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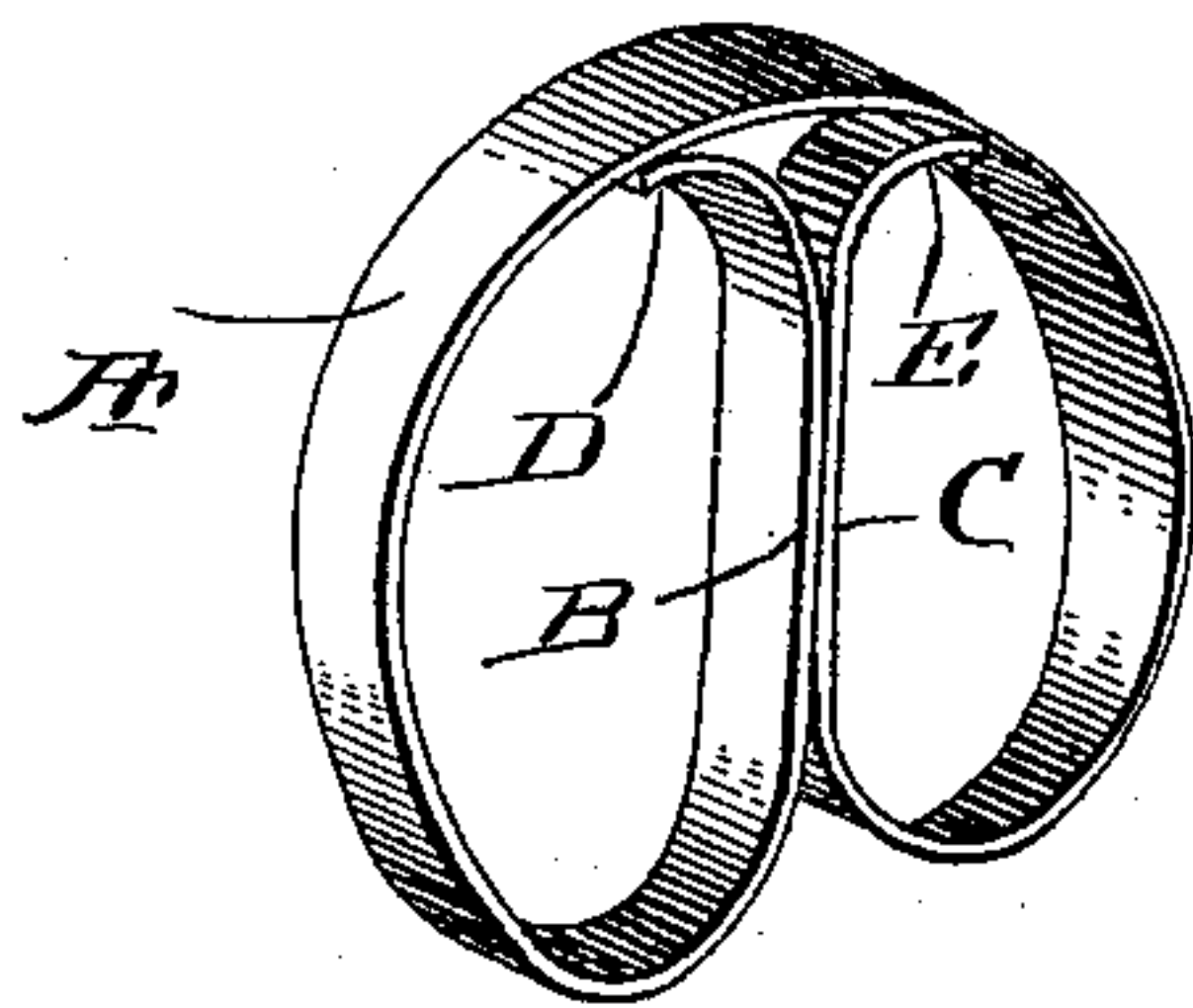
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANGIE E. TAYLOR, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kennedy, in the county of Chautauqua and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clasps; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it ap-
10 pertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to clasps.

My object is to provide a simple and inexpensive as well as ornamental clasp which will be adapted for use in a variety of con-
15 nections, but is peculiarly applicable as a clothes-pin, a paper-clip, or music-leaf holder.

Having this object in view, my invention consists of a peculiarly-constructed clasp of novel construction, as will appear more fully
20 hereinafter.

The accompanying drawing illustrates my improved clasp in perspective.

My improved clasp is constructed of a single piece of either spring-wire or ribbon, which
25 in the cheaper forms can be galvanized and in the more expensive styles nickel, silver, or gold plated. In the drawing I have shown it as constructed of a single piece of ribbon or spring metal A. This ribbon is bent into substantial heart shape and its ends are brought
30 inwardly to provide levers B and C, which are located close together and are bent at their upper ends into feet D and E, which rest near the upper portion of the clasp. Two
35 spring-loops are thus provided, so that the levers are kept close together, and when made to straddle any object they firmly bind thereon, the feet sliding along the inner surface of

the clasp as the loops are either enlarged or diminished in size.

My improved clasp is particularly adaptable for use as a clothes-pin, for the reason that the diverging feet render it impossible for the clothes-line to get in the loops formed by the levers, and hence while the clothes-
45 line and the garment held thereon are secured firmly in between said curved feet the clasp can be readily removed whenever desirable.

I am aware that clasps have heretofore been employed consisting of a single ribbon of
50 metal having their ends turned inwardly; but these devices have not been provided with diverging curved feet adapted to slide on the inner face of the ribbon of metal, and consequently they are not well adapted for use as
55 a clothes-pin.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The herein-described clasp, consisting of a
60 single ribbon of resilient metal bent into a loop and having its ends bent into said loop so as to be disposed diametrically thereof and constituting levers which lie closely adjacent and have their extremities formed into feet
65 which diverge from each other and which normally lie close to the inner face of the loop, and are thus adapted to slide upon and be guided by said inner face when the levers are spread.

In testimony whereof I have signed this
70 specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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