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Fig. 1

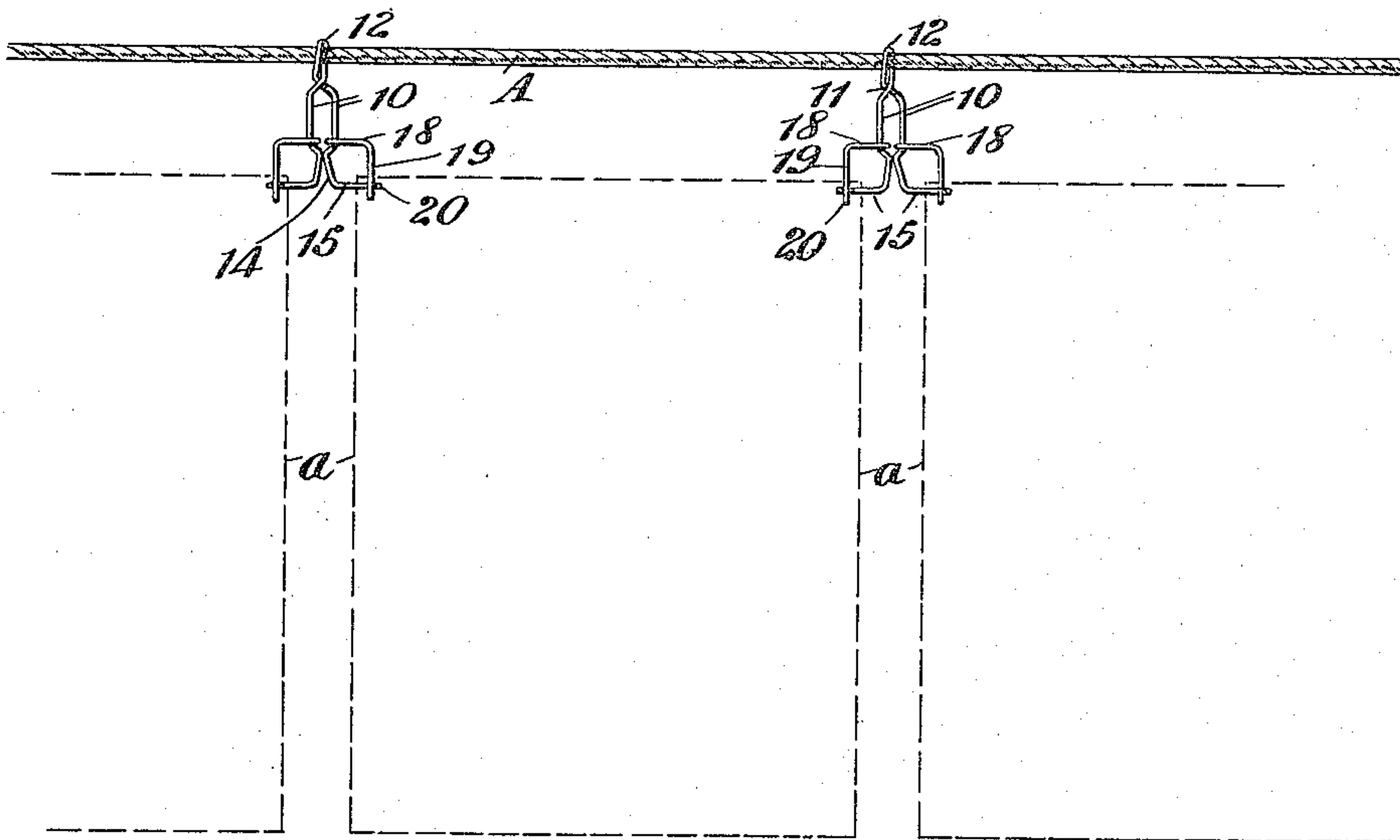
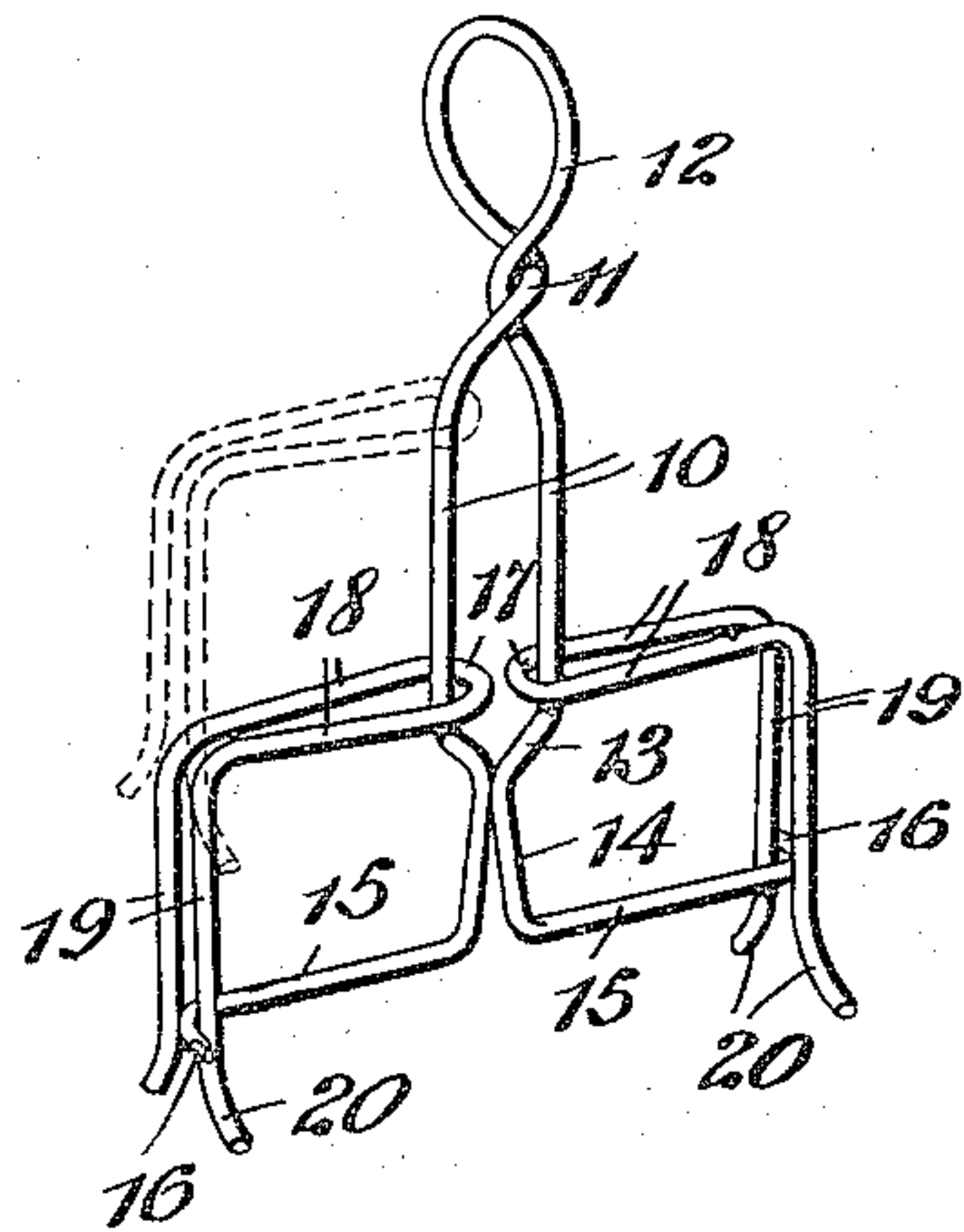


