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Clothes Pin.

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Fig. 1.

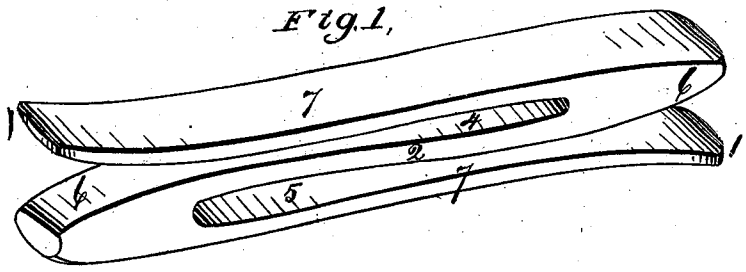
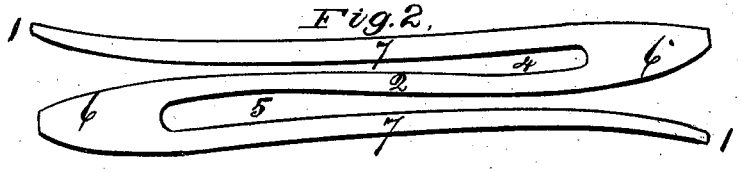


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CLOTHES-PINS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SEYMOUR L. HOTCHKISS, of Tioga, in the county of Tioga and State of Pennsylvania, have invented an Improved Clothes-Pin, of which the following is a specification:

My improvement relates to a clothes-pin adapted to be applied to rope or metal lines of different diameters.

My invention consists in constructing a clothes-pin with two arms projecting in opposite directions on each side of a curved central portion, as hereinafter described.

The object of my invention is to produce a clothes-pin having the following advantages: A pin applicable to thick or thin clothes-rope or wire line; jaws of increased length, provided with spring-connection; while it is of the same size as an ordinary pin, it is lighter. It can be applied at either end.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved clothes-pin, and Fig. 2 is a front view thereof.

My improved pin is constructed in the form of the letter **N**. The outer jaws 7 7 are outturned at their ends 1 1, and the inner jaws are tapered, as shown at 6 6. The tapered portions are connected by means of a narrow curved central portion, 2, which forms a spring.

The jaws or arms 7 7 are formed by openings 4 5, extending in opposite direction on each side of the pin. The opening 5 is made of greater width than opening 4; but both openings may be of the same width.

I prefer to construct the pin in one piece. The pin can be made of different sizes, as required, and combines three springs, 2 7 7, adapted to bend to suit the position given to either jaw 7 7.

When one opening receives the rope the other is adapted to hold small articles usually pinned on the larger ones.

This form of pin is adapted to be used as a spring for various other purposes.

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

A clothes-pin constructed with arms 7 7 and curved central portion 2, as and for the purpose set forth.

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