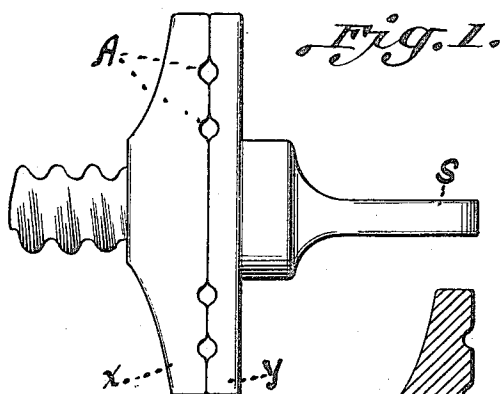


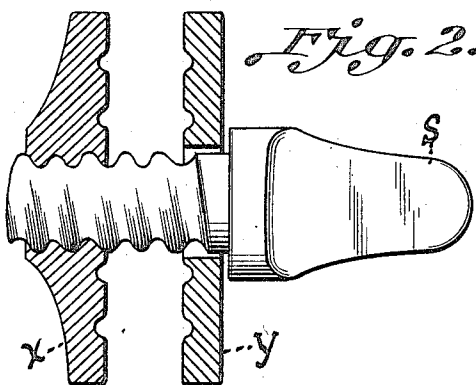
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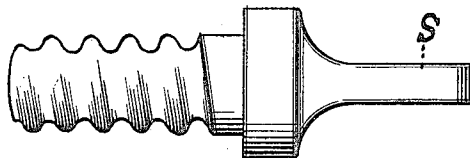
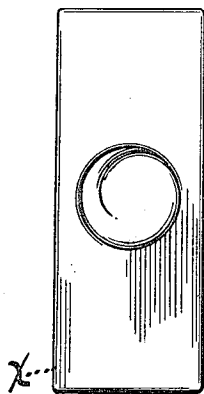


*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*

*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, JACOB MATTSON and JOHN O'BRIEN, citizens of the United States, residing at Virginia, in the county of St. Louis and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clothes-Pins, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to an improved clothes pin, or fastener, and has for its primary object to provide for a very simple device of this character which will serve to securely hold the articles upon the clothes line in such a manner as to prevent the drying of articles or line from releasing the articles.

It is another object of this invention to provide a clothes pin that will securely hold the lightest article or heaviest carpet, non-rusting and yet to be easily and quickly attached and detached, to be of few parts and of small cost.

With the above objects in view, our invention consists in the novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter more fully described, claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, showing an all-wood adjustable non-rust clothes pin, comprising an inner and outer clamping member, the outer member having a threaded opening through which the threaded portion of a thumb screw passes as a means of locking the two portions together and the inner member having a smooth opening through which such thumb screw passes.

Figure 1 shows clothes pin closed. Fig. 2 shows it open with the two clamping members separated for the receiving and fastening of the clothes line and articles to be held.

Fig. 3 shows clamping member and Fig. 4 shows thumb screw used for drawing the clamping members together.

In detail, "A" the two grooves on the inner surfaces of the clamping members "X" and "Y" form an aperture into which the clothes line is caught and held securely, even though the line may shrink from drying.

Between the two clamping members "X" and "Y" of the lower end of the clothes pin, the article to be hung on the line is caught between two smooth flat surfaces and held securely, preventing tearing or becoming loosened by drying or tugging in high winds. The outer clamping member is threaded for the thumb screw to pass through and the inner clamping member not being threaded so as to allow its passing freely upon said thumb screw.

From the foregoing description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, the construction, manner of use and several advantages of our invention is fully explained.

Such clothes pins can be easily and quickly arranged and, being constructed of wood, will not rust or stain articles held by them. There being only three simply constructed parts of wood, the cost will be small. Sizes could be varied to meet different uses, as for light articles or heavy carpets.

Having thus fully described our invention, what we desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

A clothes pin of the character described, comprising a thumb screw, an inner and outer clamping member, the outer clamping member having a threaded opening through which the threaded portion of the thumb screw passes as a means of locking the two portions together, the inner clamping member having a smooth opening through which the said thumb screw passes loosely and such inner member being locked between the said outer member and the shoulder of the said thumb screw when said screw is adjusted.

In testimony whereof, we hereunto affix our signatures in the presence of two witnesses.

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