

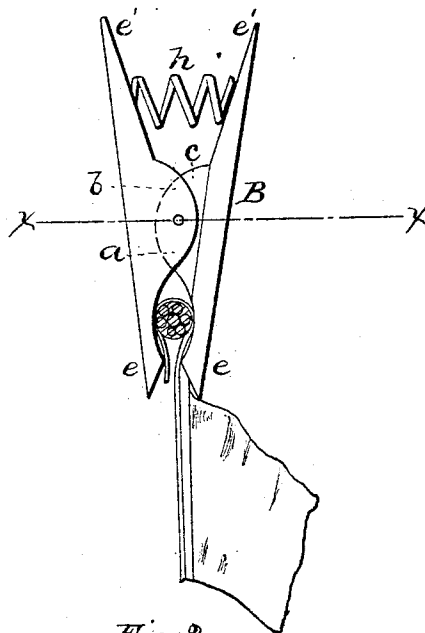
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*Clothes Pin,*

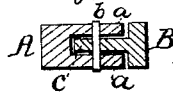
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*Fig; 1.*



*Fig; 2.*



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IMPROVED CLOTHES-PIN.

*The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.*

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, R. G. BRITTON, of Springfield, in the county of Windsor, and State of Vermont, have invented a new and useful improvement in Clothes-Pins; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of my improved clothes-pin.

Figure 2 is a cross-section in the line *x x*, fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

This invention relates to an improvement in clothes-pins, and consists in uniting two wooden pieces by an iron pin or rivet, and inserting a spiral spring between the ends on one side to close the other ends upon a clothes-line to keep the clothes fast when hung out to dry.

A is one piece, of ash or other suitable wood, which has a circular projection, *a*, on one side, near the middle of it, lengthwise, which is grooved longitudinally for receiving a corresponding tongue, *c*, on the other piece, B, forming together the clothes-pin or clamp. The two parts A B are united by an iron pin, *b*, passing through the sides of the circular projection *a* and the tongue *c*, thus making a hinge, by which the clamping ends *e e* close, when the ends *e' e'* are expanded by a spiral spring, *h*, placed between them, as shown in the drawing clearly.

The ends *e' e'* are closed by compression of the spring *h* to place the ends *e e* upon a clothes-line, and the expansion of the spring clasps or clamps the clothes over the line and holds them fast.

Having described my invention, I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A clothes-pin formed of the two wooden pieces A B, united by the pin *b* through the grooved circular projection *a* and the tongue *c*, and provided with a spiral spring, *h*, between the ends *e' e'*, to close the ends *e e*, arranged and operating as described.

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