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Clothes-Pins.

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Fig. 1.

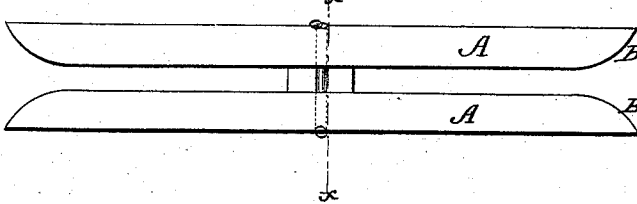


Fig. 2.



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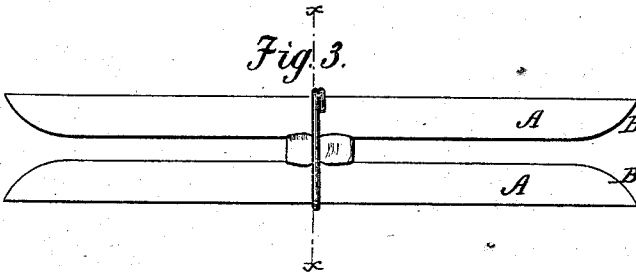
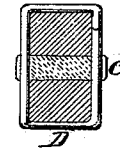


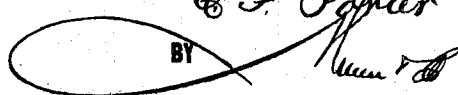
Fig. 4.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CLOTHES-PINS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OTIS F. PORTER, of Bridgeport, Connecticut, have invented an Improvement in Clothes-Pins, of which the following is a specification:

The invention consists in a double clothes-pin, formed as hereinafter described and claimed.

Figures 1 and 3 of drawing are side elevations, and Figs. 2 and 4 cross-sections.

I make my clothes-pin of two parallel strips, A A, having the bevel B at each end, an intermediate elastic block, C, and an embracing wire, D, around strips and block. The wire and block have sufficient elasticity to allow the strips to separate and then clamp the clothes-line, while there is never a necessity for the

person who is hanging out clothes to change the pin end for end in order to get it in a proper position.

I am aware that a clothes-pin has been made of two pieces of wood, connected by wires that also serve as springs and allow the ends to open and close; but—

What I claim is—

A new article of manufacture, consisting of two strips, A A, having end bevel B, an intermediate elastic block, C, and a wire band, D, that surrounds the strips and block, as shown and described, to form a double clothes-pin.

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