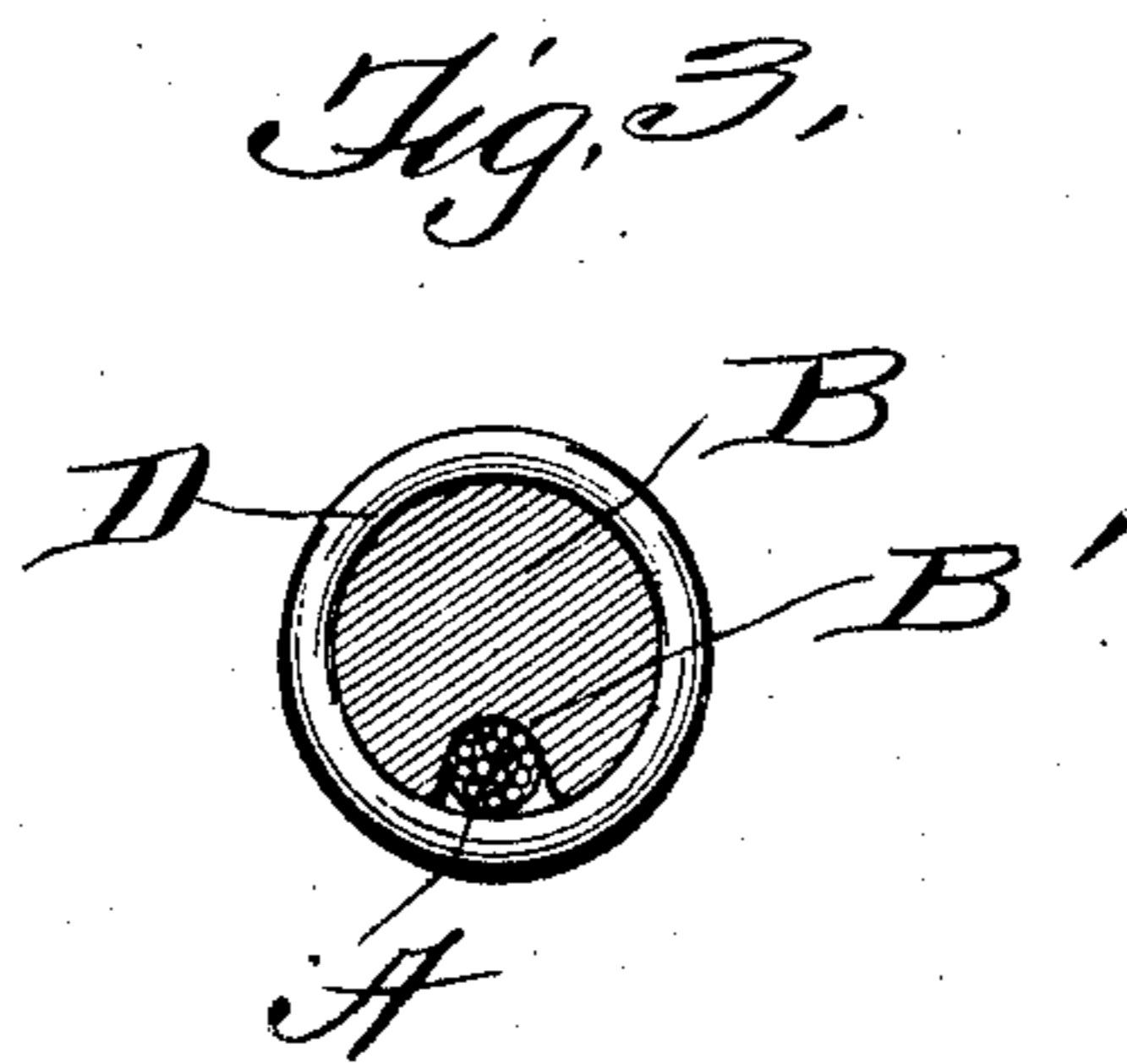
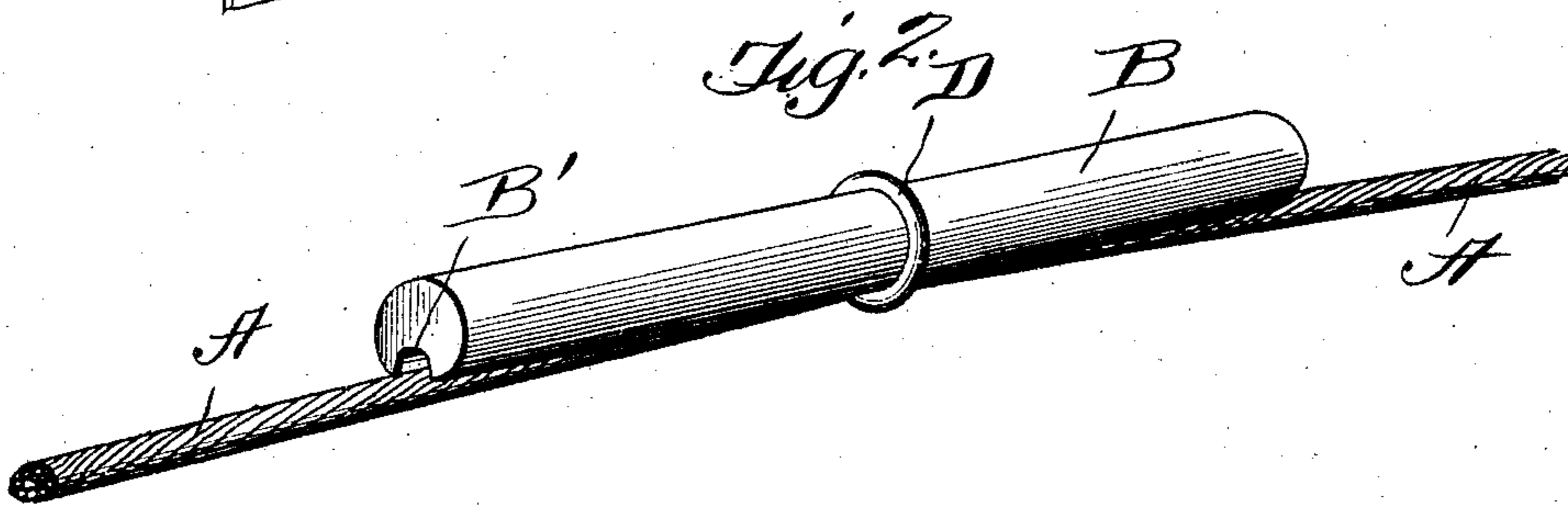
