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CLOTHES PIN.
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Fig. 1.

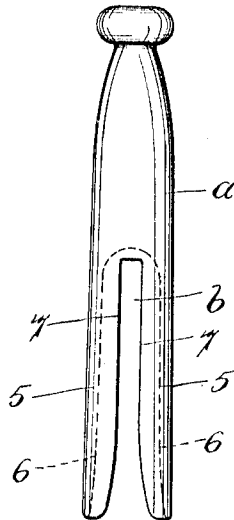


Fig. 2.

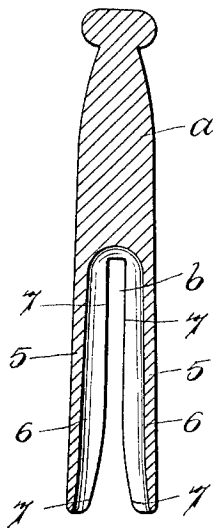
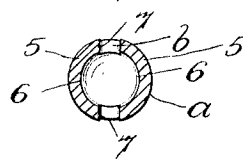


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN A. HOSTETTLER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Hartford, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clothes-Pins, of which the following is a specification.

The object of the invention is to produce an article of the character described having features of novelty and advantage.

In the drawings—Figure 1 is a side view of the device. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section. Fig. 3 is a transverse section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

The invention consists in forming a body *a* with a slot *b* part way of its length, forming the arms 5—5 which are hollowed out on their inner or opposing sides as at 6—6, the edges of the arm which contact with the line and clothes being slightly flattened as at 7—7 to avoid cutting. The arms are hollowed out clear up to the body and provide a yielding grip and obviate any tendency of the pin to split. This latter result is due to

the fact that the arms 5—5 are in effect corrugated and thus greatly strengthened without decreasing their yielding qualities. The pin as illustrated is made of wood and that is a preferable material to use; at least, some other material than metal is desirable to avoid staining the clothes.

I claim as my invention:

A wooden clothes pin comprising a solid cylindrical body with a central longitudinal bore extending substantially one-half the length thereof and opening at one end, the walls of said bore being of uniform thickness throughout and the bore terminating in a concaved internal socket uniformly semi-circular in cross-section, and two tines formed by said bored portion of the body being slotted upon its longitudinal axis to a point slightly removed from said socket, said tines being oppositely arranged and each having two broad bearing edges.

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