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Clothes-Pins.

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Fig. 1.

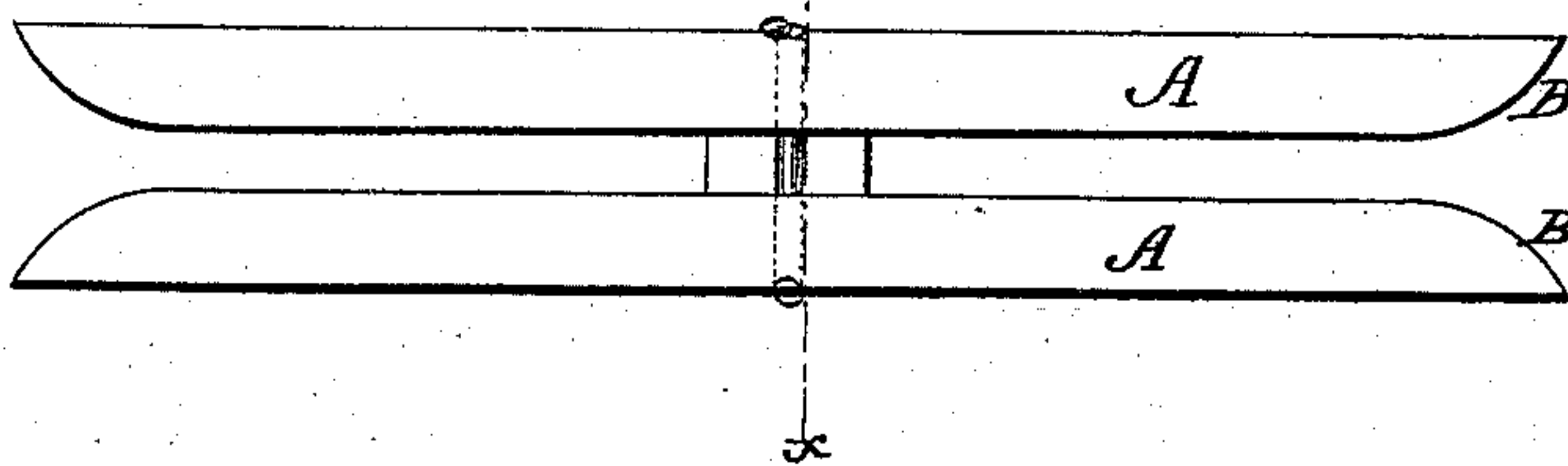


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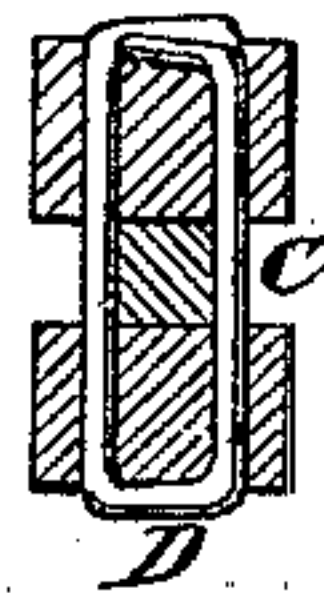