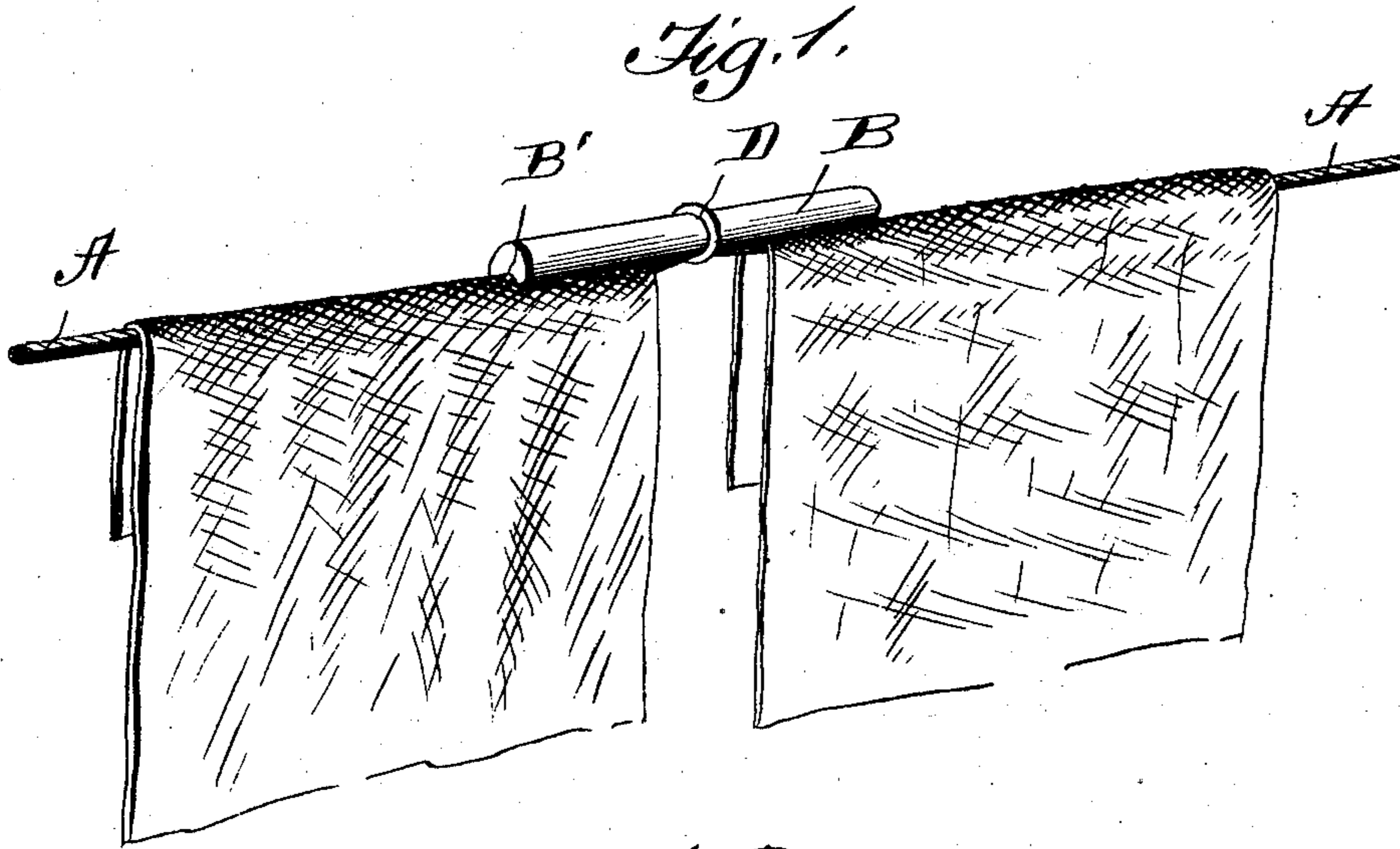


