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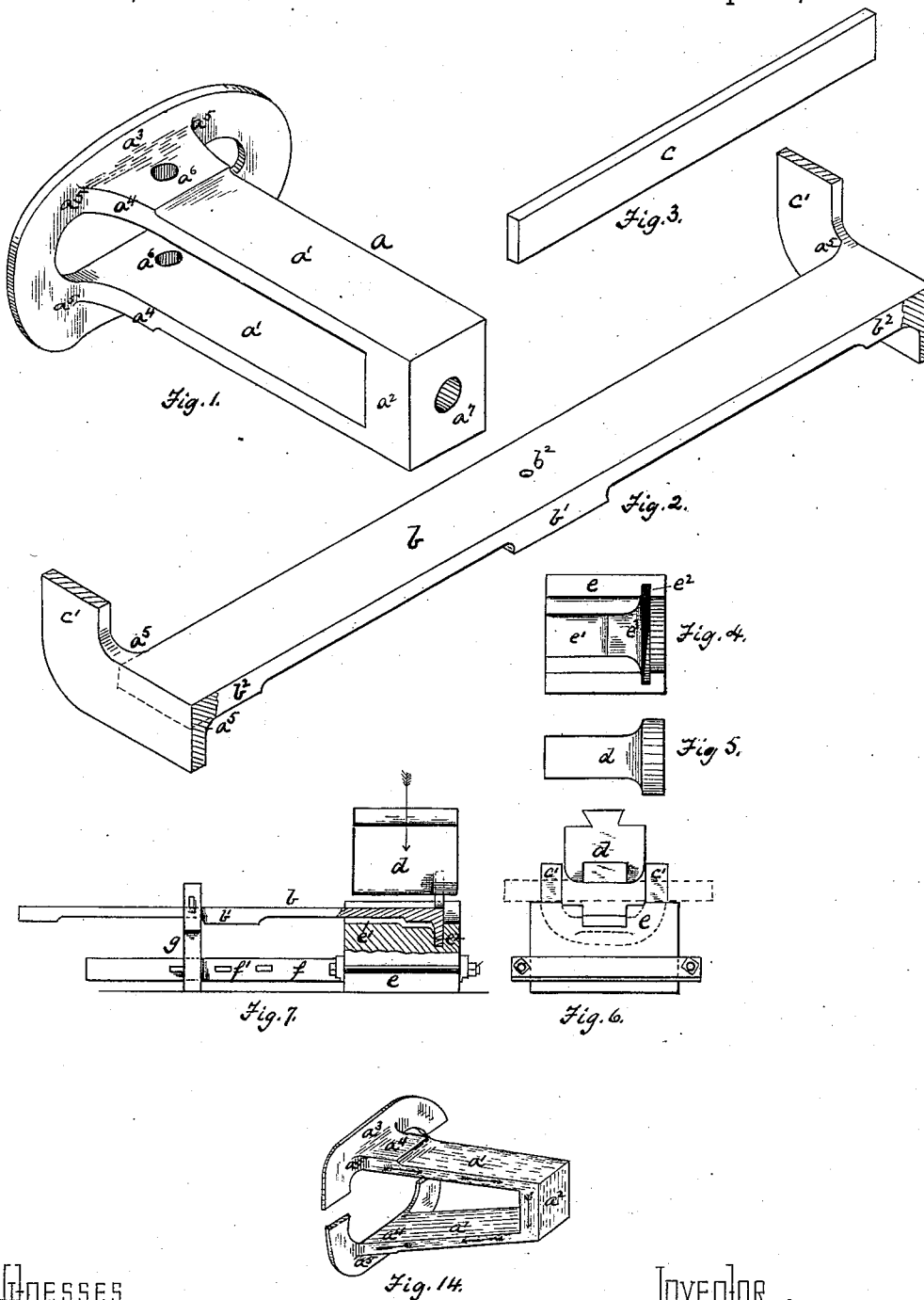
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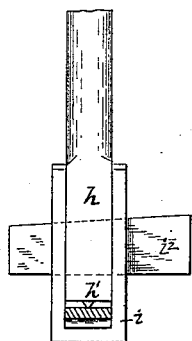


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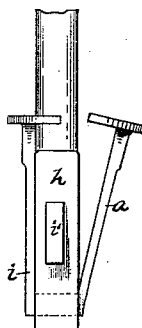


