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Hame-Fastening.

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Fig. 1

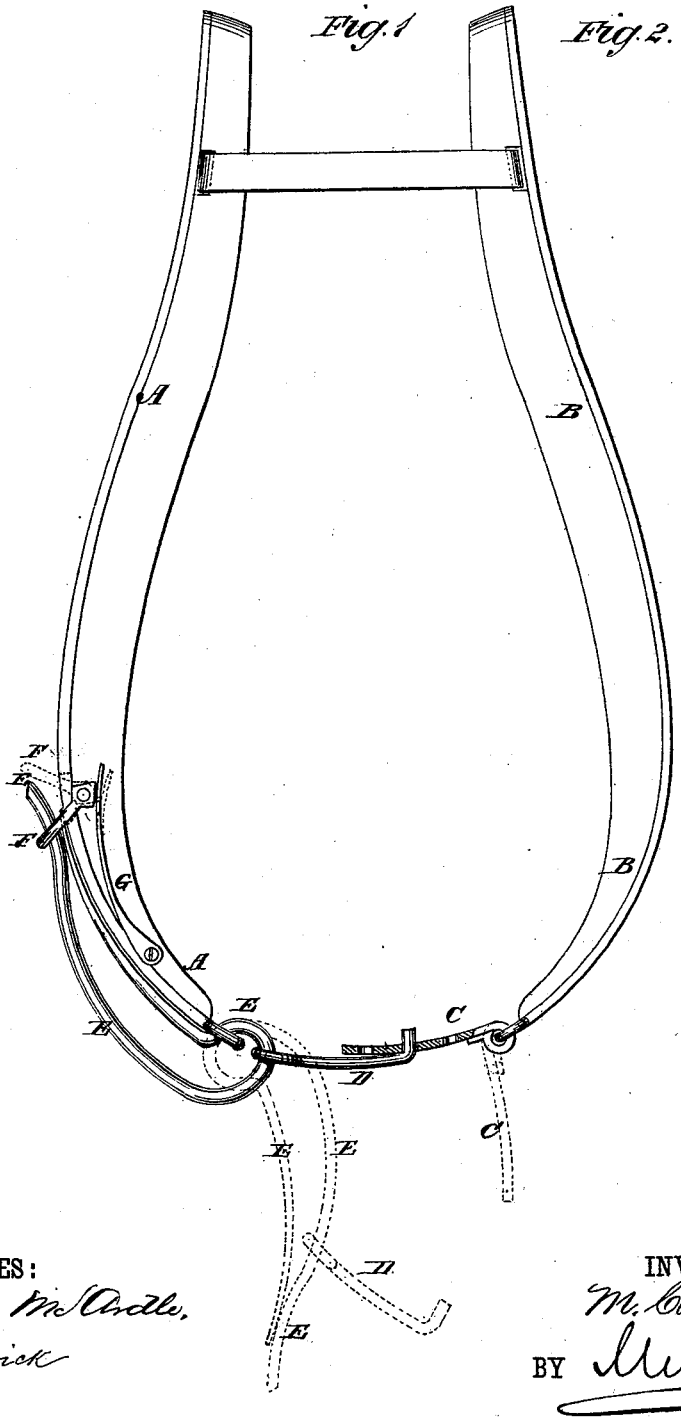
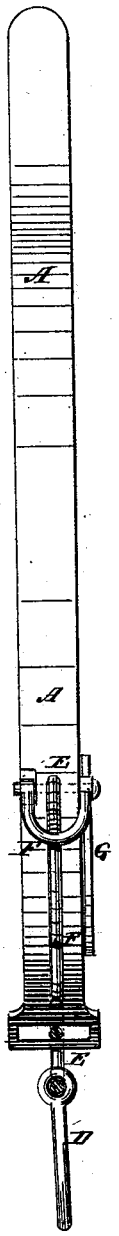


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN HAME-FASTENINGS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MADISON CALHOUN, of Ocate, in the county of Mora and Territory of New Mexico, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Hame-Fastenings, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a front view of a pair of hames to which my improved fastening has been applied. Fig. 2 is a side view of the same, partly in section, to show the construction.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to furnish an improved hame-fastening which shall be simble in construction, strong, durable, not liable to become accidentally unfastened, and easily and quickly fastened and unfastened, even with cold or gloved hands.

A and B represent hames, which are provided with loops at their lower ends, in the usual way. To the loop of one of the hames, as B, is hinged the end of a catch-plate, C, which has a number of holes formed through it to receive the hook D. The hook D has an eye formed in the end of its shank to receive and slide upon an arm of the loop-lever E, which passes through the loop of the other hame, A, and is so formed as to lie along and fit upon the curved lower end of the said hame A.

The lever E is secured in place when the hames A B are fastened by the loop F, which is pivoted to the hame A in such a position that it may be turned down over the end of the loop-lever E when the said lever has been raised into place.

The forward end of the loop F is made triangular to receive the free end of the spring G, so that the said spring G may hold it in place, both when turned down to fasten the loop-lever E and when turned up to release the said lever.

The cam-loop F is angled at the rear, so as to allow the spring G to hold it conveniently over the lever E, and prevent the latter from being jarred out of it.

I am aware that a hook and catch and a slotted lever supported by a spring are not broadly new; but

What I claim is—

The combination, with the adjustable catch and hook mechanism C D, of the lever E, constructed as described, the pivoted cam-loop F, and the spring G, all arranged on the hames, as shown and described.

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