

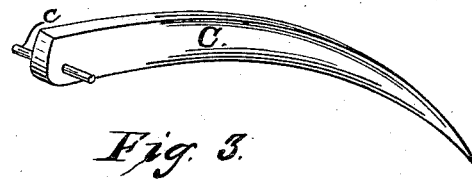
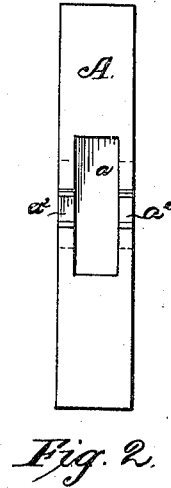
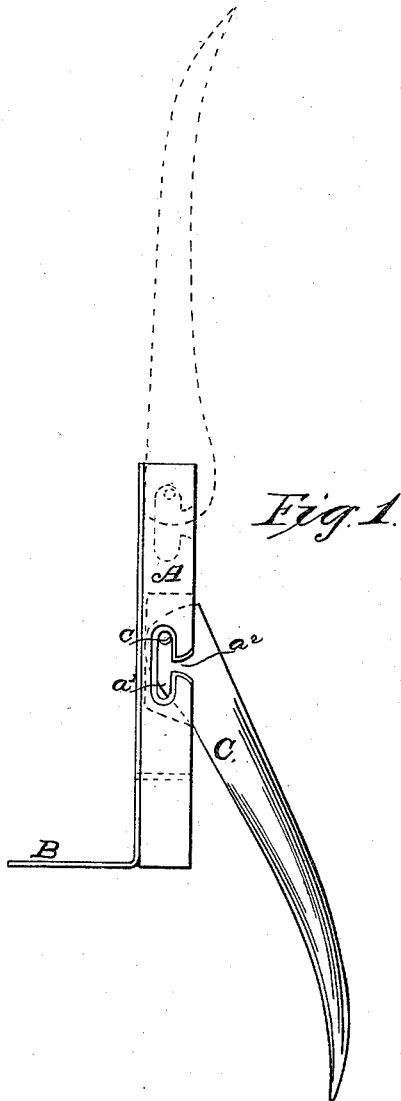
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## DOOR-CHECK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM W. ENGLISH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lincoln, in the county of Lancaster and State of Nebraska, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Door-Stops; and I do 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 appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to devices for securing doors; and it has for its object to devise a construction which shall be simple and compact in construction, economical in arrangement, easily carried from place to place in the pocket of a garment, quickly adjusted in place, and efficient in use.

It consists in the peculiar construction and novel features more fully hereinafter set forth and claimed, and shown in the annexed drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the completed device. Fig. 2 is a front view of the standard. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the prong or brace.

The device comprises a standard, A, having a foot-piece, B, and a prong or brace, C. The standard may be of any suitable material, wood or metal, having one or more recesses, *a*, formed in its front side for the reception of the heel of the prong C. Slots *a'* extend through the sides of the standard on each side of the recess, and communicate with the latter. A portion of the front side of the standard opposite the slots *a'* is removed, providing a passage-way, *a''*, which leads into the slots, preferably about midway between the ends of the slots. The prong or brace C is slightly curved throughout its length, but more rapidly near its pointed end. The heel is somewhat expanded, and is of a thickness corresponding with the width of the recess. A pin, *c*, passing transversely through the heel and extending on each side, is adapted to fit within the slots *a'* and hold the prong in place relative to the standard, so it cannot be easily displaced. The foot B may be an integral part of the standard, or separate from and secured

thereto. In case the standard is of wood, a plate of metal is fastened to its rear side to strengthen it, and the lower portion of the plate is bent at right angles, forming the foot.

In practice the foot of the standard is inserted between the lower end of the door and the threshold, and the standard rests against the side of the door opposite to that on which it opens. The prong or brace is fitted in place by bringing the pin *c* in register with the passage-way *a''* and pressing in on the prong. The pin will enter the slot *a'*, and, when carried out of register with the passage-way *a''*, will hold the prong to the standard. The pointed end of the prong engaging the floor or a stop at a distance from the door, effectually barring the door, secures it against being easily opened without giving due notice.

The standard and prong may be readily separated and folded into a compact form, so as to occupy a minimum amount of space, which permits of its being carried about in the pocket of a garment. The standard may be a permanent fixture, in which case the foot-piece will be dispensed with, and the recess will be formed near the upper end of the standard. When out of use, the prong may be removed, or it may be held up out of the way by any known means, as shown by dotted lines, Fig. 1. The foot-piece prevents the standard riding the door in case any strain or pressure is placed thereon, and holds it in place against accidental displacement.

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

The combination, with the standard having formed therein a recess, slots leading from the recess through each side, and a passage-way communicating with the slots, of a prong having an expanded heel adapted to fit within the recess, a pin passing transversely through the heel to enter through the passage-way and fit within the slots, and a foot-piece projecting from the lower end of the standard, substantially as and for the purposes described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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