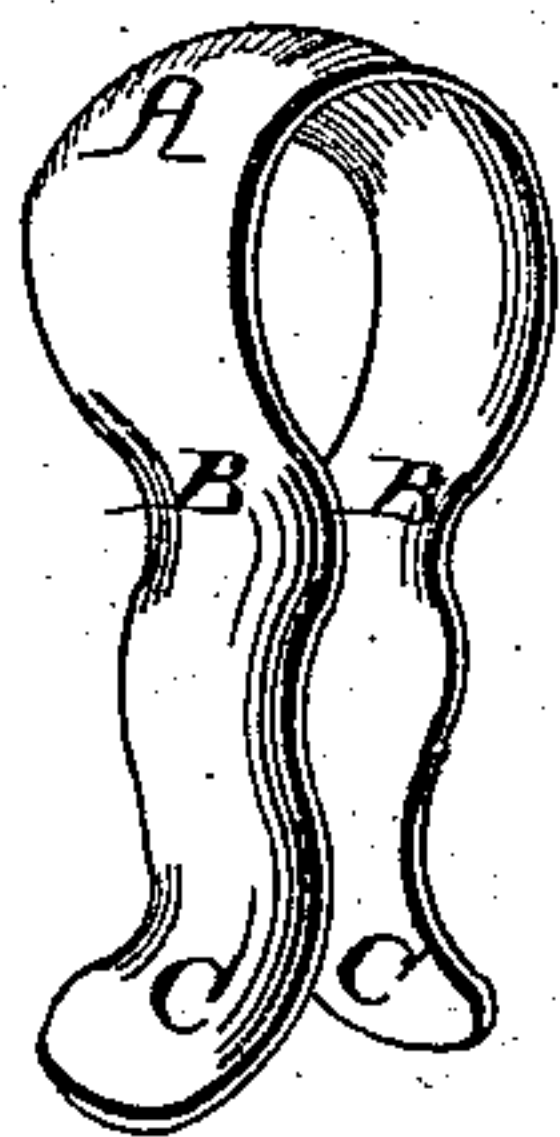


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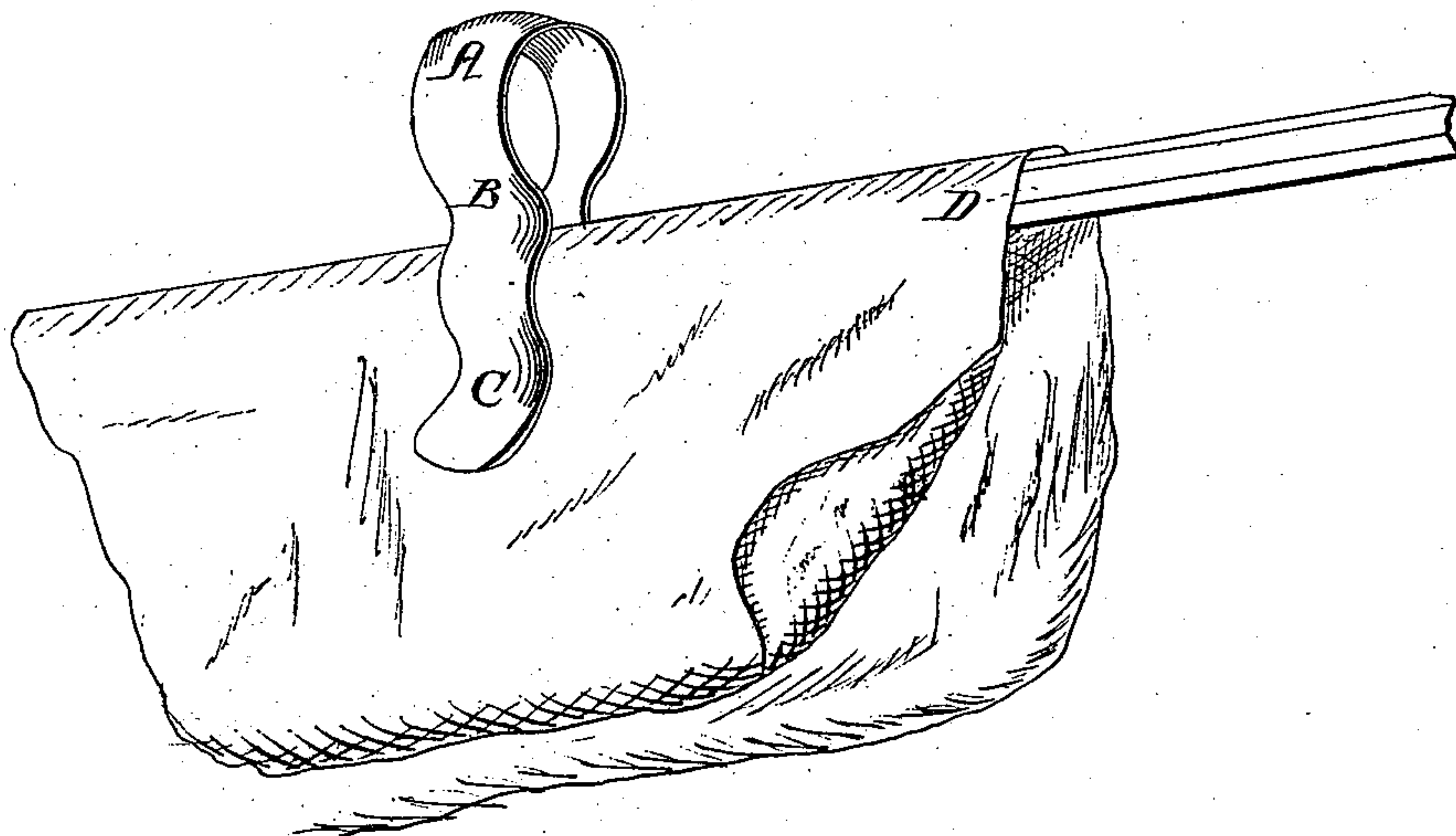
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Fig; 1.



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IMPROVED CLOTHES-PIN.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

Be it known that I, PERRY FINLEY, of Memphis, county of Shelby, and State of Tennessee, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Clothes-Pins; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view.

Figure 2, a view of the pin clasped upon the clothes-line. A, bow or loop, forming the upper part of the pin; B B, clasp; C C, lips; D, clothes-line.

I construct my clothes-pin by taking a strip of sheet steel or other suitable material, and bend it so as to bring the ends parallel to each other, so as to form a bow or loop large enough to admit the index-finger, for the convenience of placing the pin on or off the line. Immediately below the loop or bow, I form the clasp B B, by bending the legs of the bow A, so as to fit and grasp the line D. I then form the lips C C, by bending the ends of the legs out from the line. If wire is used, I form the lips by making a ring or loop at each end of the wire before bending, as above described.

To prevent the clothes-pins from rusting or staining the clothes, I coat them with rubber, gutta percha, or other suitable material.

I operate my clothes-pin by placing the lips C C upon the line, and pressing down upon the bow A until the line enters the clasp B B, which secures the pin and clothes upon the line D.

The nature of my invention consists in constructing a clothes-pin from sheet steel, wire, or other suitable material, with a bow or loop at the top, and coating the pin with rubber, gutta percha, or other suitable material, as heretofore described.

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

A clothes-pin, constructed of sheet metal, and coated with rubber or gutta percha, in the manner and for the purpose set forth.

PERRY FINLEY.

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