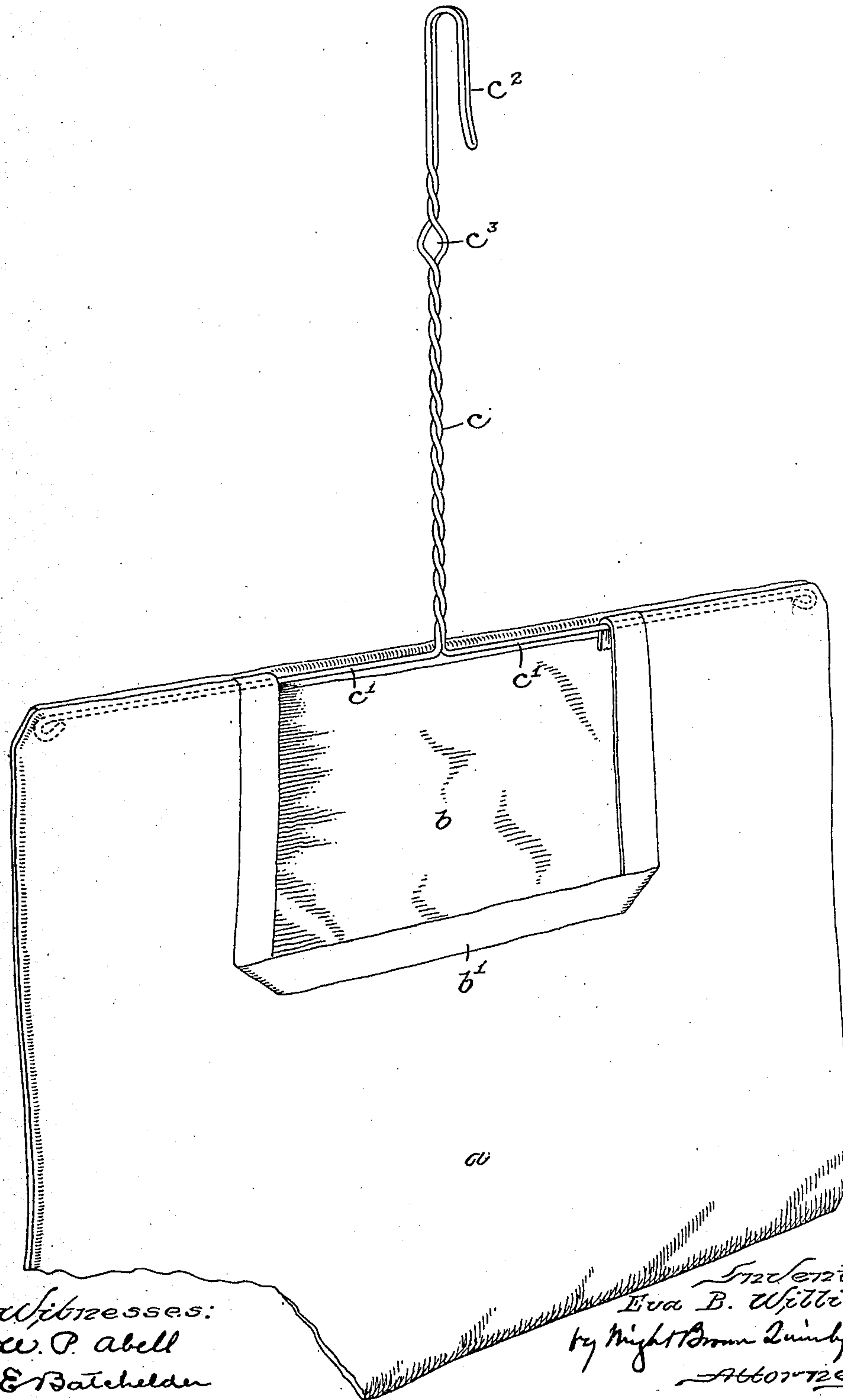


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EVA B. WILLIAMS, of Quincy, in the county of Norfolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clothes-Pin Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has for its object to provide simple, convenient and effective means for supporting a mass of clothes pins on a clothes line in convenient position for use in withdrawing pins, for engagement with a line, and storing pins which have been removed from the line.

The invention consists in the improved device which I will now proceed to describe and claim.

The accompanying drawing represents a perspective view of a clothes pin holder embodying my invention.

In the drawing, *a* represents a flexible bag which is preferably composed of two substantially square, marginally connected side pieces, one of which is cut away at its upper portion to form a mouth *b*, which extends from the upper edge of the side piece partly across the same, and is made shorter than the width of the bag, the said opening being preferably provided with a reinforcing binding strip *b'*. The other side piece has no opening and forms a backing for the mouth *b* adapted to guide clothes pins into the bag.

The described bag is adapted to be detachably engaged with a hanger composed of a shank portion *c*, and arms *c'*, *c'*, the whole being preferably formed by bending and twisting a single piece of wire into the form illustrated in the drawing. The ends of the mouth are separated from the ends of the bag by the connected portions of the upper edges of the side pieces, said connected portions being at opposite ends of the mouth, and adapted to engage and bear on the outer end portions of the arms *c'*. The size of the mouth *b* is such that the bag can be conveniently applied to and removed from the arms, the arms being of such length that they collectively occupy the entire width of the in-

terior of the bag, and prevent endwise displacement of the bag upon the arms. 50

The upper end of the shank *c* is provided with a hook *c<sup>2</sup>* adapted to engage a clothes line.

The operation of the device will be obvious from the foregoing description. 55

The detachability of the bag from the hanger enables a worn out bag to be removed and replaced by a new one, and also enables the bag to be conveniently removed to be washed and subsequently reapplied to the hanger, there being no fastening devices which require removal to permit the detachment of the bag from the hanger, and insertion to secure the bag to the hanger. The hanger constitutes a stiffener and spreader for the upper end of the bag, and holds the same in such position that its mouth is always open and accessible. 60

The shank *c* is preferably provided with an eye *c<sup>3</sup>* adapted to engage a nail or hook on which the holder may be hung when not in use. 70

I claim:

A clothes pin holder comprising a two-sided bag having in one of its side pieces a mouth extending downwardly from the upper edge of its side piece, and separated from the ends of the bag by connected portions of the upper edges of the side pieces, said mouth being backed by the other side piece, and a hanger composed of a shank portion and arms projecting in opposite directions therefrom, said arms being adapted to enter the mouth and detachably engage the said connected portions of the side pieces to support the bag with its mouth held open, the hanger having means for engaging a line, and constituting a stiffener and spreader for the upper end of the bag. 85

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature, in presence of two witnesses. 90

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