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Fig. 1

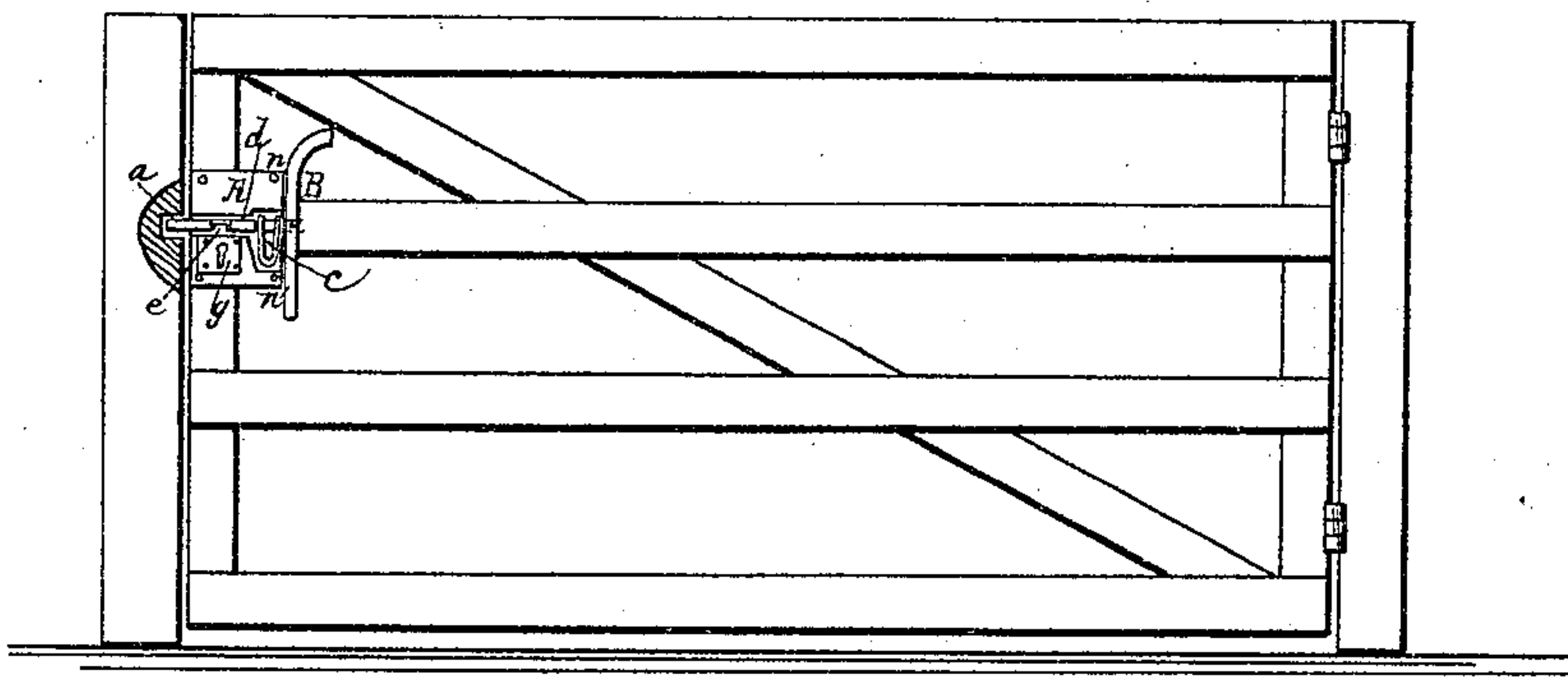
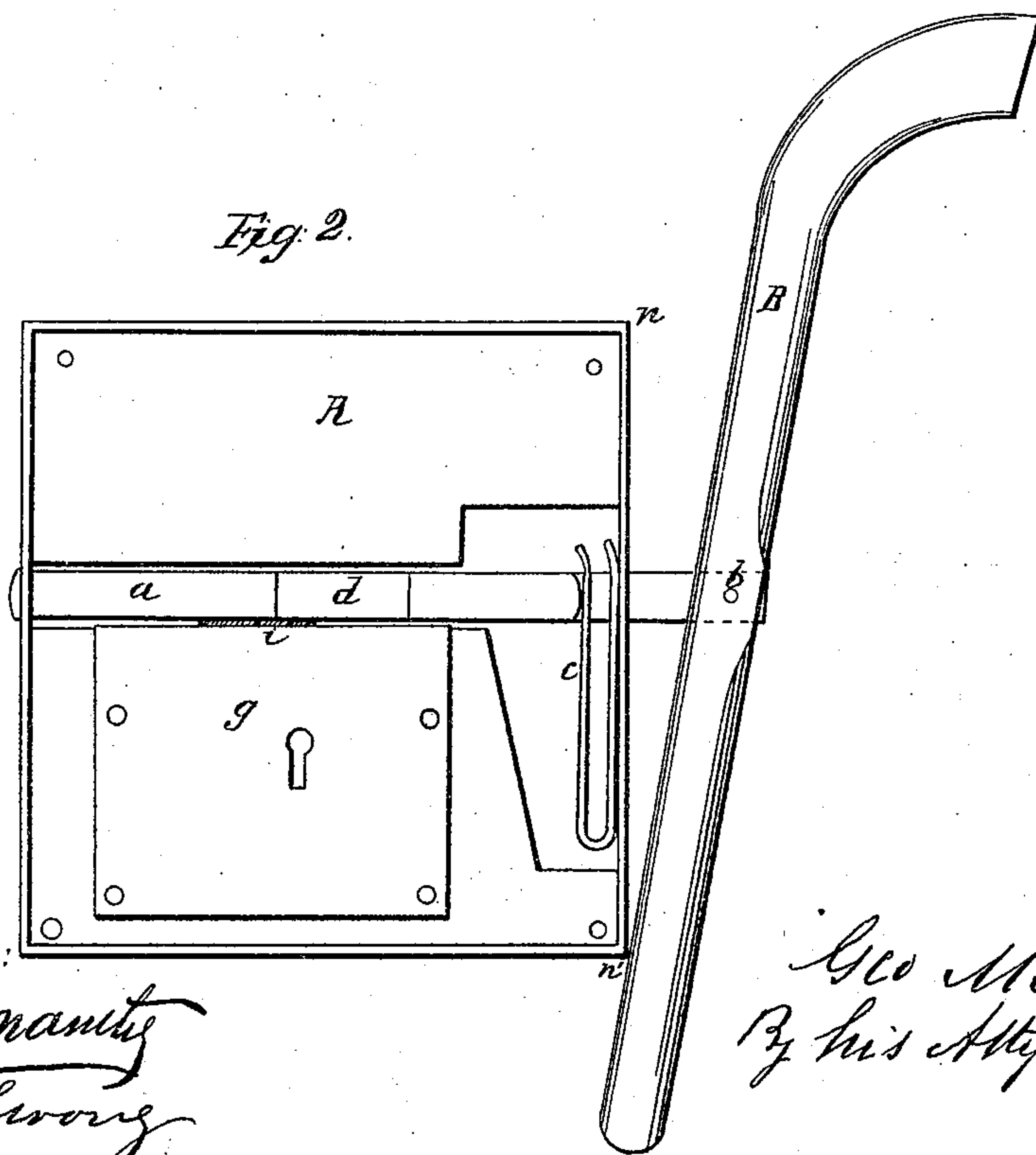


