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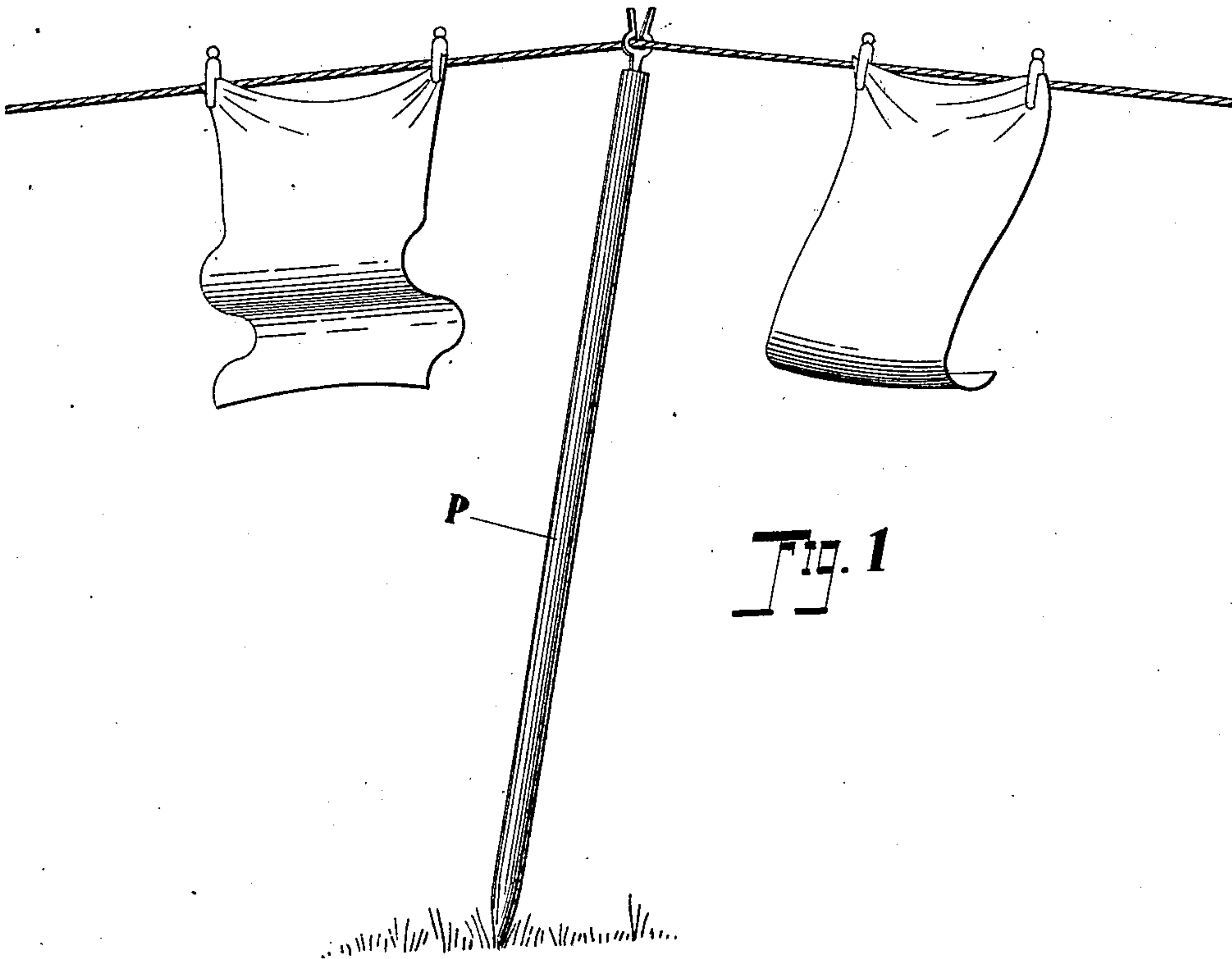


