

the main. The device also protects the bag against being torn and damaged by contact with the rough and sharp edges of the opening in the main at which it is inserted or withdrawn.

LOCK. — Jacob C. Hollman, Carbon Black, Pa. A lock which may be readily and conveniently mortised into any door, without appreciably detracting from the strength of the door, is provided by this invention. The bolt and the latch, according to this improvement, are in separate cylindrical compartments or casings, to the outer end of which a face plate is secured, the upper cylinder being preferably the latch cylinder. In placing the lock it is only necessary to make spaced bearings for the cylindrical casings and a countersink for the face plate, in addition to the openings for the knob spindle and key.

NON-REFILLABLE BOTTLE. — William W. Doty and James J. Donnellan, New York City. This bottle has a stopper with an annular channel, the center piece being connected by wings with the outer portion of the stopper, while a cap has in its under side a screw entering the center piece, and a rod connected with the screw and extending through the center piece has an enlarged portion at its lower end on which a valve is guided. In manufacturing the bottle the stopper, with the cap and valve, are made separate from the neck, in which the stopper is cemented after the bottle is filled. The construction effectively prevents refilling a bottle after it has once been emptied.

CLOTHES LINE CONVEYER. — Alexander G. Molteni, Hoboken, N. J. This invention relates to sheaves or pulleys to be attached to a window frame, etc., by which a clothes line may be drawn in and out, to hang out or take in the clothes, and provides a pulley frame which may be clamped or secured at any desired angle, and which can be cheaply made. Bridge pieces prevent the line from slipping off the sheave or pulley, and the device may be used either side up, bringing the handle on the right or the left hand side.

SPONGE GATHERER. — John Peacon, Key West, Fla. A novel grappling device has been devised by this inventor, having a metal frame adapted to rest on the sea bottom, a cross bar with eyes on the top of the frame, two balls hinged to the frame and having inwardly projecting tines, while ropes passing through the eyes of the cross bar are attached to the balls. The device is designed to facilitate the gathering of sponges in deep water, where the ordinary pole with grappling hooks cannot be used. It is operated by two ropes, the slackening of one of which, when the grappling device is on the bottom, allows the balls with their tines to engage the sponge, when the grapple with its sponge may be drawn up by the other rope.

ROPE OR CLOTHES LINE TIE. — Louis Keller, Brooklyn, N. Y. To facilitate fastening the loose end of a rope, cable or clothes line in place, or automatically releasing it when desired, this inventor has devised a casing having means of attaching one end of a rope and a guide for the other or loose end, while a horn pivoted on the casing is adapted to receive and hold the loop formed by the loose end of the rope. There is a locking and releasing device for the horn to hold it in a locked position on the casing or release it to throw off the loop.

CORSET COVER. — Max Galland, Wilkesbarre, Pa. This cover has a back with forwardly extending side flaps arranged to be fastened together at the front to form a low cut waist, while a loose front has a shoulder connection with the back, and forms with the latter arm holes, the front being held in place by the side flaps. The cover readily adjusts itself to the form of the wearer's body or corset, insuring a perfect fitting, and at the same time giving entire freedom to the arms of the wearer.

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(7160) **J. W. W.** writes: What is the greatest amount of electro-motive force that has ever been successfully used in a telephone? A. In a Bell telephone the E.M.F. may be quite high momentarily, but there is no record of it that we know of. In condenser telephones it may be very high.

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