

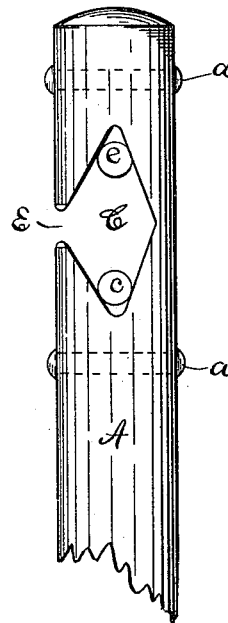
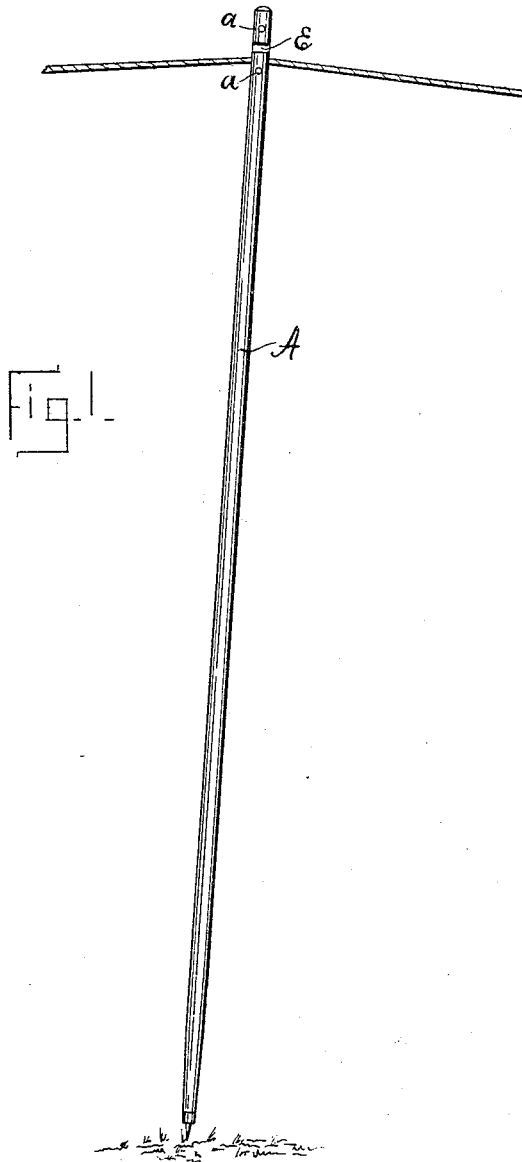
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## CLOTHES-LINE PROP.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MICHAEL RAUGHTIGAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Norwich, in the county of New London and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clothes-Line Props, which improvement is fully set forth and described in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of my improved form of prop as it appears when in use; and Fig. 2 is an enlarged side view of the upper end of said prop, showing the means provided to hold the same in engagement with the clothes-line, and also showing a means for strengthening said prop.

This invention relates to that class of devices used commonly for elevating and holding clothes lines or wires, my immediate object being to provide at a moderate cost a prop which, by the peculiar construction of its upper end, is held in engagement with the clothes-line under all ordinary conditions.

The letter A represents the rod or pole of my device, preferably sharpened or spiked at its lower end and of sufficient length to raise the line to the desired height. This rod A may be round, as shown, or may be rectangular, or of any other convenient shape. Near the upper end of said rod I have made a transverse cut, preferably of diamond shape, as shown at C, and have cut through one of the side walls adjacent to said diamond-

shaped cut, as at E. To strengthen the rod A on either side of said "cut-away" portion I have provided rivets *a a*, which, passing through said rod, prevent all tendency to split. When in use, the opening E is slipped over the clothes-line, as in Fig. 1, and as said rod is elevated the line assumes the position shown at *c*, Fig. 2. Should the line be raised by high winds or other causes, instead of leaving the prop, said line slips upward into the position shown at *c*, Fig. 2, where it remains until again lowered to its first position at *c*, the movement of the line being usually quick enough to carry it past the opening E. It will thus be seen that the articles of clothing attached to the line are kept from accidental contact with the ground, and that my improved prop when once placed in position does not need the constant watching and adjusting required by the ordinary form of notched prop.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

As a new article of manufacture, a clothes-line prop, provided near its upper end with a transverse slot of diamond or approximately diamond shape, and having the wall adjacent to one of the side angles of said transverse slot cut through, substantially as described, and for the object set forth.

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