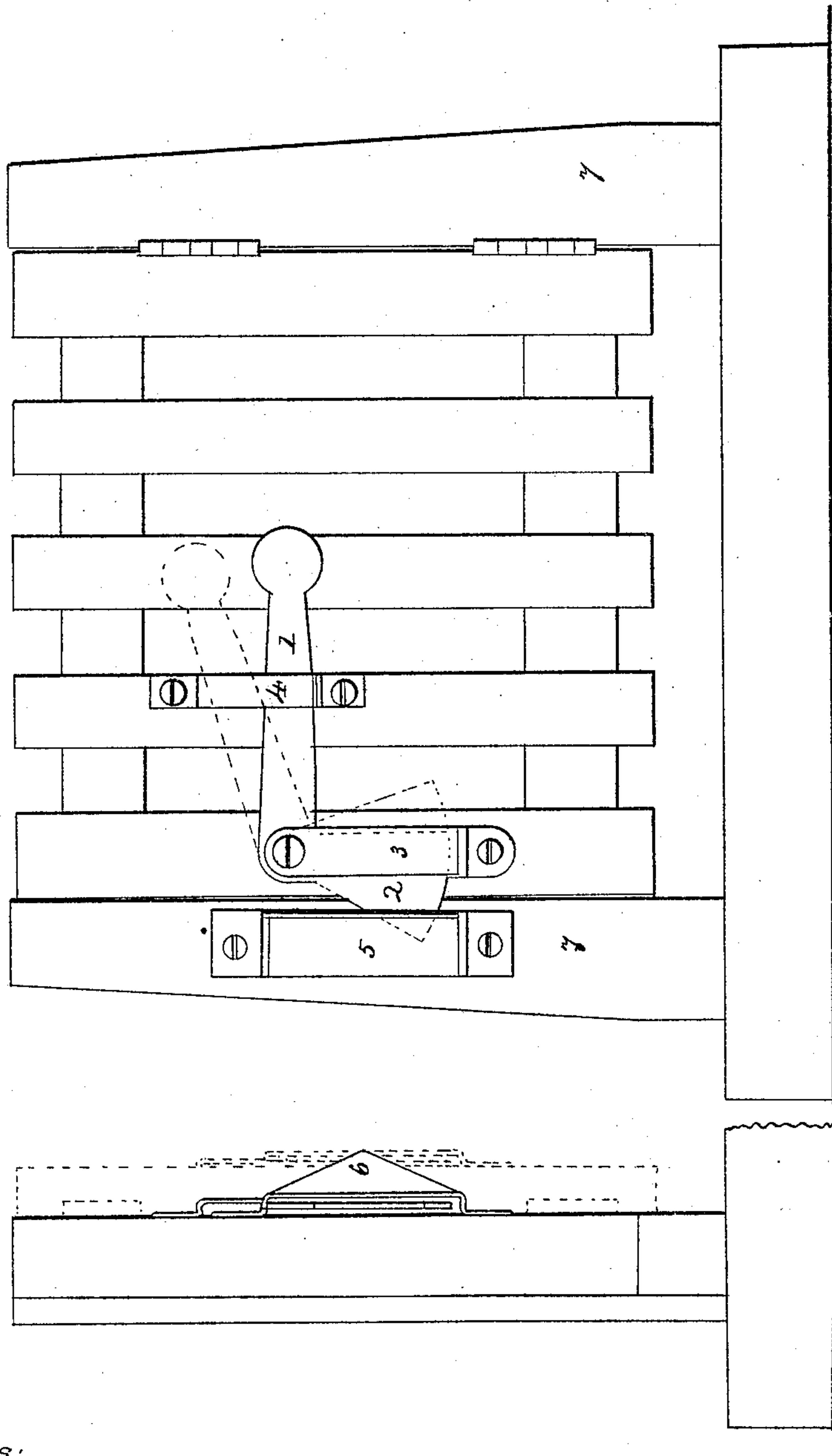


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TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH T. BRYAN, of Lebanon, Boone county, and State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Gate Latch called "Excelsior;" and I do hereby declare that the following is a clear and exact description thereof, reference being had to the annexed drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my invention consists in constructing a latch made of iron or metal. It is two by four inches. The short end, 2, is made with an inclined plane in front; the other part, 1, acts as a lever, and rests in staple 4. The latch is hinged on its bend and works freely. 3 is a staple for the catch part of the latch to work in; 5 is the catch with the inclined 6 fastened to it and screwed to the post 7.

When I want to pass the gate I raise the lever part 1 of the latch, and thereby draw the short or catch part 2 out, relieving it from the catch 5. And when the gate shuts, the catch part 2 of the lever strikes against the inclined 6 in the catch 5, and passes down on that incline until it falls into the catch 5. In this manner I close the gate.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

The latch 1 and 2, and the connection of this latch 1 and 2 with the catch 5 and inclined 6, all operating and arranged as described and for the purpose set forth.

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