

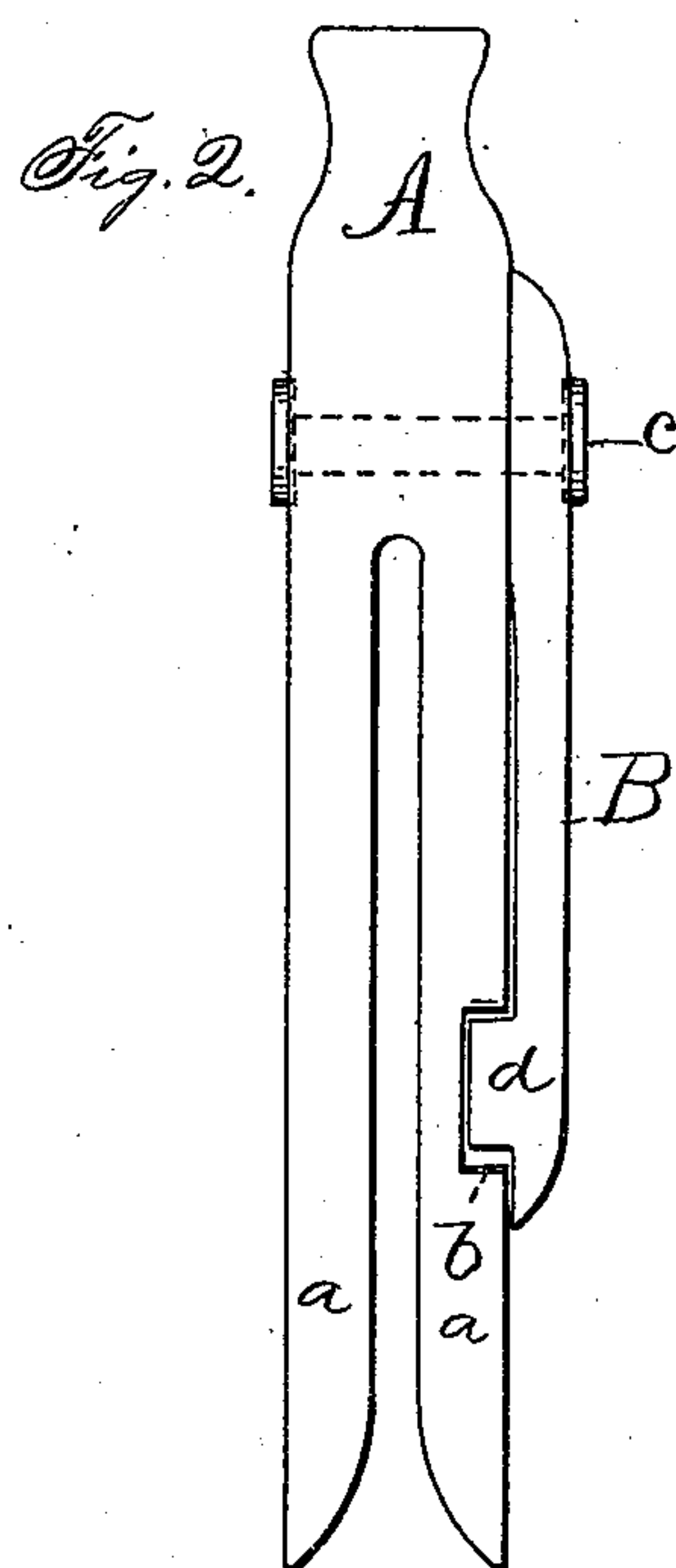
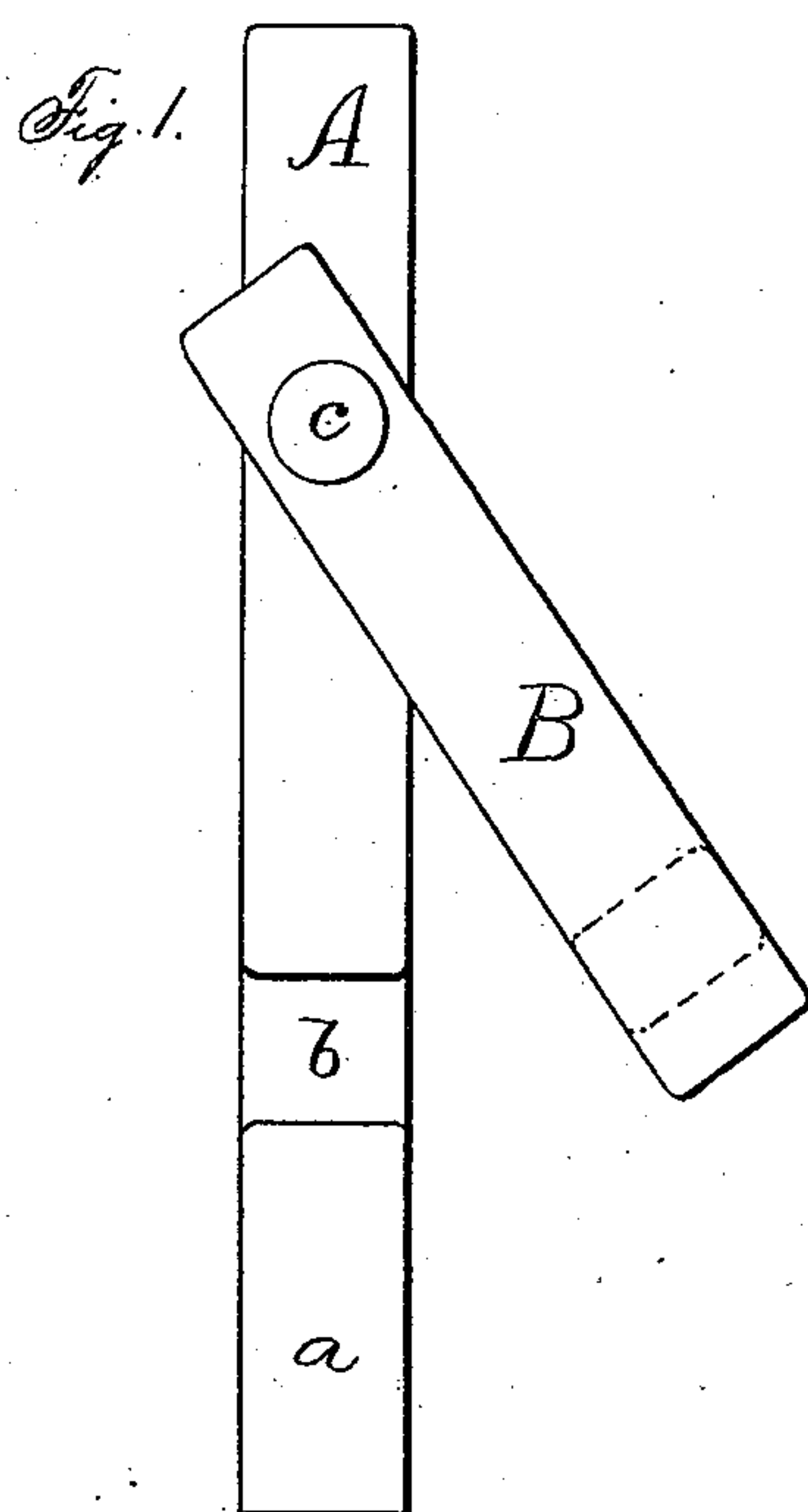
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## CLOTHES-PIN.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH T. HASKINS, of Rockport, in the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clothes-Pins, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to clothes-pins in which there is the usual forked member embracing the clothes-line, and on one side of said member, and pivoted thereto, is a clothes-holder to receive and hold the clothes. The pintle of the clothes-holder also passes through the head of the forked member to prevent it from splitting.

