

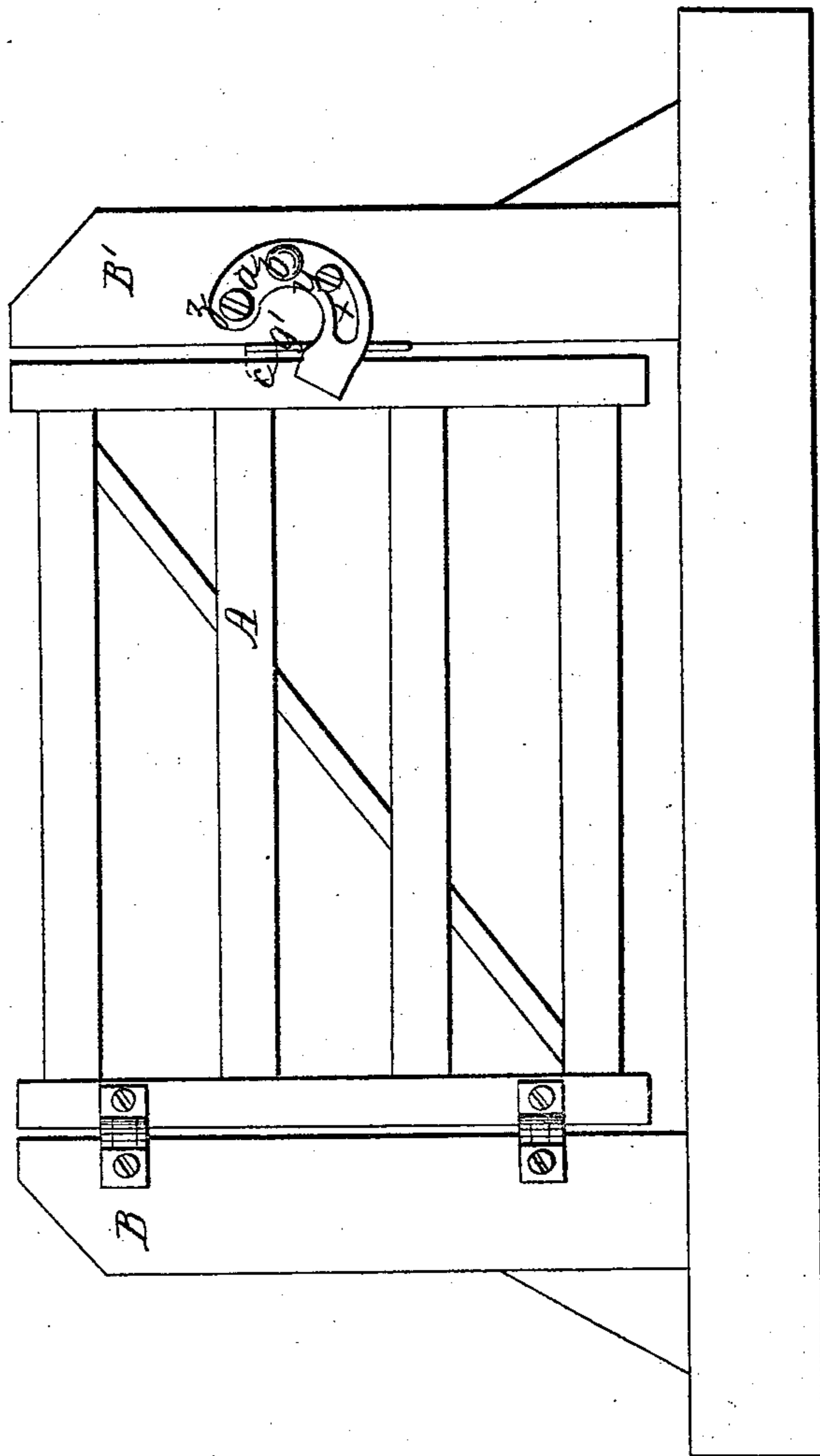
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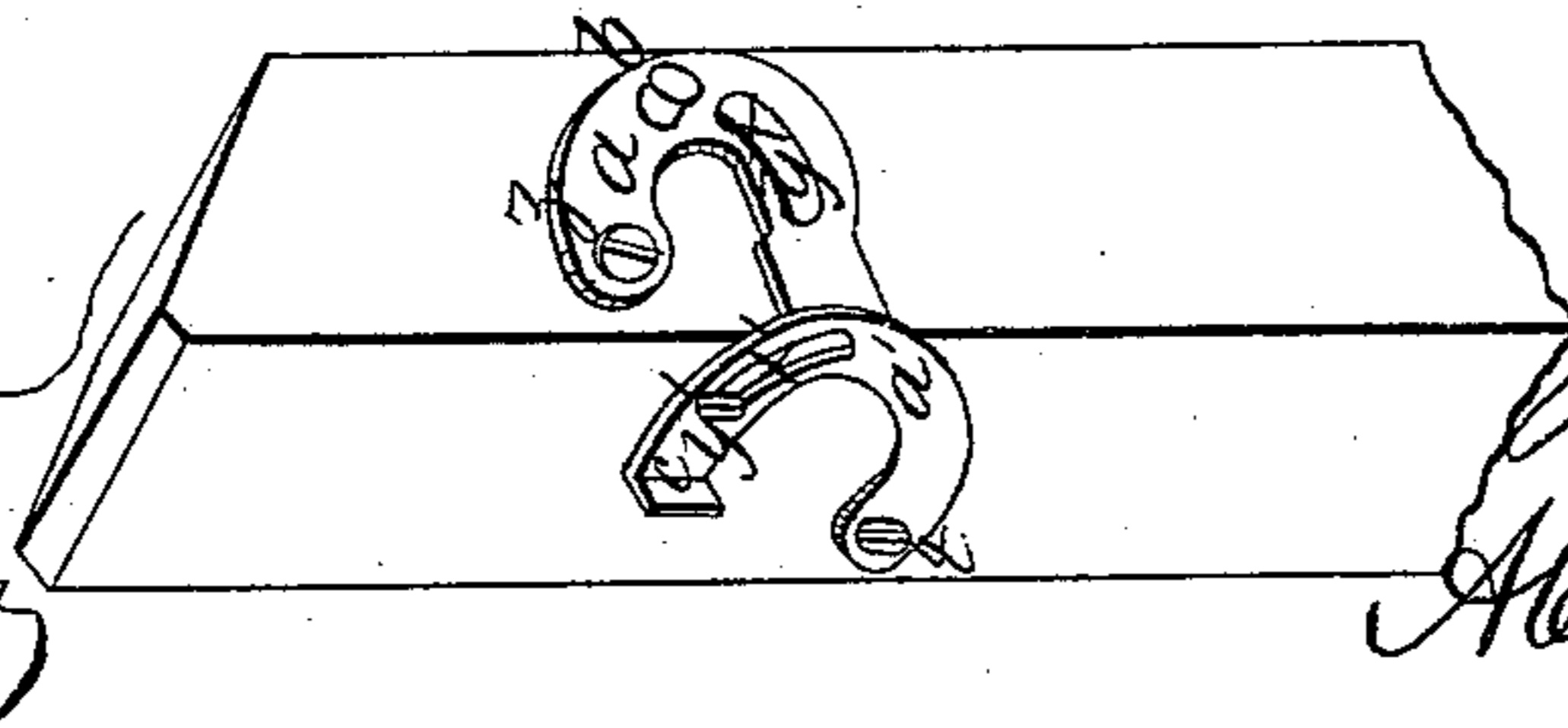
FIG. 1.



