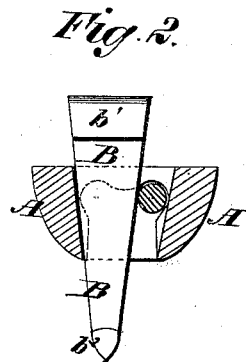
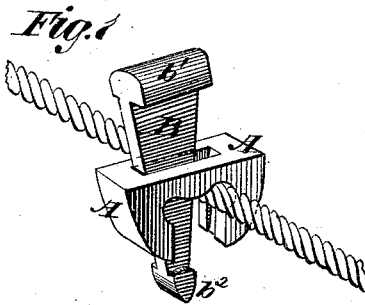


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IMPROVEMENT IN CLOTHES-PINS.

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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, URIAH D. MIHILLS, of Fond du Lac, in the county of Fond du Lac and State of Wisconsin, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Clothes-Pin, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved clothes-pin. Fig. 2 is a detail section of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to furnish an improved clothes-pin, simple in construction and effective in operation, holding the clothes upon the line firmly and securely, and without injuring them.

The invention consists in an improved clothes-pin, formed by the combination of the notched and slotted block, and the tapering key provided with a head upon each end, as hereinafter fully described.

A is a block of wood made somewhat in the form of a semicircle, and which has a wide notch formed in its convex edge. The corners of the notch in the block A are rounded out and enlarged to form seats for the clothes-line. The middle part of the block A is slotted longitudinally to receive the tapering key B. Upon the wide end of the key B is formed a head, b^1 , to prevent it from passing through the slot in the block A.

Upon the narrow end of the key B is formed a head, b^2 , a little thicker than the width of the slot in the block, so that the key B cannot drop out of the said slot, and, at the same time, thin enough to enable it to be forced through the slot of the block A without splitting the said block.

In using the pin the wide head b^1 of the key B is held in the hand, which allows the block A to rest upon the smaller head b^2 of the said key B. The notch of the block A is then passed over the clothes-line, and the key B is forced down, clamping the line between its edge and the side of the notch in the block A. The pin A. B holds the clothes securely, whether they be thick or thin, and is, consequently, not liable to be broken when using it to fasten thick clothes upon a line.

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

An improved clothes-pin, formed by the combination of a notched and slotted block, A, and the tapering key B, provided with a head upon each end, substantially as herein shown and described.

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