The objects of my invention are to produce a clothes-pin for use as above described which is durable, compact in form, convenient to operate, and which can be produced at a small cost. I attain these objects by the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation, and Fig. 2 a side view.

The two legs *a a* and their head *A* are substantially in the form of an ordinary slotted or forked clothes-pin, and are intended to embrace the clothes-line in the ordinary manner. Through one side of one of the legs *a*, I form a groove or transverse notch, *b*.

To the side of the head *A* from which the notched leg extends I pivot the swinging clothes-holder *B* by means of a pin or rivet, *c*, which extends through the head *A* at a point above the junction of the legs *a a*, whereby said rivet serves the double function of a pintle for the swinging clothes-holder and as a binding-rivet to prevent the head from splitting, thereby rendering it very durable. The inner face of the swinging clothes-holder has a projection, *d*, which, when the holder is turned so as to bring its side edges parallel to those of the legs *a a*, will enter the notch

*b*, as shown in Fig. 2. When the holder is swung to one side, as shown in Fig. 1, the clothes to be fastened thereto are laid upon the pin so as to cover the notch *b*, after which the holder is turned to bring the projection *d* into the notch *b* and firmly hold the article until the holder is swung to one side again to release it. For thin articles the part put under the holder may be doubled once or twice to make it snugly fill the holder. The clothes can be put upon the pin while they are in the house, and then carried out-of-doors, and the pins with the clothes attached may be placed upon the line; or the pins, if desired, may be first placed upon the line and the clothes afterward secured to the holder. Thus it will be noticed that the clothes are not hung over the line, and therefore there is no danger of their freezing thereto. If the clothes are frozen when it is desired to take them in, the pins, clothes, and all can be taken from the line, and the clothes, when thawed, may be removed from the pins, thereby avoiding all danger of tearing the clothes in trying to disengage them when frozen.

I claim as my invention—

1. A clothes-pin consisting of the forked member having the notch through one of its sides and the swinging holder pivoted thereto, and having the projection for entering said notch, substantially as described, and for the purpose specified.

2. A clothes-pin consisting of the head *A*, legs *a a*, one of which has the notch *b*, the holder *B*, having projection *d*, and the pin *c*, passing through the holder *B* and head *A*, all substantially as described, and for the purpose specified.

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