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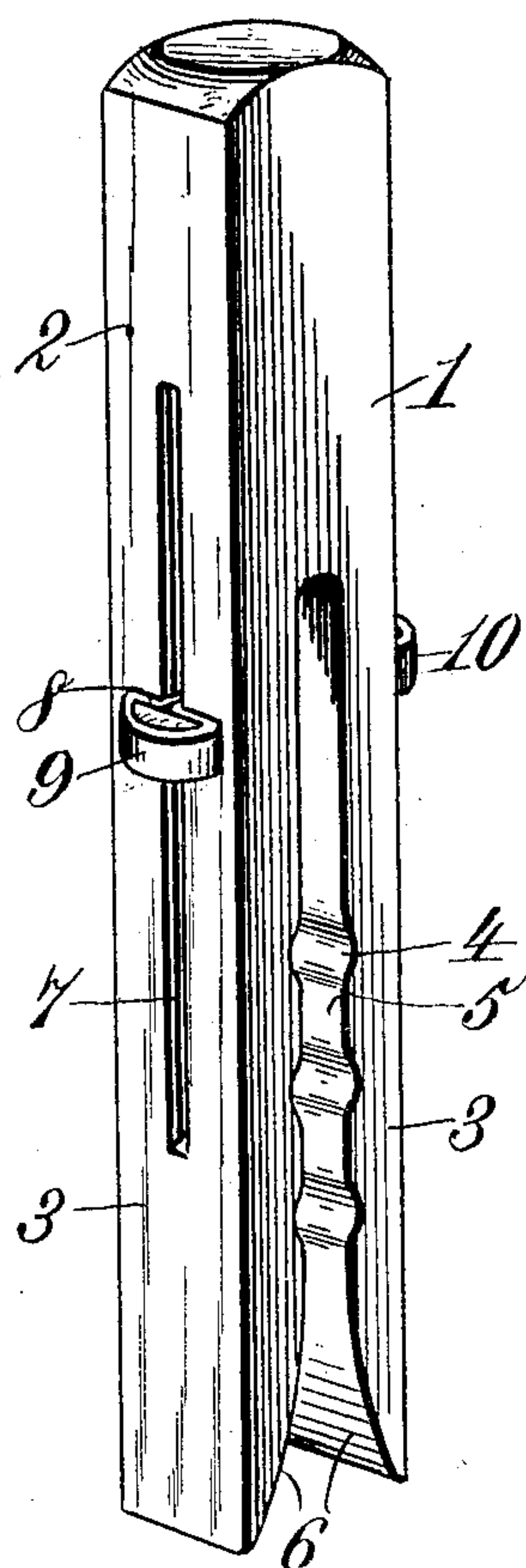
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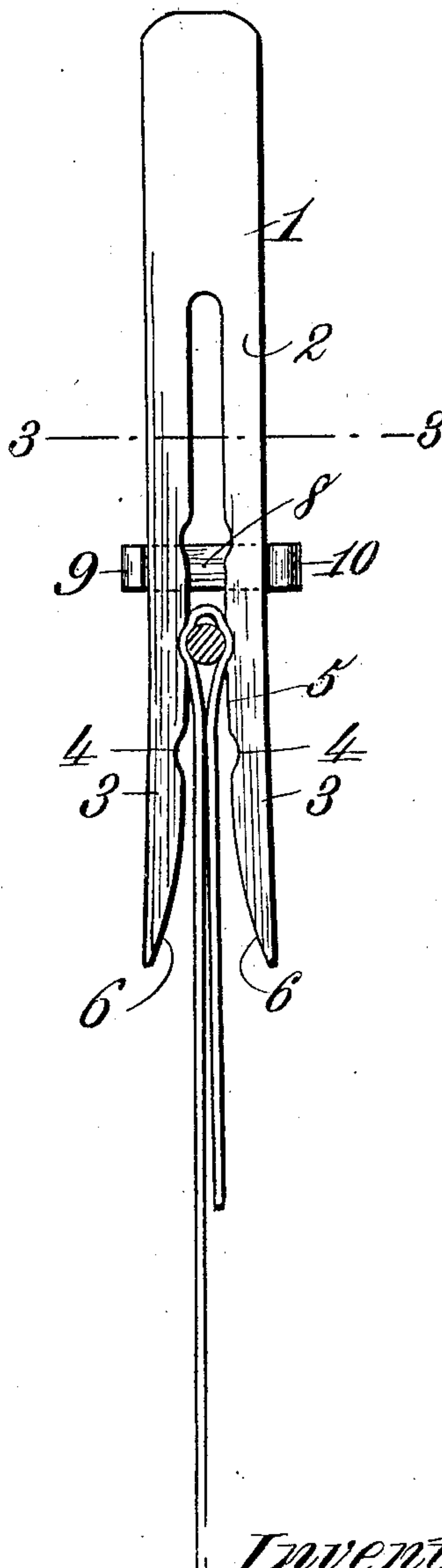
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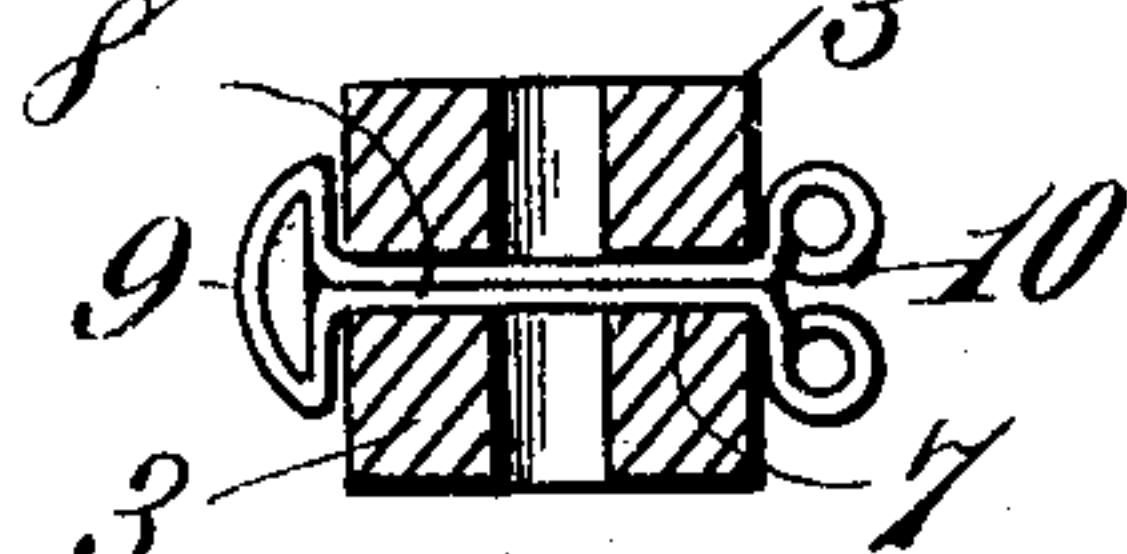
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## CLOTHES-PIN.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, AUGUSTUS F. PICKERT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Atlanta, in the county of Fulton and State of Georgia, have invented new and useful Improvements in Clothes-Pins, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improved clothes-pin for securing clothes and other articles to a line, wire, or rod, and more particularly to that class of clothes-pins having means to obviate any liability to become accidentally detached from the line and further aid in securing fast when in position.

