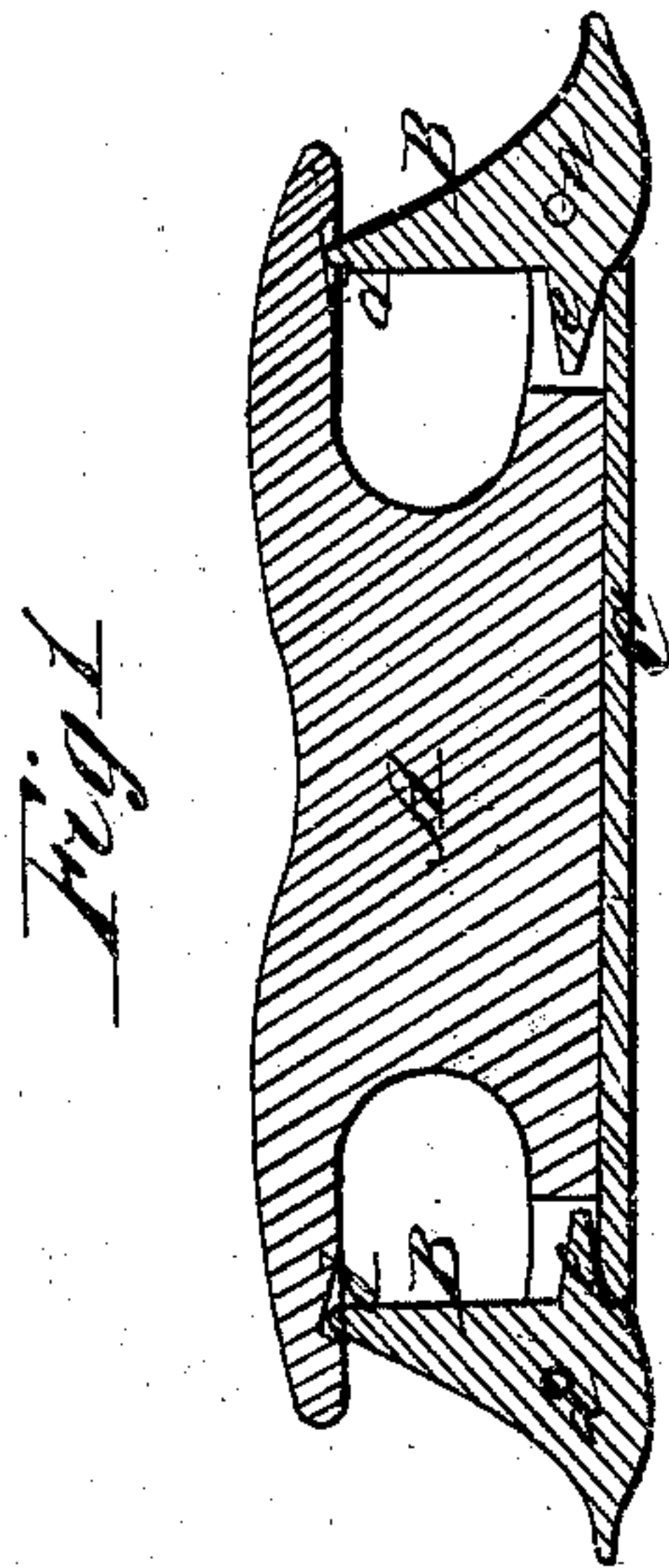


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## IMPROVED HAND-CATCH.

*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. P. R. JAMES, of Pepin, in the county of Wabushaw, and in the State of Minnesota, have invented a certain new and useful device called a "Hand-Catch;" 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.

In the annexed drawings, making part of this specification, A represents the body of the catch, which is made of metal or of wood, according to what it is designed to use it for. This body consists of a block or bar two or three inches in length, with slots or openings cut in each end so as to form four projecting arms. In the under side of the upper arms are cut grooves *d d*, which have a square shoulder at their outer extremity and slope off inward. A slot is cut between the two lower arms, and pivoted between them are two three-cornered catches B B. One corner of the catches B catches into the grooves *d d*, and against their shoulder one corner catches against a spring, C, and one corner serves as a handle for operating the catch. C represents a spring which lies in a groove on one side of the body A, with its ends operating against the corners *e e* of the catches B.

This hand-catch may be used for a variety of purposes, for a snap-hook, car-coupling, (if made large enough,) clothes-pins, and for links for mending broken chains. When used as a clothes-pin, one end is caught upon the line and the other holds the clothes.

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

The body A, constructed as described, and provided with the catches B B and spring C, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own invention, I have hereunto set my hand this 16th day of January, 1867.

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