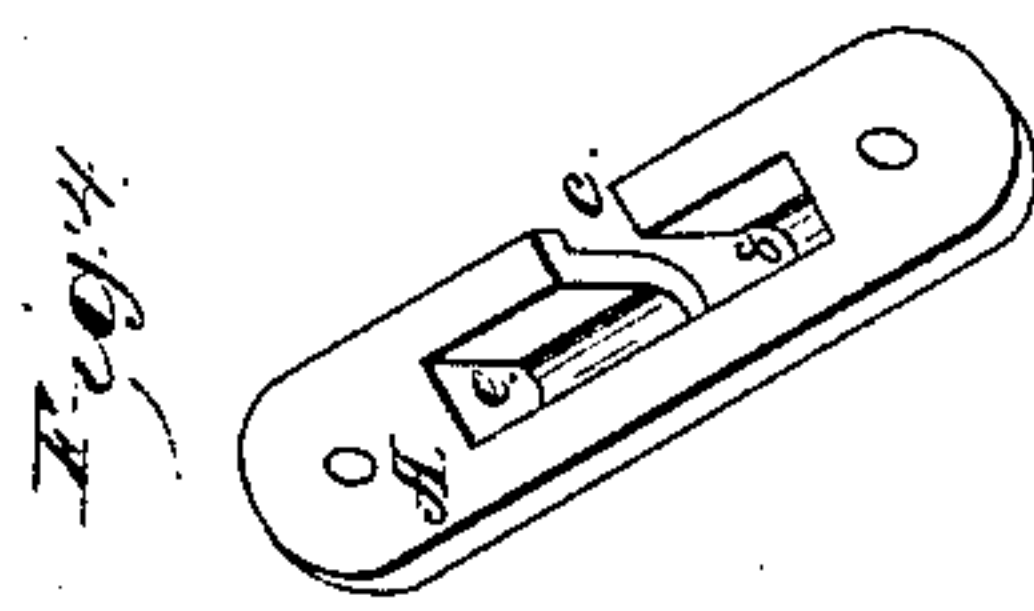
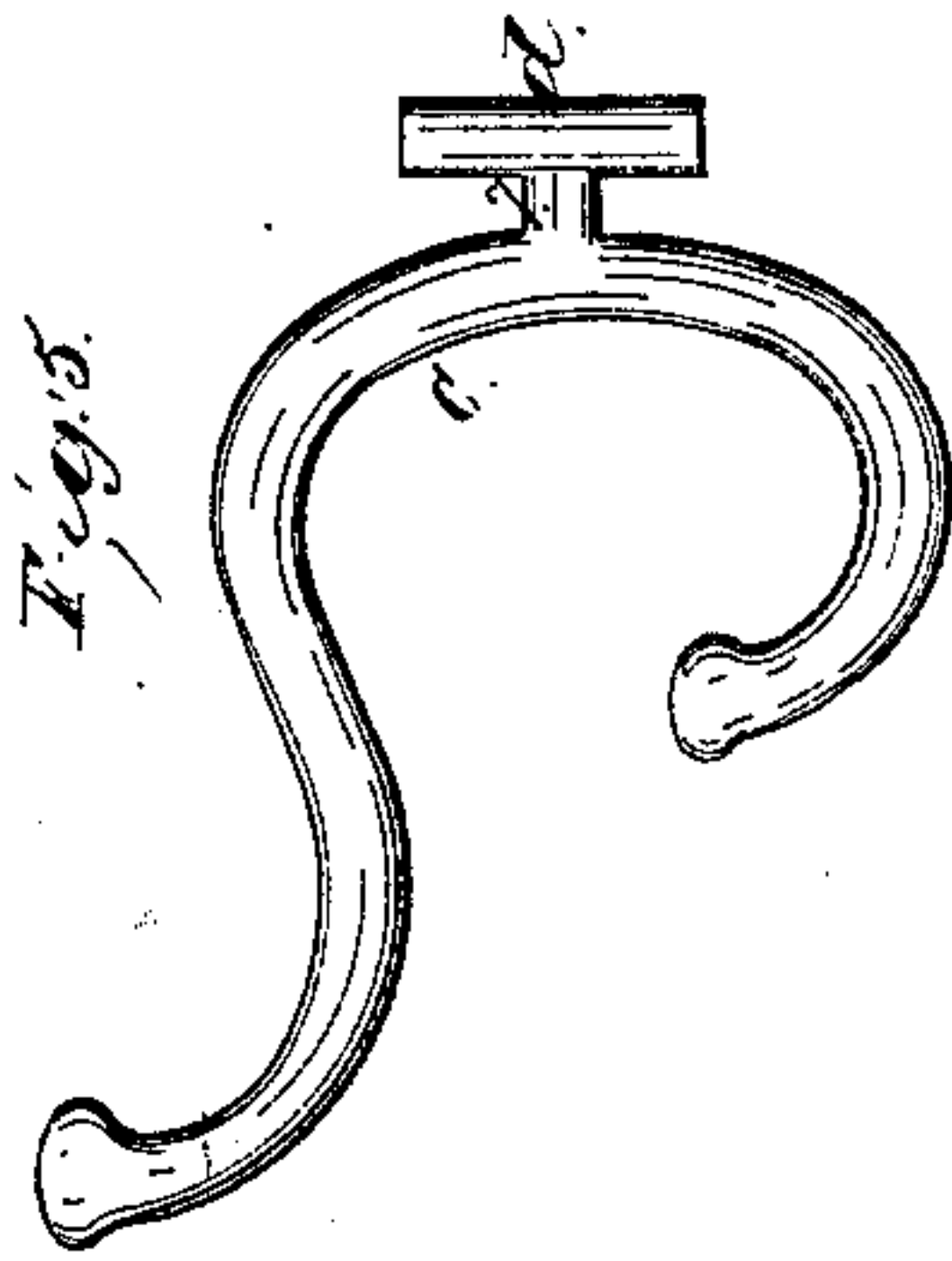
