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Clothes-Pins.

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Fig. 1.

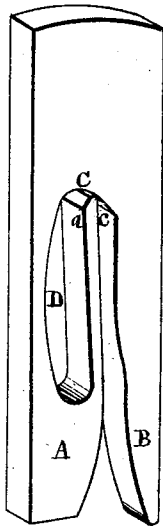
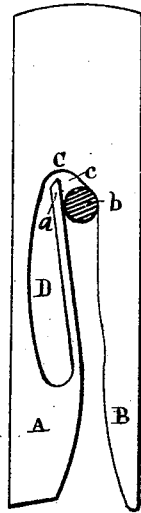


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CLOTHES-PINS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY MELLISH, of Walpole, in the county of Cheshire and State of New Hampshire, have invented certain Improvements in Clothes-Pins, of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is to produce a pin that shall hold clothes firmly to a smooth wire line, and to prevent their being shoved along into bunches on the line by the wind; and also to cheapen the manufacture of the pins, which I do by the construction, in a clothes-pin, of an open flexible prong, A, and a rigid prong, B, with a suitable body, C, as shown in the perspective view, Figure 1. The prong is made flexible by cutting an elliptical

opening, D, through it, and cutting through the end of the spring-bar *a* to separate it from the body C of the pin.

Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the pin, with a cross-section, *b*, of the clothes-line held firmly in the triangular space *c* by the pressure of the spring-bar *a*, and the points of the prongs much nearer each other than when the pin is not on the line.

I claim as my invention—

A clothes-pin constructed of the open flexible prong A, the rigid prong B, with a suitable body to form the pin, as described.

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