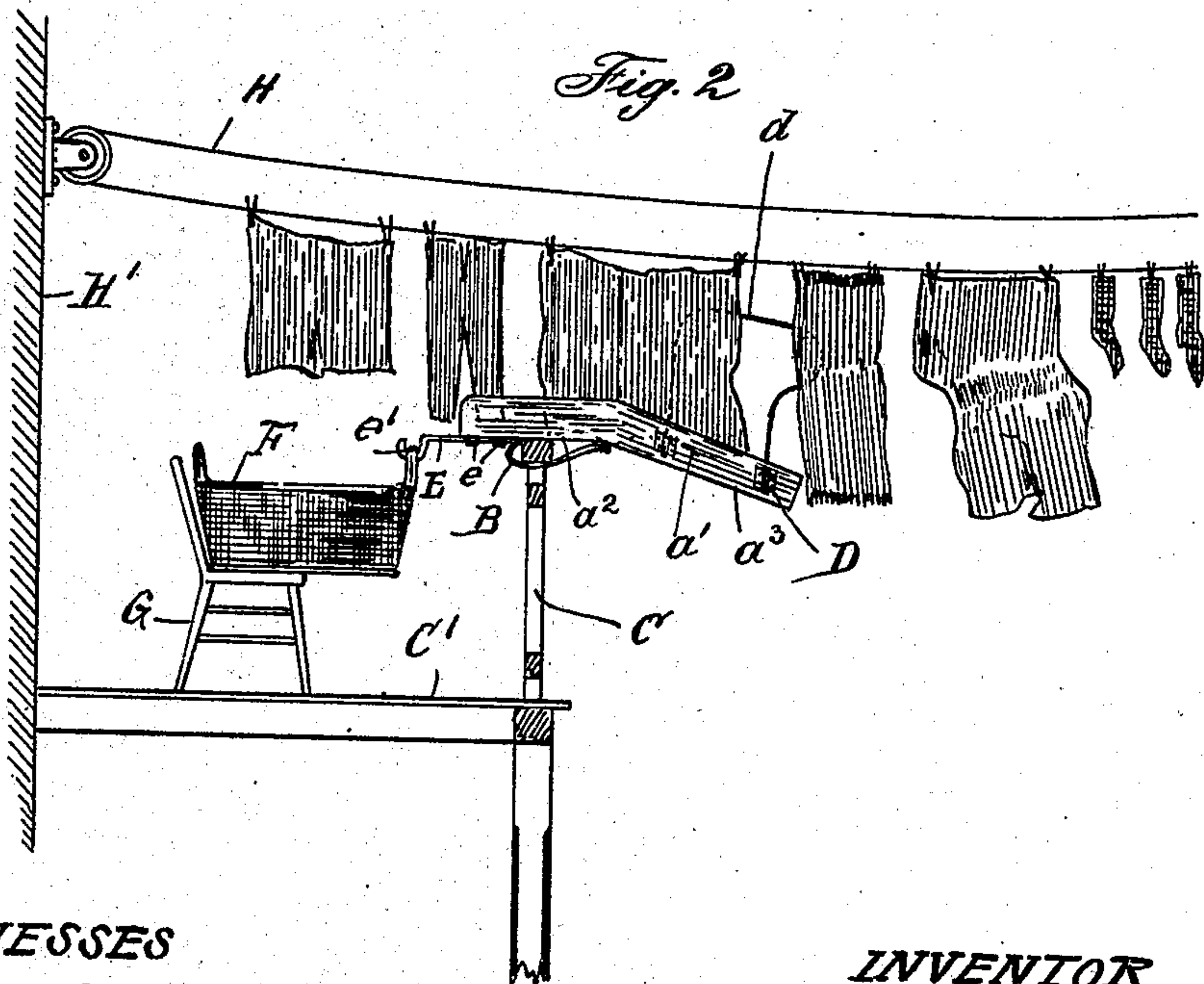
