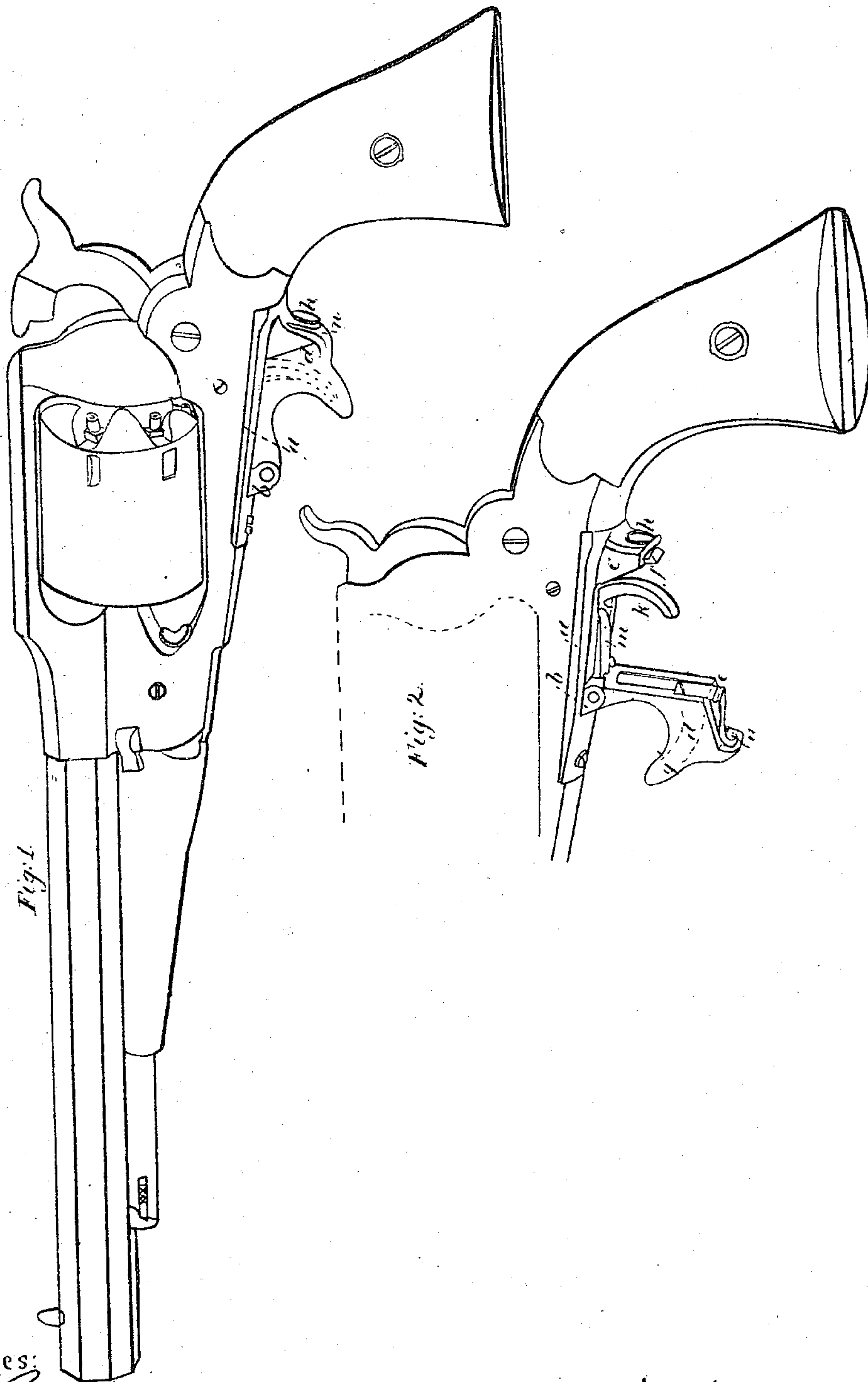


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*Trigger Cover for Fire-arms.*

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## IMPROVEMENT IN TRIGGER-COVERS FOR FIRE-ARMS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 41,472, dated February 9, 1864.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN BIRKENHEAD, of Ilion, in the county of Herkimer and State of New York, have invented a Cover-Guard for Pistols or other Fire-Arms; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, the same letters referring to the same parts in each figure.

Figure 1 is a view of a pistol with my guard on, closed; Fig. 2, the same with the guard open, showing the movements and operation of the same, which is as follows:

Letter *a* is a plate, of any suitable form and material, to attach to the weapon, with a projection at *b* and *c*, to which is connected, at *b*, the cover *d*, by a hinge-joint, cover *d* being made of brass or any suitable material, as seen in Fig. 2, and is hollowed out from *g* to *g'*, to receive the trigger when closed.

*e* is a notch, which strikes on the point of

the trigger when the hammer is on the cone or at full-cock. Hence the guard cannot be closed with the hammer in any other position than at half-cock notch, which is the only safe position, and at which place only can the cylinder be revolved for loading, capping, &c.; nor can the hammer be raised or lowered while said cover is down.

*c* is a projection on the plate *a* for the purpose of receiving the spring *F*, by pressing on which liberates cover *d*, and allows it to open; and *m* is a spring which throws open cover *d* when pressure is applied to button or knob *h*, the whole being arranged substantially as shown and described.

What I claim is—

A trigger-cover guard applied substantially as shown and described.

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