 is such that the fastening device 2 may be slid or moved upon the wire to different points, as occasion may require, and at the same time permit of the device turning or swinging or having a partial rotation upon the wire.

It will be seen that the coils 4 at the upper extremities of the outer legs 3 hold the latter in substantial contact with the line, so that the article is suitably supported.

The capacity of the device for rotating or swinging upon the line is of material advantage and importance, since when clothing is hung upon a clothes-line by an ordinary wooden clothes-pin in a high wind there is great danger of the clothing becoming torn, since the pin is not adapted to accommodate itself to the conditions, whereas by my invention I have provided a novel fastening device which in a high wind with clothing supported on the line swings or turns upon the line together with the clothing, thus avoiding liability of tearing the latter. The construction of the fastening device by which it is readily secured upon and may be readily removed from the line is also of importance and advantage. It will be understood that the wire of which the device is constructed may be sufficiently soft to permit the bent portion 6 being turned over upon the wire to secure the device thereon or bent back to remove it therefrom by the fingers. The device, however, may be made of wire which may not readily be capable of being thus manipulated, in which case a suitable instrument can be used for the operation.

In hanging clothing or other articles by means of my improved device the yielding legs 3 are pressed with the fingers away from

the line, when the article to be hung is folded over the line and the yielding legs allowed to spring back to engage and support the article.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

The herein-described device for fastening articles on a line, which consists of a single piece of wire provided with legs depending from spring-coils formed at their upper ends, and intermediate arms depending from said coils and joined together at their lower extremities by a bend which is capable of being turned over the line to string the device thereon in such manner that said device is capable of being moved thereon to different points, of turning and swinging thereon and being readily removed therefrom, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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