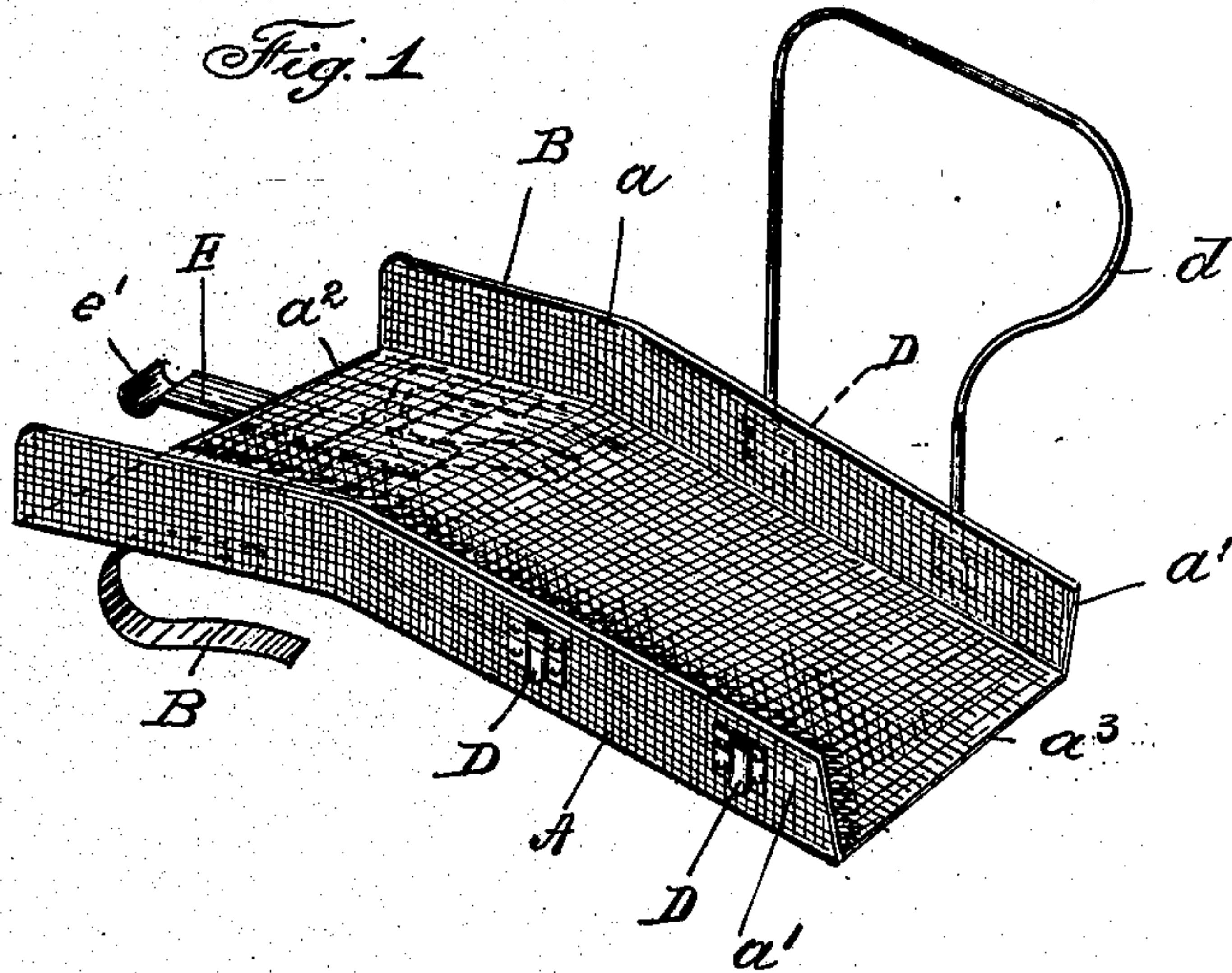