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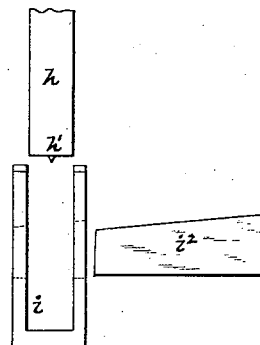


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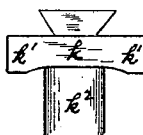


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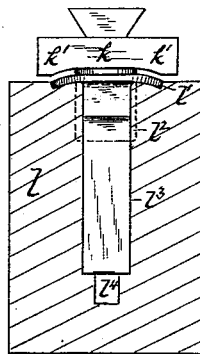


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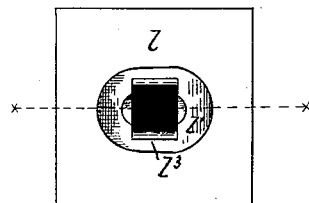


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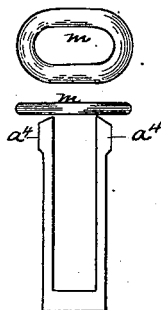


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAN ST. CLAIR WINELAND, of Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in the Manufacture of Draw-Bars for Railway-Cars; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of my improved draw-bar for railroad-cars. Fig. 2 is a view of the blank from which the body of the draw-bar is made. Fig. 3 is a view of the blank from which the face-plates are made. Figs. 4 and 5 are plan views of the bottom and top dies by which the plates are bent and welded to the ends of the top and bottom bars. Fig. 6 is a front elevation of the two dies. Fig. 7 is a side view, partly in section, illustrating the operation of the dies. Figs. 8 and 9 are respectively side and edge elevations of the former for bending the body of the bar. Fig. 10 is a view of the parts detached. Fig. 11 is a side view of the die for shaping and welding the face-plate. Fig. 12 is a sectional view of the bottom die. Fig. 13 is a plan view of the bottom die. Fig. 14 is a view of the bent or unfinished draw-bar, indicating the line of the fiber of the same. Fig. 15 is a view illustrating a modified operation.

Like letters of reference indicate like parts in each.

The head *a* is, in external appearance and form, similar to the usual draw-bar. It consists of top and bottom bars, *a'*, thickened end *a''*, having a hole, *a'*, for the passage of the shank of the bolt by which it is attached to the timbers of the car, a face-plate, *a''*, thickened or re-enforced portions *a'*, through which the pin-holes *a''* are made, and fillets *a''* at the point of union between the face-plate *a''* and the top and bottom bars.

The body is formed of a suitable bar, *b*, Fig. 2, which is formed either by rolling or forging with a thickened central portion, *b'*, to form the heel *a''*, and thickened or re-enforced ends *b''* to form the parts *a'*, through which the pin-holes *a''* are made. One end, *b''*, of such a bar is placed in the longitudinal

recess *e'* of a bottom die, *e*, with its forward end reaching to the outer edge of a transverse recess or cavity, *e''*.

The bar *c*, for forming one-half of the face-plate *a''*, is placed across the top of the die *E*, directly over the transverse cavity *e''*, as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 6. The cavity *e'* merges into the cavity *e''* by a flaring intermediate cavity, *e''*, which is for the purpose of forming fillets *a''* around the ends of the top and bottom plates, *a'*, at their union with the face-plate *a''*. When the bar *b* is in this position, its rear end is supported by a bifurcated head or brace, *g*, mounted on a strap, *f*, extending back from the die *e*. This strap *f* has slots *f'* for the purpose of receiving a suitable key, and the brace is adjustable on the strap *f*, so as to fit it for use in making different lengths or sizes of draw-bars. The brace *g* is provided with slots through the arms of its bifurcations, to receive a suitable key, by which the bar *b* is firmly secured therein. The purpose of the brace *g* is to hold the bar *b* in place in the die *e* when subjected to the swaging action of the top die, *d*, which has a tendency to force it backward, or cause it to shrink away from its proper position. To this end the brace *g* is arranged so that the back end or shoulder of the thickened portion *b'* of the bar *b* shall come against it, as indicated in Fig. 7. The bars *b* and *c*, being in the position stated, are then subjected to the action of the top die, *d*, which is placed in a suitable press or hammer, and is caused to deliver a suitable number of blows upon the upper edge of the bar *c* and the upper face of the bar *b*. The effect is to force the bar *c* down into the transverse cavity *e''*, bending its ends upward to conform to the side or working-face of the die *d*, and also to produce a firm and perfect weld or union between the bars *c* and *b*. The upsetting and forging action of the die *d* forces the metal into the recess or cavity *e''*, forming the fillet *a''* around the outer side and edges of the end of the bar *b*. The result of this operation, which is performed on both ends of the bar *b*, is shown by Fig. 2, where, at each end of the bar *b*, one-half of the face-plate *a''* is welded, and the fillets *a''* are formed between the welded parts.

