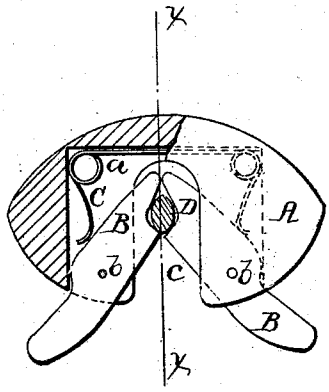
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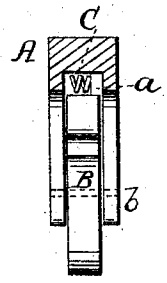
Clothes Pin,

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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, H. T. BOUTELL, of Springfield, in the county of Windsor, and State of Vermont, have invented a new and improved Clothes-Pin, and that the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings hereinafter referred to, forms a full and exact specification of the same, wherein I have set forth the nature and principles of my said improvements, by which my invention may be distinguished from all others of a similar class, together with such parts as I claim, and desire to have secured to me by Letters Patent.

This invention relates to a new and improved clothes-pin, of simple and economical construction, which admits of being readily adjusted to the line, so as to secure the clothes thereon and effectually prevent the same being casually detached from the line. In the accompanying sheet of drawings—

Figure 1 is a side view of my invention, partly in section.

Figure 2, a transverse vertical section of the same, taken in the line *x x*, fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

A represents the body or stock of the clothes-pin, constructed of wood, and having a slot, *a*, made longitudinally in it from its under side, said slot being about square, and nearly as large as the dimensions of the stock will allow. In this slot *a* there are fitted two jaws, B B, which work on pivots or pins *b b*, and these jaws have the ends of a wire spring, C, bearing against them, said spring being fitted within the slot *a*, and having a tendency to keep the inner ends of the jaws in contact with each other, as will be fully understood by referring to fig. 1. The upper ends of the jaws are notched out to receive the clothes-line D, and the body or stock has a transverse slot, *c*, cut in it, to admit of the jaws being fitted over the line and the clothes placed thereon.

It will be seen from the above description that the clothes-pin may be fitted on the line and over the clothes by simply pressing the pin down upon the line, but in order to disengage it the lower ends of the jaws which extend below the line require to be pressed together. The pin, therefore, cannot be casually disengaged from the line and clothes thereon.

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

The two clamps B and the spring C *a*, arranged and operating in the stock A, as herein set forth for the purpose specified.

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