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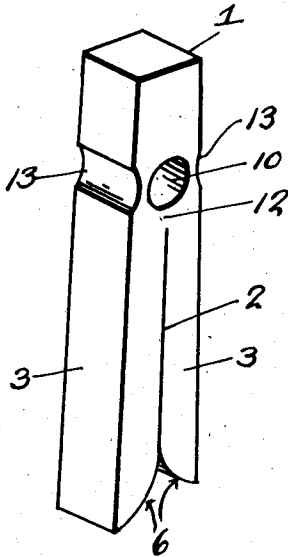


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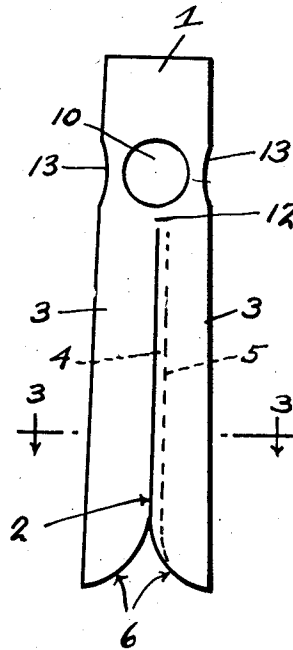


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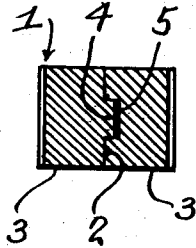
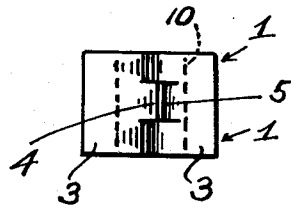


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This invention relates to a pin for holding lingerie, silk hose and the like to a light line, the general object of the invention being to provide a pin made of rubber or the like for gripping part of the garment or hose to the line with a rib on one leg of the pin for cooperating with a groove in the other leg, for firmly holding the article on the line without danger of the article being blown or otherwise pulled from the line.

Another object of this invention resides in the provision of a lingerie pin made of rubber or similar material of such construction that the gripping legs thereof can be opened by compressing a certain area thereof.

The invention also consists in certain other features of construction, combination and arrangement of the several parts, to be hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing and specifically pointed out in the appended claims.

In describing the invention in detail reference will be had to the accompanying drawing wherein like characters denote like or corresponding parts throughout the several views, and in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the pin.

Fig. 2 is a side view of the pin.

Fig. 3 is a section on line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a view looking towards the forked end of the pin.

In this drawing, the numeral 1 indicates the pin, which is formed of rubber or the like, and this pin has a slit 2 extending from one end thereof which forms the two legs 3 for receiving between them part of a light line and parts of the article to be hung from the line. A longitudinally extending rib 4 is formed on the inner face of one leg and a groove 5 is formed on the inner face of the opposite leg, for receiving part of the rib.

In order to permit opening of the legs 3 of the pin by an individual so as to grip or ungrasp an article on a clothesline, it is provided with an enlarged aperture 10 or weakened area in the region of the inner extremity of the slit 2, that area 12 of the pin between the aperture 10 and inner extremity of the slit functions as a pivot for the legs.

Formed in certain opposite sides of the pin are recesses 13 adapted to accommodate the forefinger and thumb of an individual so as to permit pressure to be exerted at proper opposite sides of the aperture 10 to cause the legs 3 to open however, while the recesses are herein employed for the aforesaid purpose, it is to be understood the same may be omitted without affecting the function of the aperture 10.

Of course, the article has a portion placed over the line, in the usual manner and then the legs of the pin are placed over the line and article, the same as an ordinary clothespin. The rib will press part of the line and part of the article into the groove so the article is firmly held on the line, and there is no danger of the article being blown or otherwise pulled from the line. The pin being formed of rubber or the like, will not mark or injure the article, even though the same may be of silk or other delicate material.

The ends of the legs are curved inwardly and upwardly, as shown at 6 and the rib and groove extend to these curved portions.

It is thought from the foregoing description that the advantages and novel features of the invention will be readily apparent.

It is to be understood that changes may be made in the construction, combination and arrangement of the several parts, provided such changes fall within the scope of the appended claims.

What I claim and desire to protect by Letters Patent is:

1. A pin of the class described comprising an elongated body of rubber having two of its opposing side faces flat and having a hole passing therethrough, adjacent one end thereof, and from one of said faces through the other face, said body having a centrally arranged slit therein extending from the other end to a point slightly spaced from the hole, said slit dividing that part of the body through which it passes into a pair of legs, the inner parts of the free ends of which are rounded, and said body having transversely extending rounded recesses in its two remaining sides, arranged in alignment with and paralleling the hole.

2. A pin of the class described comprising an elongated body of rubber having two of its opposing side faces flat and having a hole passing therethrough, adjacent one end thereof, and from one of said faces through the other face, said body having a centrally arranged slit therein extending from the other end to a point slightly spaced from the hole, said slit dividing that part of the body through which it passes into a pair of legs, the inner parts of the free ends of which are rounded, and said body having transversely extending rounded recesses in its two remaining sides, arranged in alignment with and paralleling the hole, the inner side of one leg having a longitudinally extending rib thereon and the other leg having a longitudinally extending groove therein for receiving the rib.

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