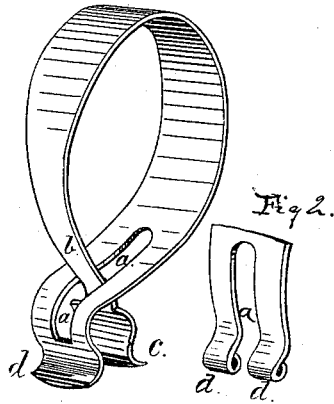


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Fig 1



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IMPROVEMENT IN CLOTHES-PINS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **168,332**, dated October 5, 1875; application filed April 15, 1875.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HOMER C. HILL, of Clinton, county of De Witt and State of Illinois, have invented an Improved Clothes-Pin.

The following description, taken in connection with the accompanying plate of drawings, hereinafter referred to, forms a full and exact specification, wherein are set forth the nature and principles of the invention, by which the same may be distinguished from others of a similar class, together with such parts thereof as are claimed as new and are desired to be secured by Letters Patent of the United States.

My invention relates to that class of clothes-pins which are manufactured of metal; and the nature thereof consists in certain improvements in the construction of the same, hereinafter shown and described.

In the accompanying plate of drawings, in which corresponding parts are designated by similar letters, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved clothes-pin. Fig. 2 is a modification.

The said clothes-pin consists of a piece of elastic metal provided with an elongated ap-

erture, notch, or slit, *a*, an end, *b*, having inclined sides, and of such tapering form that it may pass with facility through the said slit, and lugs *c*, forming a part of the outwardly-curved end, and resting against the prongs *d* or sides of the aperture *a*. The two ends may be brought together with facility, and interlocked by passing the part *b* between the said prongs or through the elongated aperture *a*.

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

A clothes-pin consisting of a piece of elastic metal, provided with an elongated notch or aperture, *a*, an end, *b*, having inclined sides, and of such tapering form that it may pass with facility through the said slit, and lugs *c*, forming a part of the outwardly-curved end, and resting against the prong *d*, all combined as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 24th day of February, 1875.

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