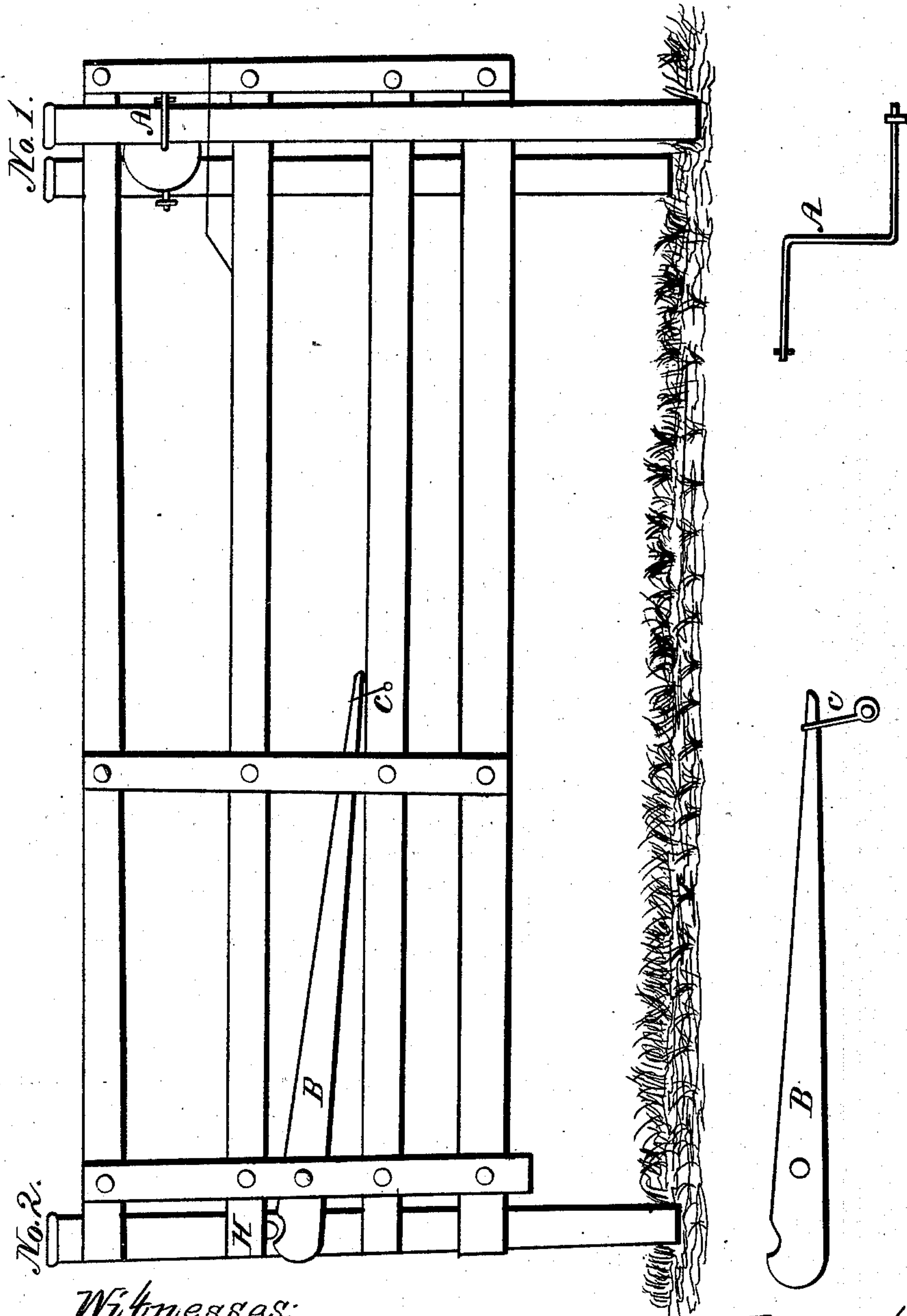


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Gate.

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## IMPROVEMENT IN GATES.

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, CALVIN SHEPARD, of Binghamton, in the county of Broome, in the State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Fastening Farm-Gates and Sliding Doors; 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 nature of my invention consists in a lever-catch and ready-fastener of farm-gates and sliding doors.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction and operation.

The gate or door-post may be constructed in the usual form. Figure No. 2 represents the post at the left hand, which is connected together by a pin and a cap on the top of the post. The gate when shut rests on the pin, letter H. Letter B is a self-operating lever-catch, which catches on the under side of the pin, letter H. The lever-catch is hung on a pin that serves for the gate-handle. At the small end of the lever-catch there is a ready-fastener marked letter C. This fastener renders the gate secure.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The lever-catch, letter B, and the ready-fastener, letter C, as shown in the combination.

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