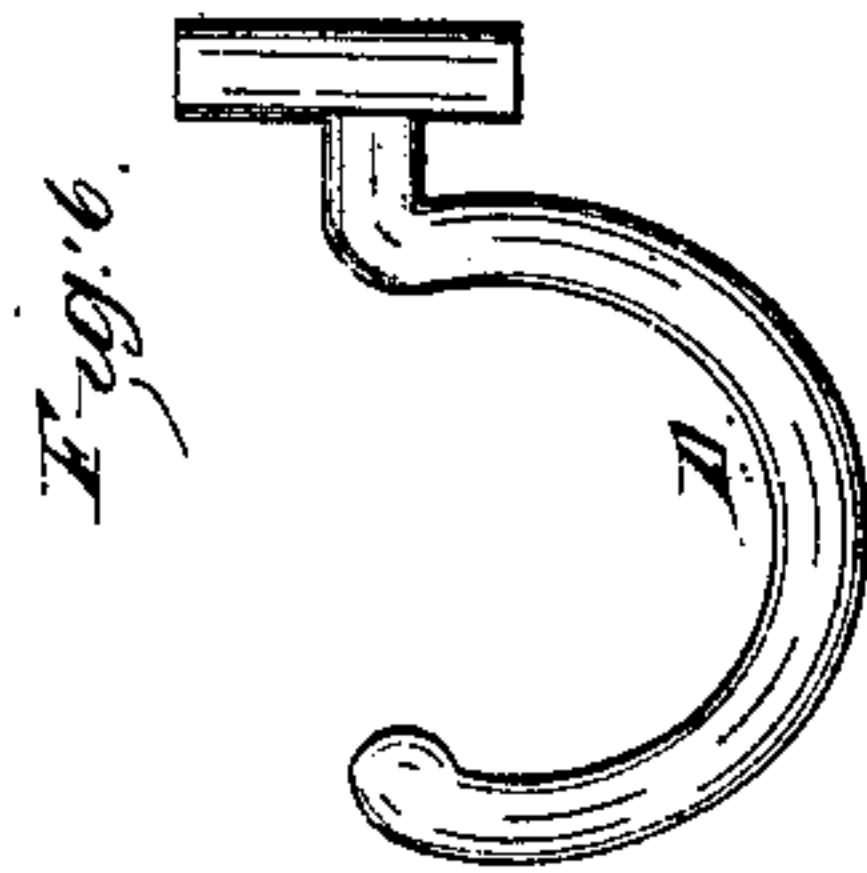
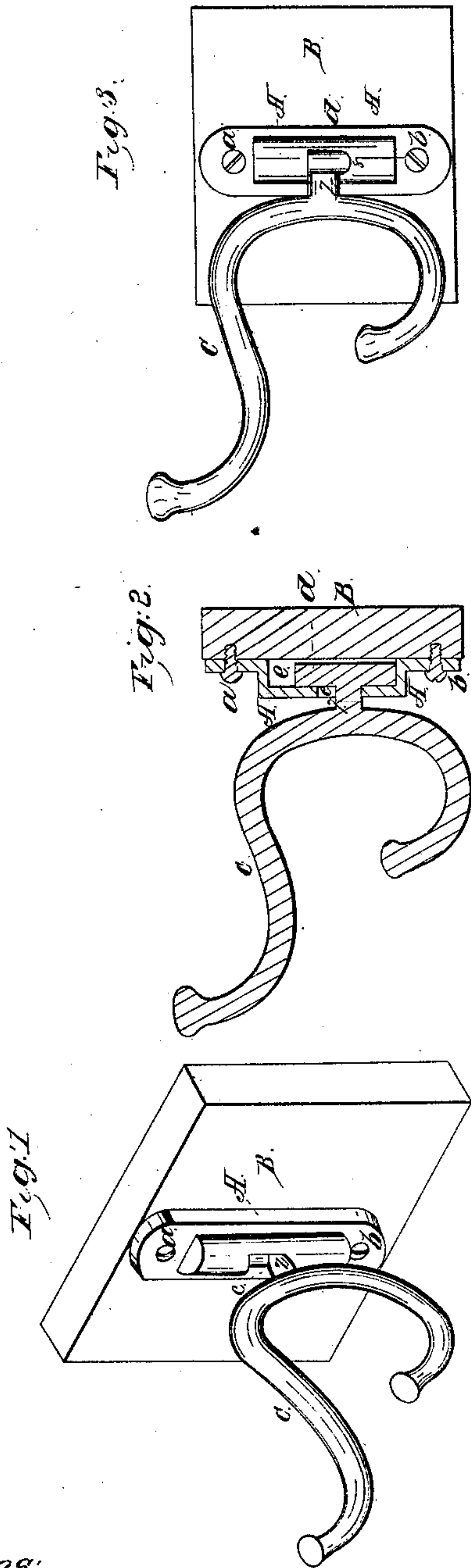


