

D. B. POND.
CLOTHES-STICKS.

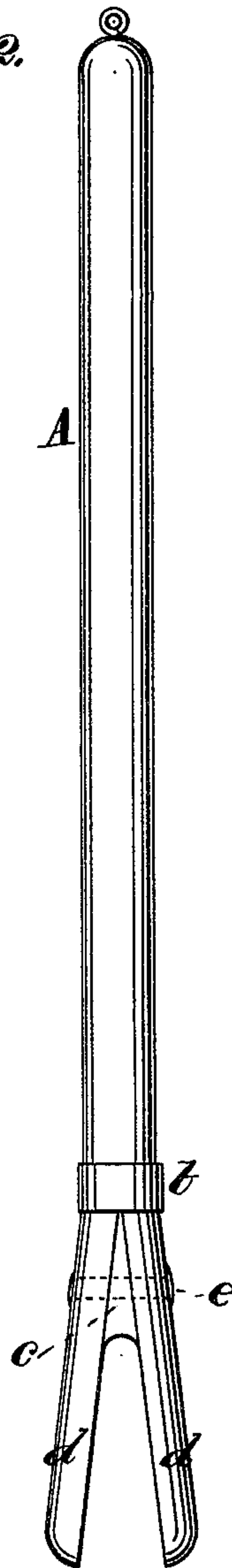
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Fig. 1



Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CLOTHES-STICKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DANIEL B. POND, of Woonsocket, in the county of Providence and State of Rhode Island, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Clothes-Sticks; 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, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a side view of my clothes-stick in process of manufacture, and Fig. 2 is a side view of the same when finished.

This invention has relation to devices which are designed for handling clothes in boilers during the process of cleansing them; and the nature of my invention consists in a bifurcated stick, the prongs of which are formed by sawing into one end of the stick, and using a wedge and rivet for keeping them spread apart, as will be hereinafter explained.

In the annexed drawings, A designates a stick of any suitable length and diameter. In

one end of this stick I make a saw-kerf, as shown at *a*, Fig. 1. I then drive on a band, *b*, which prevents the kerf from extending beyond the required length. A wedge, *c*, is then driven into the crotch of the kerf, which leaves the two prongs *d d* separated and forms a fork. The wedge *c* is secured in its place by means of a rivet, *e*.

This stick is used for stirring and turning clothes in a wash-boiler; also, for lifting the clothes out of a boiler without burning the hands.

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

As a new article of manufacture, the stick A, forked and provided with a wedge, *c*, and a band, *b*, in the manner and for the purpose described.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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