In Figs. 8, 9, and 10 I show the bending de-

vice, which consists of a form, *h*, having a centering-point, *h'*, at its outer end and a clamp or strap, *i*, inclosing two opposite sides and the end. Through the clamp *i* and form *h* are slots *i'*, adapted to receive a key, *i''*, to secure the parts together after the bar *b* has been placed therein. The bar *b* is inserted, as shown in Fig. 8. Then the form *h* is brought down upon it, the point *h'* entering the countersink *b''*.

10 Then the sides of the bar *b* are bent up away from the projection *b'* by hammering or forging until they conform to the shape of the form *h*, as indicated in Fig. 9. This article is then removed from the form, and, being properly

15 heated, is placed in a bed-die, *l*, having a cavity, *l'*, for giving the final shape to the face-plate *a''*, a cavity, *l''*, for receiving the core of the shaping and welding die *k*, and a cavity, *l'''*, for receiving the unfinished draw-bar as it

20 comes from the form *h*. When in the die *l*, the face-plate, which is now in two parts, *e' e''*, is subjected to the action of the welding and shaping die *k*, said die being provided with jaws *k'* and a central core, *k''*. The die *k* is

25 mounted in the reciprocating head of a suitable drop or press, and is caused to deliver a suitable number of blows upon the surface of the face-plate lying in the cavity *l'* of the body *l*. The core *k''* enters the front opening of the

30 face-plate, and the jaws *k'* act upon the ends of the face-plate, forcing them down into the cavity *l''*, to give them their convex shape and to weld them together, as shown in Fig. 1. The draw-bar is then removed from the die *l*,

35 and is in a finished condition, so far as this invention is concerned. The transverse opening *l'''* is to permit the insertion of a lever under the end of the draw-bar in the die *l*, to facilitate its discharge therefrom.

40 In Fig. 15 I show a modified way of forming the face-plate. Here the bar *b* is shown as bent in the manner described without the sections of face-plate welded thereto. A ring or link, *m*, of metal of suitable size and shape,

45 is placed over the ends *a'* in the cavity *l'* of the die *l*, and is there subjected to a forging action of the die *k*, which upsets it on the ends

a' and into the cavity *l'*, welding it to the former and giving it the shape of the latter.

I have spoken of bending the bar *b* on the form *h* by forging or hammering. This may, if desired, be accomplished by a bending-machine or other suitable means.

I do not limit myself to the use of the head or brace *g* for holding the bar *b* up to its place in dies, as it is apparent to the skilled mechanic that other devices may be adopted for this purpose.

The draw-bar thus made has a continuous fiber throughout, and is not weakened by welds in the parts exposed to tensile strength.

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

1. The die *e*, having a longitudinal cavity to maintain the body-bar, and a transverse cavity communicating therewith, for shaping the bar which forms one-half of the face-plate and welding it to the body of the draw-bar, substantially as and for the purposes described.

2. The die *e*, having cavities *e'*, *e''*, and *e'''*, substantially as and for the purposes described.

3. The combination of the dies *d* and *e*, substantially as and for the purposes described.

4. The combination of dies *d* and *e*, for welding the face-plate to the body-bar, with a brace for holding the latter up to its place in the bed-die against the action of the forging-die, substantially as and for the purposes described.

5. The face-plate shaping and welding die *l*, having a cavity for containing the body of the bent draw-bar, and a convex-shaped recess for shaping and welding the face-plate, substantially as and for the purposes described.

6. The combination of the face-plate shaping and welding die *l*, with the drop-die *k*, having a core, which enters the opening in the face-plate when acting thereon in the die *l*, substantially as and for the purposes described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 8th day of January, A. D. 1884.

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