Another feature of the invention is to provide a clothes-pin that can be economically manufactured, strong, durable, and less liable to become injured or broken, also when being detached or applied to the line there will be no danger of the same tearing or injuring the most delicate material and will be very efficient in its operation.

To these ends my invention consists in the features and in the construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter described, and particularly pointed out in the claims following the description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a perspective view. Fig. 2 is an elevation with a line being shown in transverse section, and Fig. 3 is a transverse section on line 3 3 of Fig. 2.

In the drawings the numeral 1 designates the body of the pin, constructed, preferably, of a single piece of material, in this instance wood, although it may be made of any suitable material, and having its outer surface cut to form one or more plain faces 2, said body being of the uniform width throughout its entire length and bifurcated to form yieldable jaws or fingers 3 and having their opposite inner faces corrugated to form a plurality of notches 4, the edges of which are rounded to present blunt ribs 5. The end portions of the fingers 3 are beveled at 6 to facilitate the entrance of the line between the fingers of the pin when forced into position on the clothes carried by the line. A longitudinal

slot 7 is formed in each of the fingers 3 and extends beyond the crest of the crotch on the fingers, and slidably held in the slots 7 is a clasp 8, having a head 9 at one side of the pin and at the other side a bent portion to retain the clasp in the slots and terminating in a grip 10 to assist the moving of the clasp 8 longitudinally of the pin. When the pin is to be used, it is necessary to move the clasp 8 in the slots 7 in the direction of the upper portion of the pin beyond the fingers 3. Then place the pin over the clothes and press down until the line, with the clothes thereon, enters the notches 4, causing the fingers 3 to spread according to the thickness of the clothes and line. The clasp 8 is then moved toward the free ends of the fingers by the grip 10, thereby pressing the fingers 3 together, so as to clamp the fabric between the ribs 5, forming the notches 4, on the inner faces of the fingers, thus serving to securely fasten the pin to the line and preventing the liability of the fingers yielding and the clothes carried thereby from working out of the notches 4 on the inner faces of the fingers by the unavoidable disturbance of the clothes in windy weather. It is to be understood that by the particular arrangement of the pin having the notches 4 on the inner faces of the fingers and when fastened by the clasp to the line is capable of a forward-and-backward swinging movement to allow the clothes to move freely in a direction to release the stress of the wind upon the same. To withdraw the clothes suspended on the line and to release the pin, move the clasp 8 in the slots 7 longitudinally of the pin from the fingers 3, releasing the same. Then pull upon the pin and the fingers 3 will yield, thus allowing the clothes and the line to pass from the notches 4, riding over the ribs 5 and the beveled portions 6 at the ends of the fingers of the pin, and the same will be released. The clothes can now be taken from the line at will.

I do not confine myself to the particular shape of the pin as heretofore pointed out, as it may be of any desired shape without departing from the scope of my invention.



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

- 5 1. A clothes-pin comprising a body portion having integral therewith yieldable fingers provided with slots each extending beyond the crest of the crotch of the fingers and a clasp extending entirely through the pin and slidably mounted in the slots.
- 10 2. A clothes-pin consisting of a block having a longitudinal open-ended slot to produce yieldable fingers and other longitudinal slots transverse to the first-mentioned slot formed partially in the fingers and in the body of the  
15 pin at a point beyond the closed end of said first slot, and a means movably arranged in the longitudinal slots to limit the yielding of the fingers.
- 20 3. A clothes-pin comprising a body having yieldable sections integral therewith and provided with beveled ends, said sections having on their inner faces blunt ribs to form notches

and further provided with slots each extending beyond the crest of the crotch of the same, a clasp extending entirely through the 25 pin and slidably mounted in the slots and a grip carried thereby to move the clasp.

4. A clothes-pin comprising a body having a slot extending toward the head thereof to form yieldable fingers integral therewith, the 30 inner faces of the fingers provided with notches, said fingers having slots each of which extend beyond the crest of the crotch of the fingers, means extending entirely through the pin and guided by the slots to limit the yield- 35 ing of the fingers and means for moving the same.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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