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## IMPROVED CLOTHES-HOOK.

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, SILAS S. PUTNAM, of Dorchester, in the county of Norfolk, and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improved Hook for Suspending Clothes and other articles, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved hook in a position ready for use.

Figure 2 is a central vertical section through the same.

Figure 3 is a front elevation, showing the hook swung to one side.

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the inner side of the bracket which supports the hook.

Figure 5 is an elevation of the hook detached.

Figure 6 represents a single hook, to be referred to hereafter.

My invention relates to certain improvements in hooks for suspending clothes and other articles, and consists in a peculiar construction and combination of parts whereby it may be readily swung to one side, causing it to occupy less space, when not required for use, and particularly adapting it for many situations where an ordinary hook would be unsuitable, in consequence of its projecting out too far.

To enable others skilled in the art to understand and use my invention, I will proceed to describe the manner in which I have carried it out.

In the said drawings A is a metal bracket, of the form shown, which is attached to the wooden strip B by means of screws *a, b*. In this bracket A is formed a slot or opening, *c*, through which passes the horizontal portion of the double hook C, which is furnished, at its inner end, with a vertical bearing, *d*, (fig. 5,) which fits into a recess, *e*, formed in the inner side of the bracket, as seen in figs. 2 and 4, the length of the recess *e* being somewhat greater than that of the bearing *d*, so as to allow the latter to have a slight vertical motion, for a purpose to be described hereafter. The hook C is thus held firmly in place within the bracket A, and may be turned on its bearing *d* into either of the positions seen in fig. 1 or 3. A thin metal plate may be placed behind the bracket A, if desired, so as to prevent the bearing *d* of the hook from wearing into the strip B. When the hook C is swung out into a position for use, as seen in fig. 1, the portion 7 drops down into the notch 8, figs. 3 and 4, which thus serves to lock it firmly in place and prevent it from being accidentally moved to one side. When, however, the portion 7 is raised out of the notch 8 the hook may be swung out of the way, as required, into the position seen in fig. 3, thus causing it to occupy less space. The length of the recess *e*, as before stated, is sufficient to allow a slight vertical motion of the bearing *d*, when the portion 7 of the hook drops into or is raised out of the notch 8. The slot or opening *c* is cut entirely through the bracket at one side, so as to allow the double hook to be inserted in place; but when a single hook, D, as seen in fig. 6, is to be used it will not be necessary to cut through the side of the slot, as the hook can be inserted in place by passing its point through the slot from the back or inner side of the bracket.

The above-described hook is simple and durable, and may be manufactured at a small cost, as the parts are all cast smooth and do not require any finishing, fitting, or riveting together, and consequently may be easily detached for packing or put together for use.

A hook constructed as above described may be readily swung to one side, so as to occupy very little space, thereby particularly adapting it for use in many situations where an ordinary hook would be unsuitable in consequence of its projecting out too great a distance. This invention is more particularly adapted for clothes-hooks, but may be applied to those used for other purposes.

### Claim.

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

The bracket A, with its recess *e*, and slot or opening *c*, in combination with the hook C or D, constructed and operating substantially as described.

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