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RICHARD WYLIE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Napa, in the county of Napa and State of California, have invented certain new and
5 useful Improvements in Devices for Securing Clothes to Lines; 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 ap-
10 pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to new and useful improve-
15 ments in devices for fastening clothes to lines, and comprises a grooved strip adapted to receive the clothes-line to which it is held by means of a ring.

The invention comprises various details of construction and combinations and arrangements of parts which will be hereinafter fully described and then
20 specifically defined in the appended claims.

My invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a section of a line, showing the application of my clothes holder. Fig. 2 is an enlarged perspec-
25 tive view of my invention, and Fig. 3 is a cross sectional view.

Reference now being had to the details of the drawings by letter, A designates a line wire, preferably of metal, and B designates a strip of wood having a lon-
30 gitudinal groove B' formed therein of sufficient depth to receive said clothes-line. D designates a ring which

passes about said strip and is adapted to retain the wire within said groove.

The clothes to be held by the fastener are placed over the wire and the strip pushed longitudinally with
35 the wire so that the clothes will catch between the line and the groove of the strip, and the clothes are frictionally held by portions thereof being disposed intermediate the line and the sides of the groove, thereby
40 securely holding the same in place. As the weight on the line increases, the latter will sag down and cause the device to clamp more securely the clothes at each end of the grooved piece B. When it is desired to
45 release the fastener, the same may be pushed upon the line, thereby freeing the clothes from the frictional grip intermediate the line and the clothes.

By the provision of the fastener shown and described, it will be noted that the portion of the line which en-
50 gages the clothes is housed and protected from the elements, and hence the clothes are not likely to become stained from rust or dirt.

What I claim is:—

In combination with a clothes-line, a strip having a longitudinal groove therein of a depth equal to the diame-
55 ter of said line to be held therein, a ring movably held upon said strip and designed to frictionally bear against a line in said groove and hold the latter against the bottom of the groove, as set forth.

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

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