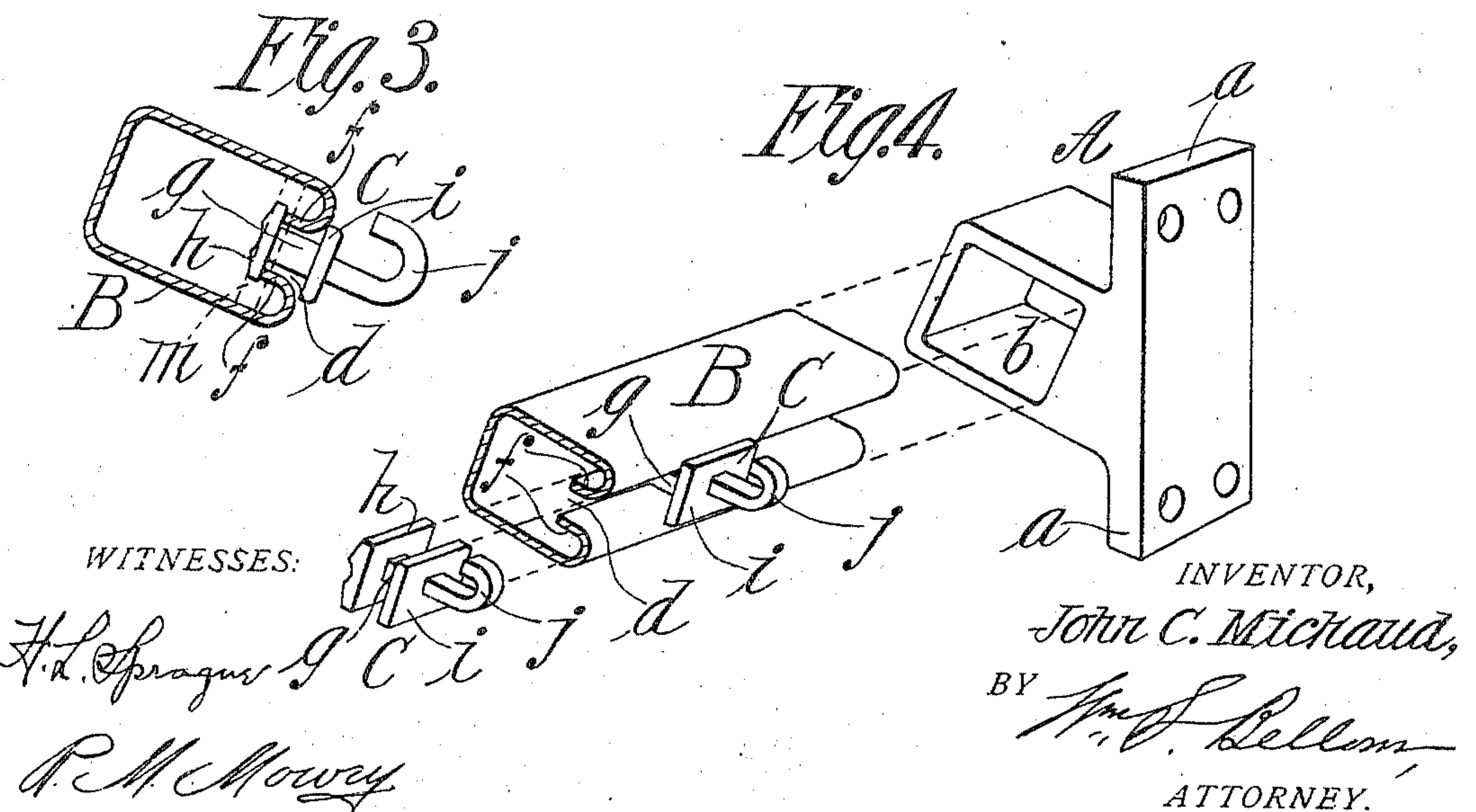


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## CLOTHES-LINE SUPPORT.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN C. MICHAUD, a citizen of the United States of America, and resident of Springfield, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clothes-Line Supports, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

10 This invention relates to appliances adapted to be mounted on a porch or balcony of an apartment house, more especially, for supporting in horizontal arrangement and parallelism a plurality of clothes lines of  
15 suitable length, all of which are bodily movable on independent supports therefor whereby they may be all closely located inwardly, or near the balcony to enable a person to hang clothes thereon to be dried,—it  
20 then being easy accomplishment to move the several clothes lines outwardly and away from the balcony and to have them in such separation as may be desirable to afford adequate drying spaces between them.

25 The invention consists in the combination or arrangement of parts and the construction of certain of the parts all substantially as hereinafter described in conjunction with the accompanying drawings and set forth  
30 in the claims.