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVED GATE-FASTENING.

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, GEORGE McCOY, of Antioch, county of Contra Costa, State of California, have invented a new and improved "Gate-Fastening;" and I do hereby declare the following description and accompanying drawings are sufficient to enable any person skilled in the art or science to which it most nearly appertains to make and use my said invention or improvement without further invention or experiment.

The nature of my invention is to provide an improved gate-fastening, which shall be at once secure, simple, and easily operated. This is attained by constructing a case, of metal or other substance, through which a bolt passes. This case is fastened to the gate so that the end of the bolt enters the post, and holds the gate securely closed, there being a spring, which keeps it always in place. A small lock of ordinary construction is placed inside the case, so that when the main bolt is in place, the bolt of the lock can be entered into a slot in it, and keep it from moving. A convenient handle is attached to the main bolt, by which to operate it.

To more fully explain my invention, reference is had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, of which—

Figure 1 is a side view, showing the position on the gate.

Figure 2 is an enlarged view, with the bolt drawn back.

Similar letters indicate like parts in each of the figures.

A is a case, which is fastened to the gate, so that one end of the fastening-bolt, *a*, will enter the socket in the post, as shown in fig. 1. This bolt has at the other end a handle, B, attached at the middle by the pin *b*. This handle serves to draw back the bolt, and may be operated from above by a person on horseback, or from below by a footman, the corners *n n'* serving as fulera, about either of which the lever moves. A steel spring, *c*, inside the case, acts on the bolt to keep it in place except when moved by the lever. *g* is an ordinary lock, having a bolt, V. This bolt enters the slot *d* in the main bolt *a* when it is closed, and prevents it from being moved. This forms a very efficient gate-fastening, which is at the same time easily managed and not liable to get out of repair.

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

A gate-fastening, having the bolt *a* operated by the lever B and spring *c*, together with the securing-lock *g*, or its equivalent, constructed and operated substantially as and for the purpose described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

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