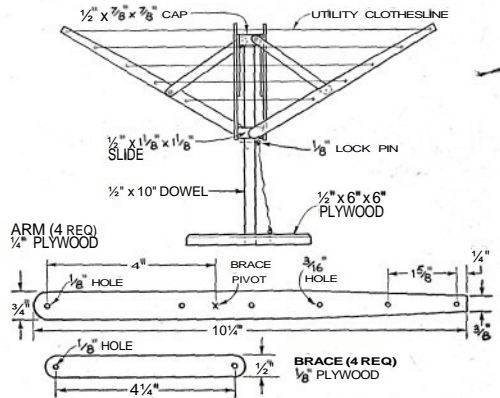


Dryer Solves Playtime Wash Problem

WE USED to find doll clothes strung all over the house each time our little girl had a playtime wash day. But no longer. She now delightfully sets up the little dryer I made—and her playmates' dads are busy making duplicates.

The main post, a 10" length of $\frac{1}{2}$ " dowel, is glued in a hole in the center of the base, a 6" square of $\frac{1}{2}$ " plywood. Four $\frac{1}{8}$ " plywood braces are attached to a $\frac{7}{8}$ "-by- $\frac{7}{8}$ " square of $\frac{1}{2}$ " plywood drilled and glued to the top of the post. Four $\frac{1}{4}$ "-plywood arms are pivoted on the edges of a $1\frac{1}{8}$ "-by- $1\frac{1}{8}$ " square of $\frac{1}{2}$ " plywood. This square has a $\frac{9}{16}$ " hole in the center so that it can slide up and down the post to open and close the line. To keep the dryer open, a $\frac{1}{8}$ " dowel is put into a $\frac{5}{32}$ " hole in the main post at a 5" height.

After painting the parts, I used small roundhead screws and washers to fasten the braces to the arms at the pivot points, the arms to the slide, and the braces to



the upper cap. All joints pivot freely.

The utility clothesline that I used is smaller in diameter than the usual stuff. To lace the line in one piece, drill an extra set of $\frac{3}{16}$ " holes in one of the arms, placing each hole $\frac{1}{4}$ " below the original hole. Then start the lacing at the bottom hole in this arm.

Tiny clothespins are available in dime stores.—*John G. Voelker, Towson, Md.*