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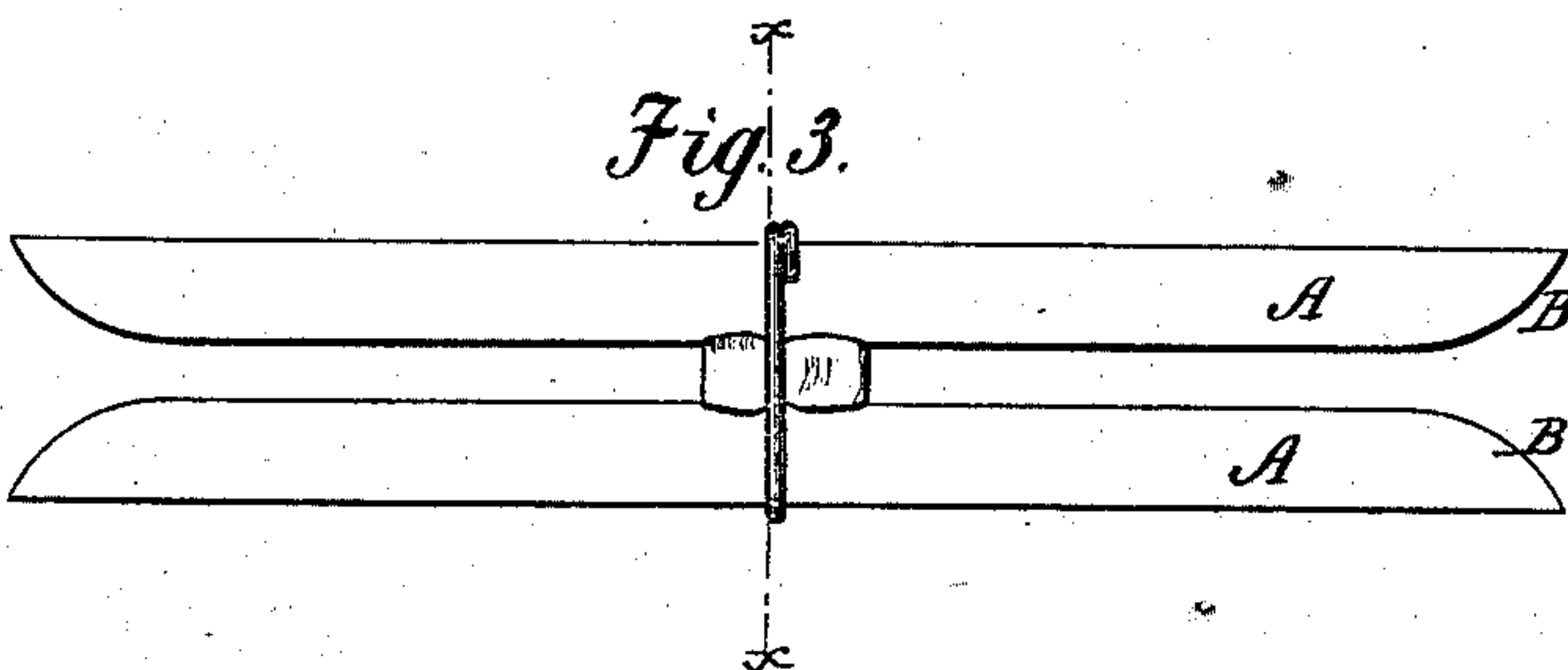
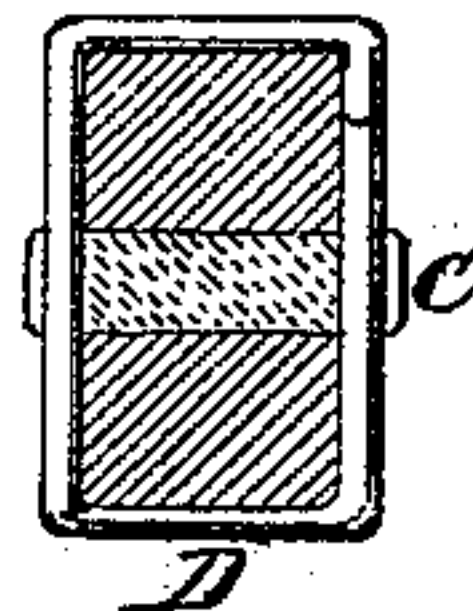


Fig. 4.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CLOTHES-PINS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OTIS F. PORTER, of Bridgeport, Connecticut, have invented an Improvement in Clothes-Pins, of which the following is a specification:

The invention consists in a double clothes-pin, formed as hereinafter described and claimed.

Figures 1 and 3 of drawing are side elevations, and Figs. 2 and 4 cross-sections.

I make my clothes-pin of two parallel strips, A A, having the bevel B at each end, an intermediate elastic block, C, and an embracing-wire, D, around strips and block. The wire and block have sufficient elasticity to allow the strips to separate and then clamp the clothes-line, while there is never a necessity for the

person who is hanging out clothes to change the pin end for end in order to get it in a proper position.

I am aware that a clothes-pin has been made of two pieces of wood, connected by wires that also serve as springs and allow the ends to open and close; but—

What I claim is—

A new article of manufacture, consisting of two strips, A A, having end bevel B, an intermediate elastic block, C, and a wire band, D, that surrounds the strips and block, as shown and described, to form a double clothes-pin.

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