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FIG. 2.



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IMPROVED GATE-LATCH.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, J. E. KLEIN, of Oskaloosa, Mahaska county, in the State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful improvements in "Gate-Fasteners;" and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

In the annexed drawings, A represents a gate of any ordinary description, which is placed between the gate-posts B and B'. Upon the post B' are secured the fasteners for the gate. These are composed of two semicircular metallic plates *a* and *a'*, plate *a* being pivoted to the outside of the post at the top of the plate, as seen at *z*, while plate *a'* is pivoted to the inside of the same post, on the same line, and at the bottom, as seen (fig. 2) at *t*. Both of these plates readily work upon their pivots, and are provided with slots *x* and *x'*, passing through which are set-screws *y* and *y'*. By reference to fig. 2 the fasteners are shown in their positions when the gate is opened. It will be observed that the plate *a'* is bent at the upper end, forming a flange, *c*, and, as the gate closes, it strikes this flange, carrying the plate forward and causing the plate to drop by its weight, so that the end of the same leans against and secures the gate closed, (see fig. 1.) *b* represents a knob or handle upon the plate *a*, by which means the same is operated, and gives more weight to said plate, causing it to descend as required. When the gate is opened the plate *a*, by means of its knob *b*, is forced upwards and plate *a'* falls forward, when the end of plate *a* dropping, falls against the plate *a'*, assuming the position of fig. 2.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—
The plates *a* and *a'*, constructed as described and used substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.
As evidence that I claim the foregoing, I have hereunto placed my hand in the presence of two witnesses.

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