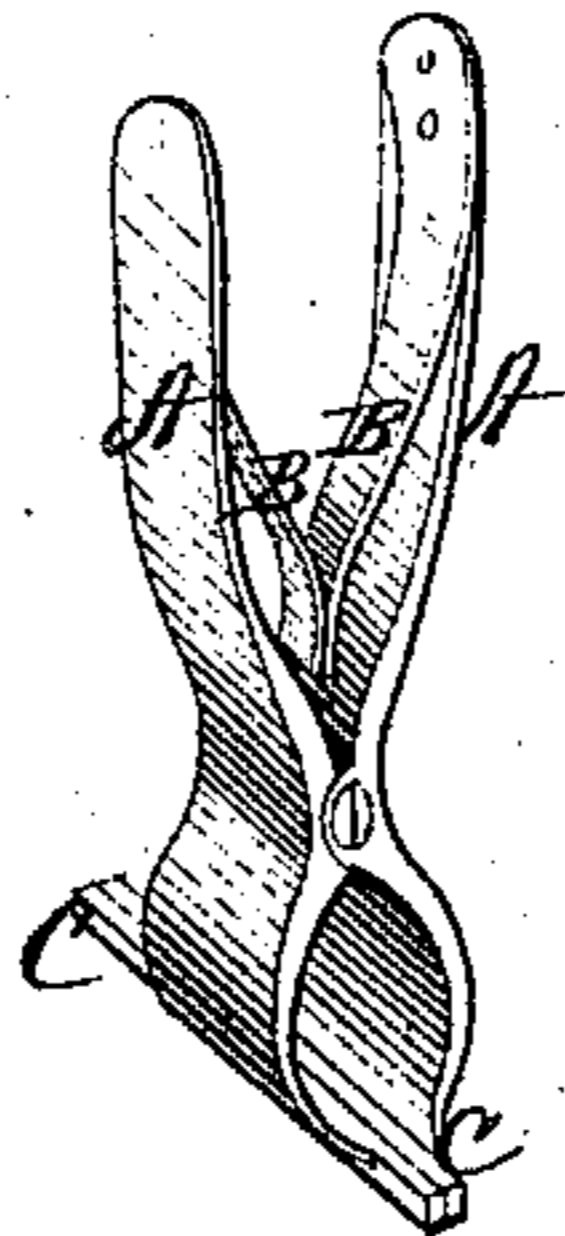


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Clothes Pin.

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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, IRVING W. SEARLES, of Tiffin, in the county of Seneca, and in the State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clothes-Pin; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction and arrangement of a "clothes-pin," as will be hereinafter fully set forth.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawing, which represents a perspective view of my clothes-pin.

My clothes-pin is made of white metal, in two pieces, hinged together in the middle, the upper part forming two arms or levers A A, which are held apart by springs B B.

The lower part is provided with an opening, as

shown, and jaws C C, which are made long enough to clasp two garments together.

The opening through or above the jaws C C is made sufficiently large so as not to clasp the line at all, but clasp the clothes just below the line.

Pressing the levers A A together will throw the jaws C C apart, so as to pass over the line and grasp or clasp the clothes.

Having thus fully described my invention,

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

As a new article of manufacture, the within-described clothes-pin, consisting of the curved arms A A, pivoted near the center, and with the springs B B above the pivot, and provided with the elongated bars C C, one on each jaw, all as shown and set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing, I have hereunto set my hand this 7th day of May, 1870.

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