Fig. 2



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRITZ LUERSEN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Price, in the county of Carbon and State of Utah, have invented a new and Improved Clothes-Pin, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The present application is a division of United States Patent No. 1,137,505 filed January 14, 1914, Serial No. 812,028.

The present invention relates particularly to a novel form of clothespin so constructed that series of the pins may be strung on a clothes line and be movable thereon to different relative positions. The respective pins have a plurality of clamping means so that a pin may form a connection between garments on a line in suspending the same.

The invention will be particularly explained in the specific description following.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation showing a pair of my improved clothespins hung on a clothes line the view conventionally indicating clothes in dotted lines; and Fig. 2 is a perspective view of one of the clothespins on an enlarged scale.

In forming a clothespin in accordance with my invention a body is provided and separate clamps movable thereon at the sides. The body comprises a shank formed of a pair of approximately vertical members 10 produced by returning the wire on itself. The members of the shank are crossed or twisted as at 11 and the bend is given the form of a closed loop 12 for the passage of a clothes line A. Toward the lower ends the shank members are deflected toward each other as at 13 and brought into close relation, thereby producing rests or stop shoulders for the clamps hereinafter described. Below the shoulders 11 the shanks are continued downwardly as at 14 and then laterally in opposite directions as at 15. The extreme terminal ends are bent respectively rearwardly and forwardly as at 16, that is to say, in opposite directions.

In connection with the body formed as described, clamps are provided for vertical sliding movement on the shank members 10 and said clamps each comprise a length of wire bent upon itself and around a shank member 10 as at 17, providing a pair of laterally disposed members 18. At the outer ends of the lateral members 18 the wire is carried downwardly in the form of depending resilient members 19 the lower ends of which curve outwardly as at 20. The pendant members 19 pass each side of the lateral members 15 on the body inside of the terminal ends or hooks 16. The construction permits of vertical sliding movement of the clamps on the shank members 10, there being frictional engagement between the lateral arms 15 of the body and the pendant members 19 of the clamps.

In use the clothes indicated by the letter *a* are clamped at opposite corners by the adjacent clamps of adjacent clothespins, the clothes being forced between a pendant member 19 of a clamp and the arm 15 of the body, the clamp being given the necessary vertical movement as indicated by the full line and dotted line positions indicated at the left of Fig. 4.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. The herein described clothespin, comprising a body presenting shanks spaced apart at the upper portions thereof and bent toward each other at the lower portions, and clamps slidable on the shanks and presenting depending resilient clamp members, the said shanks having lateral arms disposed between the resilient members of the clamps.

2. A clothespin, comprising a body and clamps thereon, the body having a loop at its upper end to receive a clothes line, spaced shank members below the loop, said shank members having shoulders above the lower terminals thereof, and lateral arms at the lower ends of the shanks, the said arms terminating respectively in forwardly and rearwardly disposed ends and the clamps being slidable on the respective shank members, each clamp comprising a length of wire bent upon itself around the shank member

and then bent in a downward direction to provide pendant clamp members, the lower ends of the clamp members diverging and being disposed at opposite sides of the lateral arms on the shanks, near the terminals of said shanks.

In testimony whereof I have signed my

name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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