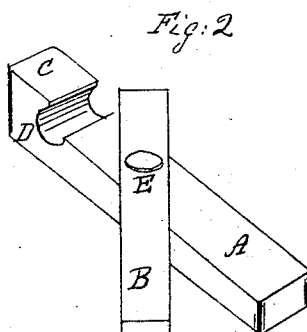
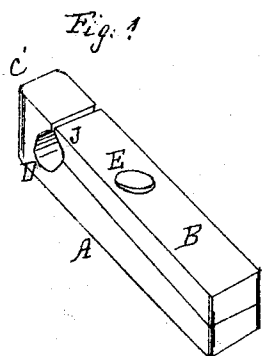


J. A. Rand.
Clothes Pin.

Nº 81945

Patented Sept. 8, 1868.



Witnesses

E. D. Murphy
Thos. Cummings

Joseph A. Rand
Inventor
By his Atty
D. H. Reigart

United States Patent Office.

JOSEPH A. RAND, OF MORRISVILLE, VERMONT, ASSIGNOR TO THOMAS A. MITCHELL, OF WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Letters Patent No. 81,945, dated September 8, 1868; antedated August 27, 1868.

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, JOSEPH A. RAND, of Morrisville, Lamoille county, State of Vermont, have invented an "Improved Clothes-Drying Pin;" and I do hereby declare the following to be an exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of the pin when closed.

Figure 2 shows it as open.

The nature of my invention consists in the shape and construction of the pin, having a square head, with two-thirds of a circular aperture and a pivoted half of the pin, the end of which forms the other third of the aperture, to fit the clothes on a clothes-line, and hold them to the clothes-line securely whilst drying.

A and B represent the two parts of the pin; A having a square head, C, at the one end, and a circular groove, D, forming two-thirds of a round aperture. A double-headed rivet, E, passes through both divisions, A and B, and they operate and turn on the rivet E as a pivot. The one end of the piece B is grooved at J, so as to form the one-third of the aperture D, and form a perfect circular aperture when closed, (shown at fig. 1;) and when the pin is to be fastened on the clothes-line the pieces A and B are turned and opened, as at fig. 2; and as the groove D is attached to the clothes-line, the piece B is then turned parallel with the piece A, and the pin is then closed securely to the clothes on the line, holding the clothes fast until they are dried.

I do not claim two similar pieces, with apertures at each end, and pivoted in the centre; but

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The arrangement and construction of the pieces A and B, with the square head C and its aperture D at one end, as herein described and for the purposes set forth.

JOSEPH A. RAND.

Witnesses:

J. FRANKLIN REIGART,

W. CLARK.