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Instrument for Opening Bale-Ties.

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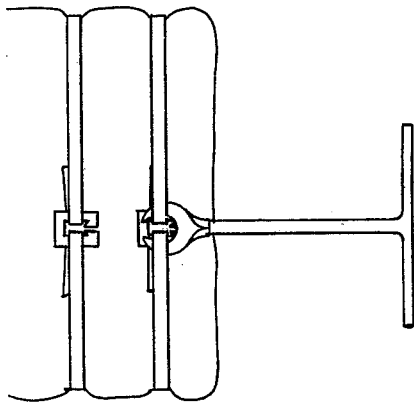


Fig. 1.

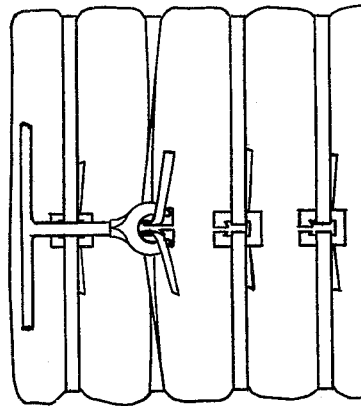


Fig. 2.

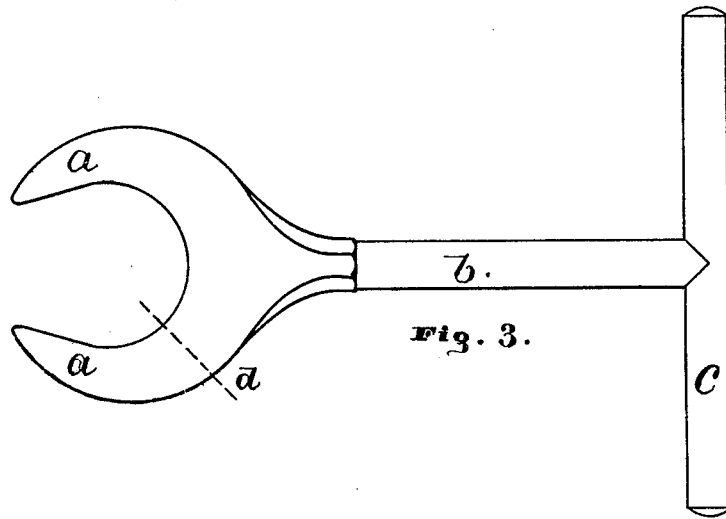


Fig. 3.



Fig. 5.

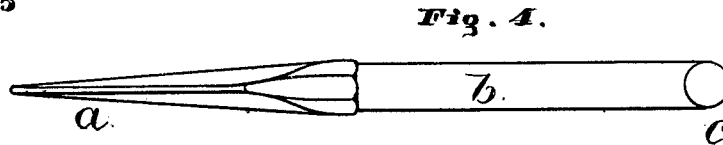


Fig. 4.

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## IMPROVEMENT IN INSTRUMENTS FOR OPENING BALE-TIES.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **198,398**, dated December 18, 1877; application filed July 5, 1877.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES LESTER, of New Orleans, State of Louisiana, have invented an Instrument for Opening Bale-Bands Without Cutting, of which the following is a specification:

My invention consists in forming a lever with a fork at one end and cross-bar handle at the other, the whole forming a lever or levers capable of multiform action in use.

When the instrument is laid flat on the bale, and the fork inserted under the band, and over the buckle and turned ends, as in Figure 1, by turning the instrument over on its forked end, it serves to turn the band inside out, thus releasing the ends, as in Fig. 2, when, by applying a rotating motion by means of the cross-bar handle, using the outer side of forks as fulcrum, the buckle and ends are thrown

out and loosened. The same effect is produced if the ends only are operated on without the buckle.

Figs. 3 and 4 represent the instrument with forked ends *a a*, standard *b*, and cross-bar handle *c*.

Fig. 5 represents a section at *d* of one of the forks.

What I claim, and wish to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A forked lever with cross-bar handle, substantially as described, and for the uses set forth.

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