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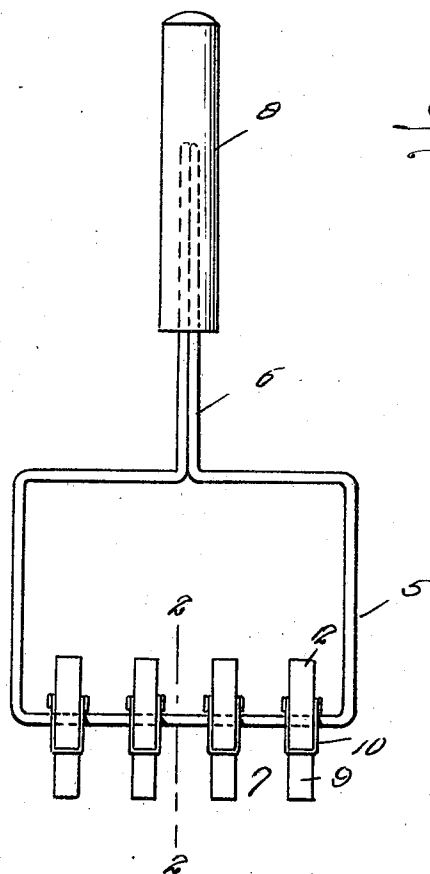


*Fig. 1.*

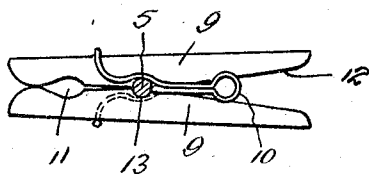


*Fig. 2.*

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CLOTHES-HANDLING IMPLEMENT.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARY R. FENNELLY, citizen of the United States, residing at Alexandria, in the parish of Rapides and State of Louisiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clothes-Handling Implements, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a clothes handling implement particularly useful in the washing and dyeing of clothes of for the removal of the latter from hot water or the like.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a device of the above kind, by the use of which the necessity of a person immersing his hands in the dye or water is eliminated.

A further object of the invention is to provide a simple, durable and efficient implement by means of which disagreeable or dirty clothes may be handled during washing of the same without requiring direct contact of the person's hands with the clothes.

Other objects will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, and the same consists in the novel form, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully described, shown in the accompanying drawings and claimed.

In the drawings, wherein like reference characters indicate corresponding parts in the two views.

Figure 1 is an elevational view of a clothes handling implement constructed in accordance with the present invention, and

Figure 2 is an enlarged sectional view, taken substantially upon the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Referring more in detail to the drawing, the invention embodies an open elongated rectangular frame 5 having a shank upwardly extending from the central portion of the top thereof as at 6 and having a plurality of conventional form of clothes pins 7, mounted upon the bottom member of the same, a suitable handle 8 being suitably fixed upon the shank 6.

The rectangular frame 5 is preferably constructed by bending a suitable piece of wire with the ends of the latter directed upwardly in parallel contiguous relation to form the shank 6 as shown.

The clothes pins 7 are preferably of the form shown embodying a pair of jaw members 9, of similar form normally yieldingly held into contact with each other by means of a peculiar form of spring 10 as is well known in the art, the contacting ends of the clothes pin members 9 being recessed as at 11, so as to grip the clothes and the clothes line as is well known, and the finger pieces of the jaws 9 indicated at 12 being normally separated, so that when they are forced together against the action of the spring 10, the opposite ends of the jaw members are separated for being slipped onto the clothes line.

In accordance with the present invention, the clothes pin jaws 9 are provided with further mating recesses in their adjacent faces as indicated at 13, at a point inwardly of the clothes line receiving recesses 11, or substantially midway between the ends of the jaws. The jaws are opened by pressing the finger pieces 12 toward each other, so as to permit the clothes pins to be readily snapped onto the bottom member of the frame 5, so that, when properly disposed, the clothes pins are arranged in spaced relation on the same, as shown in Figure 1.

In the use of the device, the clothes pins that are mounted upon the bottom member of the frame 5 are snapped into engagement with the clothes and the handle 8 is then grasped for permitting manipulation of the clothes without contact therewith by the hands of the operator during the washing or dyeing thereof or removal of the same from hot water.

The device thus presented is extremely simple and durable in construction, is capable of being cheaply and easily manufactured as well as placed into use without especial skill, and the public is supplied with an implement which answers a long existing need.

Minor changes may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

What I claim as new is:

- 5 A clothes handling implement of the class described comprising an open substantially rectangular frame composed of substan-

tially rigid top, bottom and side members, a handle rigid with the top member of the frame, and a plurality of resilient clothes 10 pins suspended upon the bottom frame member.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.  
MARY R. FENNELLY.