In the drawings:—Figure 1 is a plan view of the clothes line support represented as connected to, and extended horizontally and outwardly from suitably distant posts of  
35 an apartment house balcony; Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the same; Fig. 3 is a cross sectional view as taken vertically on the line 3—3, Fig. 1; Fig. 4 is a perspective view showing in separated relations a portion of  
40 one of the tubular and slotted track bars and supporting bracket therefor and one of the clothes line carriers.

Similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all of the views.

45 In the drawings, A A represent a pair of brackets, which may be produced as castings having attachment lugs *a a* for connection with opposite posts *x x* which may form part of the balcony structure of an apartment house, each bracket having a substantially rectangular obliquely arranged socket  
50 therein for the reception with a close driving fit of one of the track bars B, the pair of which are arranged horizontally in parallel-

ism and extending suitably far outwardly 55 beyond the balcony.

Each track bar is preferably produced of thin metal of a tubular form having at its inner edge a longitudinal slotway *d* with intumed lips *f f* at opposite sides of such way, 60 and C represents the carrier blocks provided in suitable number on both of the track bars connected to and extending between opposite pairs of which are the clothes lines D D.

The preferred form of each of the carriers C is such as more clearly represented in Figs. 3 and 4 wherein it is perceived that each comprises a block or body having a neck portion *g* and inner and outer shoulders *h* and *i* for engagement with the edges 70 of the intumed lips *f f* which are at opposite sides of the slotway within which the neck portion is disposed; and each carrier block has a member *j*,—here shown as in the form of a hook,—whereby the line D is 75 attached to the block. The carrier blocks are freely and independently slidable along the track ways provided by the track bars. It will therefore be seen that the distance between the various clothes lines D, in a 80 horizontal plane, may be varied at will and it is in this independent movement of the clothes lines with relation to each other that very important advantages of the invention reside. For instance, two of the clothes 85 lines may be so widely separated as to support a blanket, sheet, or other large article between them, while upon the contrary, the lines may be moved so closely together as to form a grid upon which smaller articles 90 of clothing may be placed without the necessity of using clothes pins. Liability of the displacement of any of the carrier blocks from the ends of the track bars is prevented by stop pins *m* represented in Fig. 1, and 95 by dotted lines in Fig. 3,—the representation of these stop pins being omitted in Fig. 2.

By reason of the oblique positioning of the track bars, as represented in Figs. 2, 3 100 and 4, the carrier blocks C C are downwardly and inwardly inclined toward each other to accord with the lines of draft or strain on the clothes line which when weighted by the clothes hung thereon is 105 more or less as represented by the arrows in conjunction with the dotted line *d\** in Fig. 2; and thus binding or cramping of



the carrier blocks in their engagements with the track bars is avoided, and the easy sliding movement may be insured even when each line is quite heavily hung with wet clothes.

In making use of this clothes line support and drier, a pole will be provided whereby the washerwoman may, by a hook or suitable provision thereon, draw the lines, some, or all, inwardly closely to the building for location to permit the convenient hanging of the clothes thereon, such pole being thereafter utilized for forcing the lines and the carriers with which they are connected to their outward positions and separated relations.

I claim:—

1. A clothes-line support consisting of two parallel horizontally arranged track-bars and opposite pairs of carriers, slidably engaged with said track-bars, having members for the connection of clothes lines therewith,—and the carriers slidably engaged with each track bar being independent and disconnected one with another.

2. A clothes-line support consisting of two parallel horizontally arranged tubular track bars each having an inwardly opening longitudinal slot-way with inturned lips at the opposite sides thereof and opposite pairs of carrier blocks, each comprising a neck for disposition in the slot way, an inner shoulder for engagement with the said inturned lips, a shoulder outside of the neck

for engagement with external opposite portions of the track-bar adjacent its slotway, and a member projecting beyond the latter shoulder for the connection of a clothes line therewith.

3. In a device of the character described, a pair of brackets for connection with opposite posts of a structure, each having a rectangular obliquely arranged socket therein, tubular track bars arranged horizontally in parallelism having an end of each engaged in the opening of one of said brackets and of a tubular form substantially rectangular in cross section, having at its inner edge a longitudinal slotway with inturned lips at opposite sides of such way and carrier blocks having sliding engagements with the slotted trackways, each comprising a neck portion, inner and outer shoulders for engagement respectively with the inturned lips and external portions of the track bars adjacent their slot-ways, and hooks for the connection therewith of lengths of clothes-lines, said opposite pairs of carrier blocks and the opposite pair of trackways with which they are respectively engaged being downwardly and inwardly inclined toward each other for the purpose explained.

Signed by me at Springfield, Mass., in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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