Fig. 1

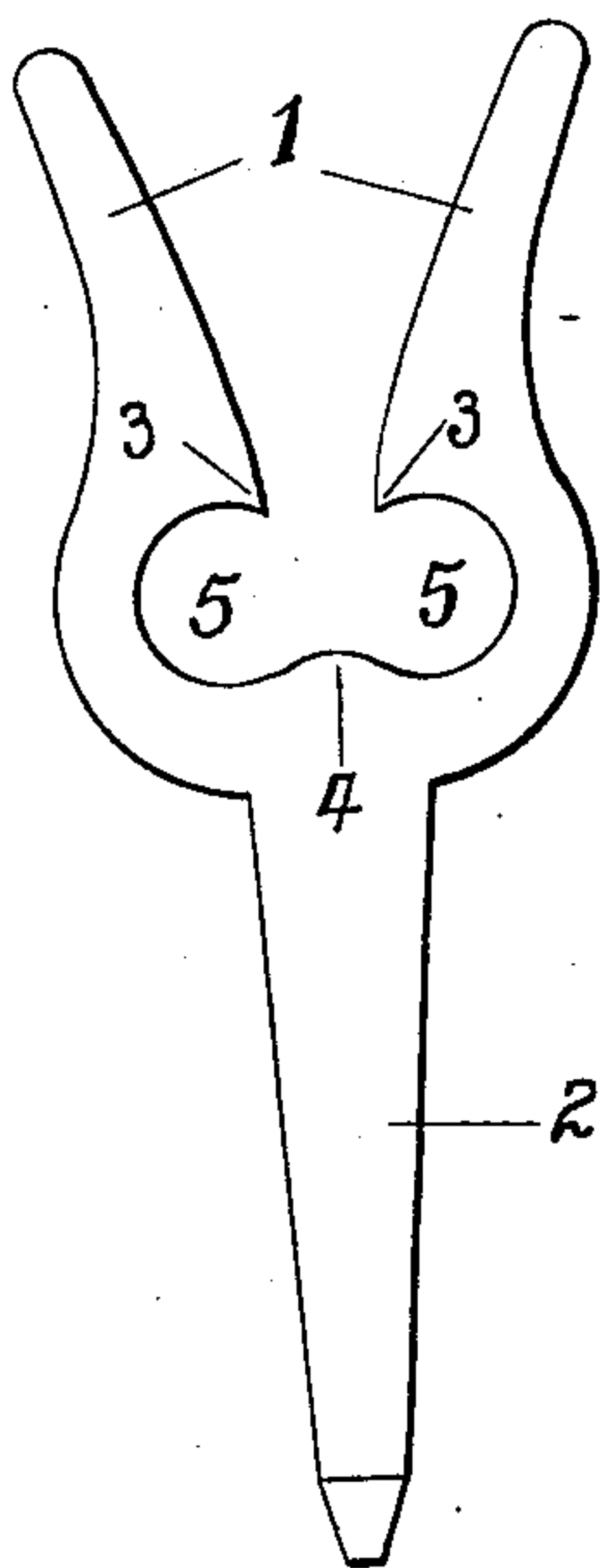


Fig. 2

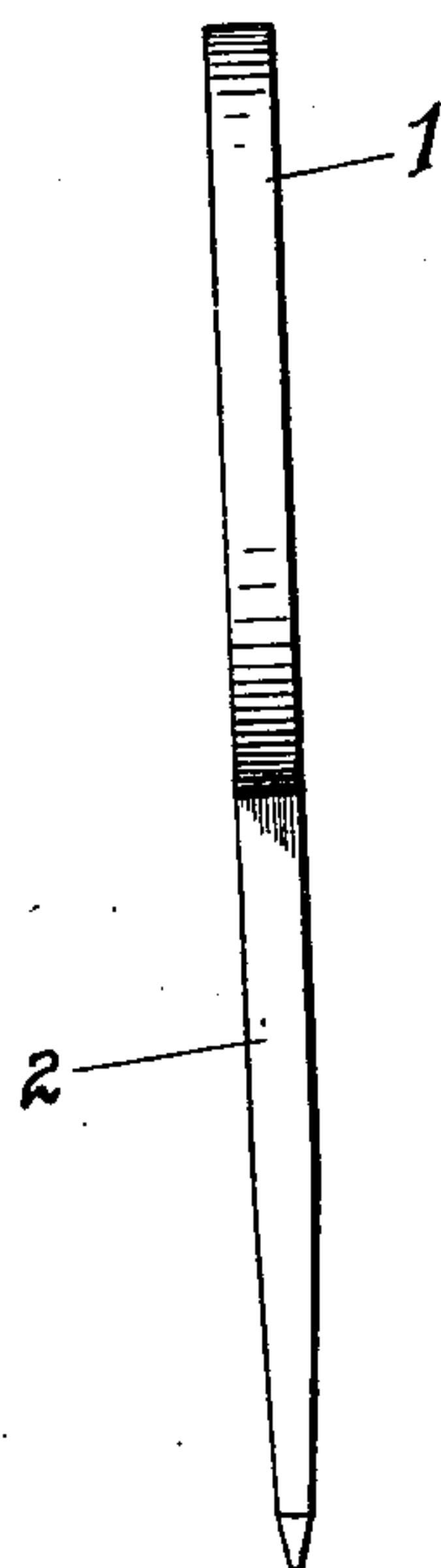


Fig. 3

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CLOTHES-LINE POLE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES B. ST. CLAIR, a citizen of the United States, residing at East St. Louis, in the county of St. Clair and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clothes-Line Poles, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

My invention has relation to improvements in clothes-line poles; and it consists in a novel construction of pole, more fully set forth in the specification and pointed out in the claim.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a pole applied to a clothes-line. Fig. 2 is a plan of the terminal fork of the pole, and Fig. 3 is an edge view of the fork.

The object of my invention is to provide a pole with a fork for directly engaging the clothes-line, said fork being so constructed as to prevent disengagement of the line therefrom in windy weather or when disturbed from any cause whatsoever.

In detail the invention may be described as follows:

Referring to the drawings, 1 1 represent the outwardly-flaring arms of the fork, by which the line is directly engaged, the fork being provided with a tapering stem 2, by which it may be driven into the end of the pole P. At the lower end of the inner edge of each arm 1 is formed a claw 3, which is disposed on

each side of a central rounded ridge 4, located at the base of the fork, the said ridge and claws 3 3 being separated by the cut-away portions or recesses 5 5, which the clothes-line is free to enter as it rides over the ridge 4 with any oscillation to which the pole may be subjected in windy weather. When once the line slips off the ridge 4, it immediately enters one of the recesses 5, being prevented from springing out of the same by the claws 3, referred to. Thus the fork serves to retain the line on the pole under the most unfavorable circumstances.

It is apparent, of course, that minor changes in the construction might be resorted to without departing from the spirit of my invention.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

In a clothes-line pole, a suitable line-supporting fork having outwardly-flaring arms, claws at the lower ends of the inner edges of the arms, recesses at the base of the fork below each claw, and a central rounded ridge at the base of the fork, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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