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, BIRTREUM J. SIMPSON, a citizen of the United States, and residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Clothes-Guards, of which the following is a complete specification.

This invention relates to improvements in clothes guards and more particularly to a clothes guard adapted to protect garments while hanging on a line from becoming soiled by coming in contact with the porch railing or posts.

Heretofore it has been customary to attach a running or traveling clothes line at one end to one of the porch posts because, ordinarily, if attached to the side of the house there is not room enough between the line and the railing to permit the clothes to pass without contacting with the railing and becoming soiled. Attaching the line to the post is objectionable since the laundress must lean over the railing in hanging out the clothes or taking them in and is in constant danger of losing her balance and sustaining serious injuries.

The object of this invention is to provide a guard adapted to be attached to the porch railing beneath the line, so that the line may be attached to the side of the house and extend across the porch and over the railing without danger of the clothes coming in contact with either the railing or the post.

It is also an object of the invention to provide a device capable of being removably engaged to the railing and which is adapted to help support the clothes basket in position for the clothes to be conveniently removed from or placed upon the line without necessitating the laundress reaching beyond the railing.

The invention consists of the matters hereinafter described in the specification and more particularly pointed out and defined in the appended claims.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of a device embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the device secured to a porch railing and illustrating its mode of operation.

As shown in said drawings: A indicates a tray of wicker ware, or any other preferred material, having a bottom  $a$  and sides  $a'$ . One end,  $a^2$ , of said bottom lies in an approximately horizontal plane when the device is in operation, and the other end,  $a^3$ , thereof,

slants downwardly to provide an inclined portion. Beneath the end  $a^2$  is a pair of spring clips B, each comprising resilient strips of band metal attached to the bottom and curved back to engage beneath the top rail of the railing C on the porch C'. On each of the sides  $a'$  are sockets D in which may be engaged the bracket  $d$ , which as shown is constructed of wire bent to extend upwardly beyond the side of the tray and have its ends engaged in said sockets. Said bracket may be of any preferred shape and is placed on the side of the tray adjacent a porch post, when the line is close enough to the post to permit the clothes to contact with it.

Beneath the inner end  $a^2$  of the tray is a longitudinally directed arm E, which is slidably engaged in loops  $e$  attached to the bottom of the tray, and which is provided on its outer end with a hook  $e'$  adapted to engage in one of the handles of the clothes basket F which may be partially supported upon a chair G or other desired support.

In operation the clothes line H is attached to the side of the house H' and extends across the porch and railing and the guard is attached to the railing beneath said line and extends longitudinally thereof. When the line is moved in hanging or taking down the clothes, the latter contact with the tray and are prevented from touching the railing and becoming soiled, while the bracket  $d$  may be placed on the side of the tray adjacent the post if the line is near enough the post to permit the clothes to touch it.

The clothes basket may be set upon a chair adjacent the inner end of the tray and the adjustable arm E may be set to support one side of the basket.

Obviously this device enables the line to extend across the porch without danger of soiling the clothes and entirely obviating the necessity of the laundress leaning over the railing.

I claim as my invention:

1. In a device of the class described the combination with a tray having a downwardly inclined end, of resilient attaching clips on the bottom thereof, a bracket adapted to be engaged on either side of the tray, and an adjustable arm at one end of the tray.

2. In a device of the class described the combination with a tray comprising a bottom and sides having one end inclined downwardly, sockets on each side of said tray, a bracket adapted to engage therein, spring



clips on the bottom of the tray adapted to engage a porch railing, and a hooked arm slidably engaged on the bottom of the tray between said clips.

5 3. In a device of the class described the combination with a tray of sockets on the side walls thereof, a removable bracket adapted to be engaged in the sockets of either side wall, a pair of resilient clips on the bottom of  
10 said tray, loops on the bottom of the tray between said clips and a hooked arm engaged in said loops.

4. In a device of the class described the combination with a tray of resilient means

thereon adapted to engage the same to a 15 porch rail with its outer end extending outwardly and downwardly therefrom, a hooked, horizontal arm slidably engaged beneath the inner end of said tray, sockets on the side walls of said tray and a removable bracket 20 adapted to engage in said sockets.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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