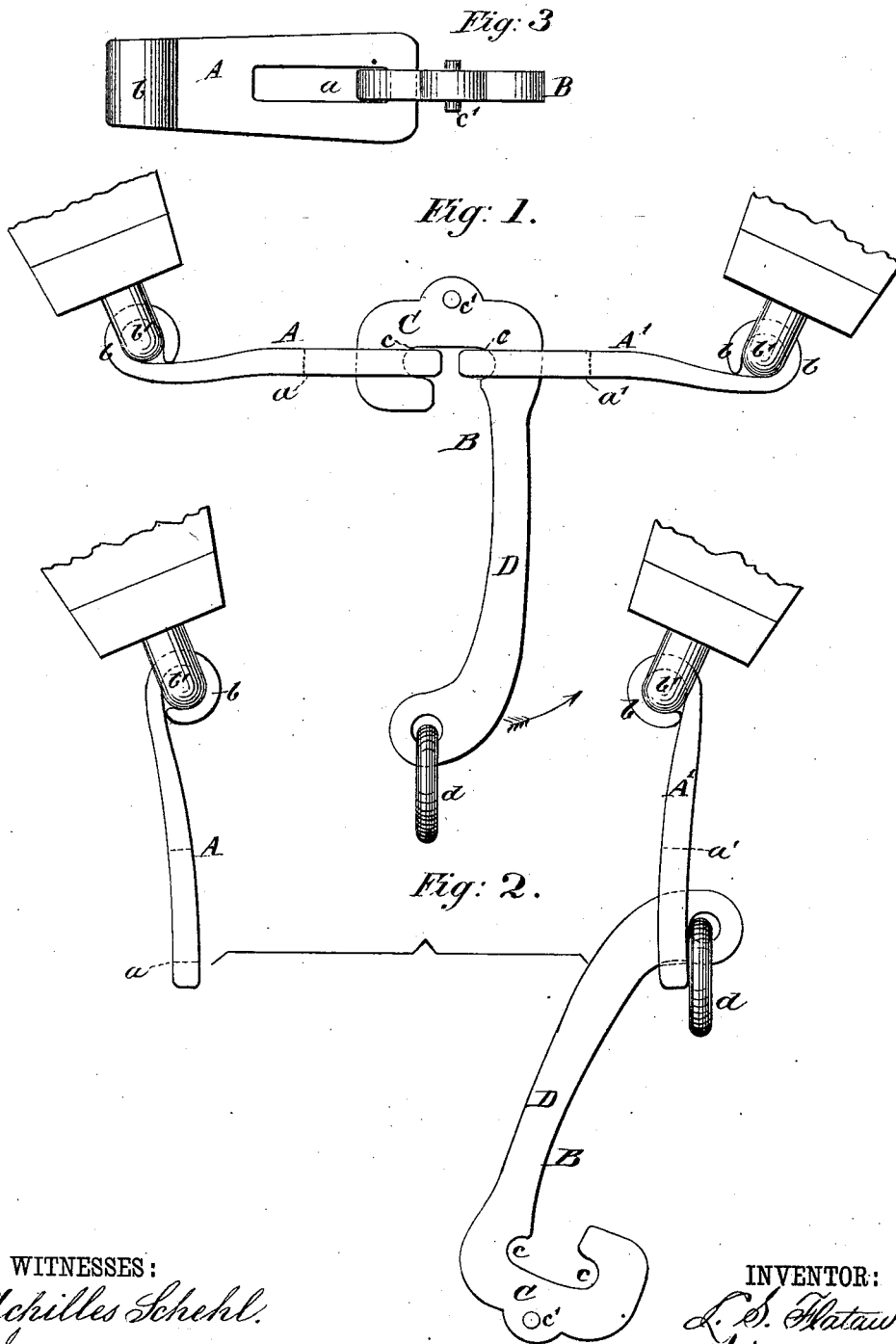


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IMPROVEMENT IN HAME-FASTENINGS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS S. FLATAU, of Pittsburg, in the county of Camp and State of Texas, have invented a new and Improved Hame-Fastening, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents a front view of my improved hame-fastening in position of being locked. Fig. 2 is a front view of the same in position of being unfastened. Fig. 3 is a detail top view of one of the hame-straps and the lever-hook attached.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of my invention is to furnish a cheap, durable, and convenient hame-fastening, easily attachable to the hames and not liable to be detached by accident.

The invention consists in the combination, with the slotted metallic hame-straps, of a double-recessed lever-hook, constructed as hereinafter described.

A A' are metallic straps, provided with the slots *a a'*, and permanently secured to the hames by hooking their ends *b* into the hame-loops *b'*, and closing the hook *b* around the wire of the loop, as shown in the drawing. B is the lever-hook, of about the shape of a chain-link, C, open at one side, and there provided with the downward-projecting arm or lever D, which latter is bent up at its lower end, and has a ring, *d*, attached through a hole to it. The exterior shape of the part C is immaterial, so long as it is provided with the inner recesses *c*, arranged opposite to each other.

The lever-hook B is inserted through the

slot *a'* of the hame-strap A', and is prevented from being accidentally detached from the said strap by a cross-pin or other stop, *c'*, inserted tightly in a hole in the side of the link C, at the upper end of the lever-hook B, and by the aforesaid ring *d*, at the lower end of the lever-hook B.

To unhook the hames, the lever D is raised by the ring *d* in direction of the arrow until the end of the strap A' slides out of its recess *c* in the lever-hook and along the lever D toward the ring *d*, thus slackening the tie sufficiently to allow of removing the end of the strap A from its recess *c* and lifting the double hook or link C out of the slot *a*. The straps A A' and lever-hook B will then naturally drop in the position shown in Fig. 2, with the bent end of the lever D, near the ring *d*, lodged in the end of the slot *a'*. To fasten the hames, it is only necessary to hook the link C in the slot *a* of the hame-strap A, and bring the lever D down into the position of Fig. 1, until the end of the strap A' again lodges in the recess *c* of the part C of the lever-hook B.

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

The double-recessed hook B, provided with the stops *c' d*, in combination with the slotted metallic hame-straps A A', substantially as shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

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