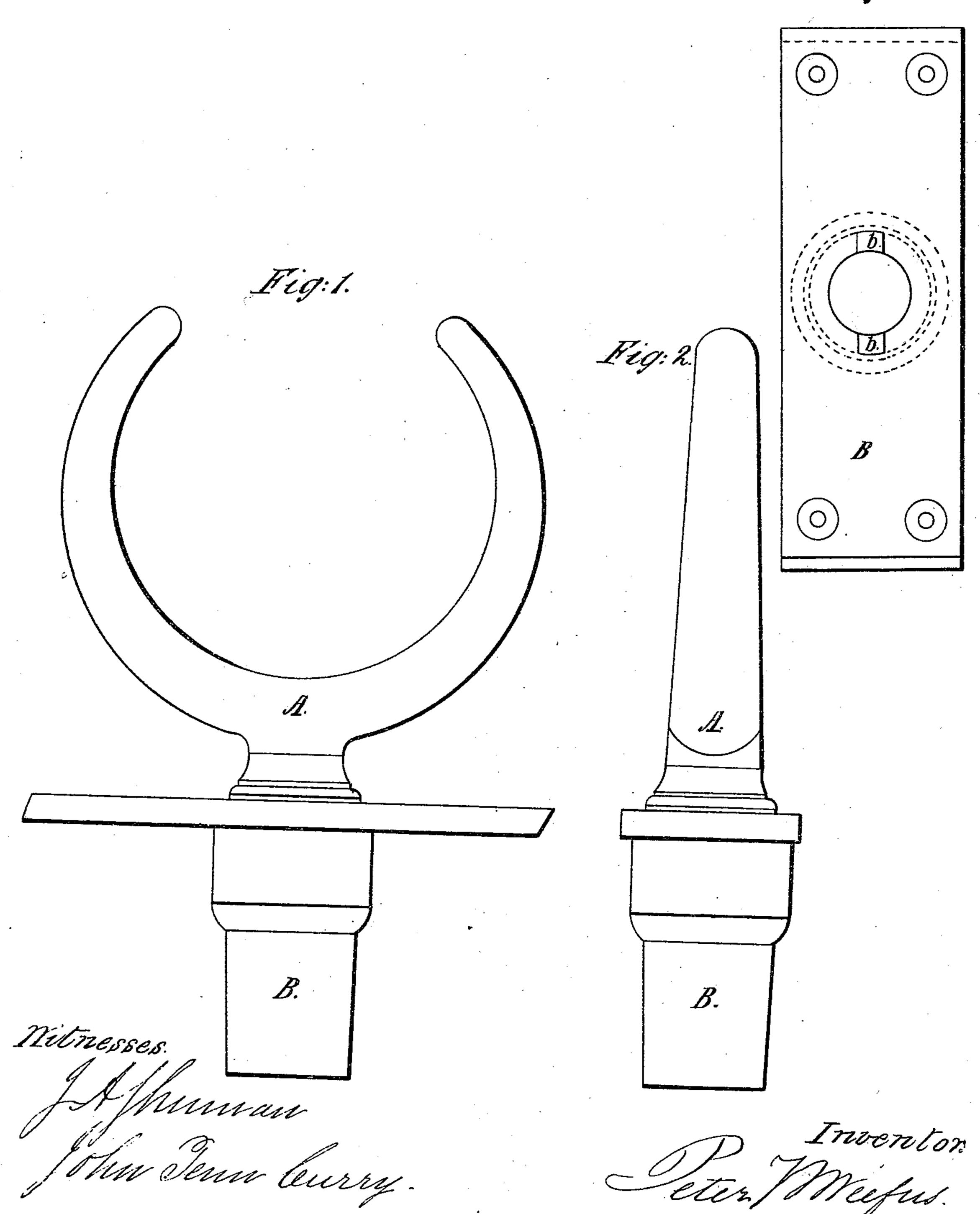
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Fig. 5.



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IMPROVED ROWLOCK.

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are brought into a similar position and readily enter the slots b b in B, which leaves the rowlock at right angles with the vertical plane of the keel of the boat. A being now made to describe another one fourth of a revolution, is brought into a "fore and aft," or the proper working position it is intended to occupy on the gunwale of the boat.

The object and use of this invention is to prevent the rowlocks from being forcibly thrown from their positions when the oars are unshipped for any purpose whatever, especially when making a landing in rough weather or

through a surf.

What I claim as my invention, and desire

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The construction of the base-plate B, with its slots b b, and socket and chamber for the reception of the shank of A, and the lugs a a and a' a', constructed and combined substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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