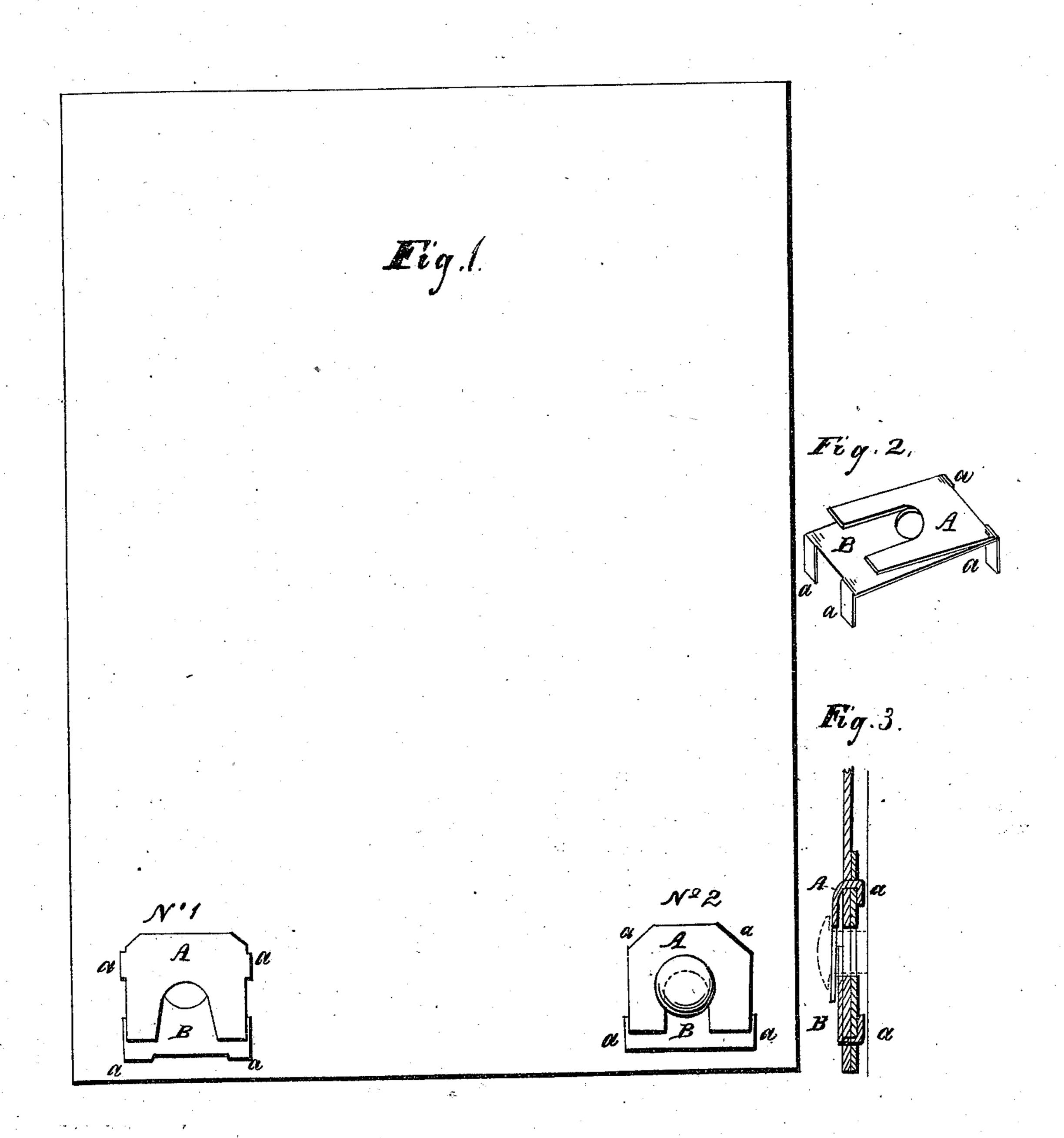
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#### IMPROVEMENT IN SHIELD FOR CARRIAGE-CURTAIN BUTTON-HOLES.

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#### TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, W. G. QUEAL, of Otego, Otsego county, State of New York, (recently of Oxford, Chenango county, New York,) have invented a new and improved Shield for Carriage-Curtain Button-Holes; and I do hereby declare and make known 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 of a metal shield, made in two parts, A and B, Figure 1, attached through the curtain, over the button-hole, to a flexible or metallic back, the attachment of said shield made either by lips turned from the edges of the shield, or by a hinge of the upper part of the same; the curtain consisting of either cloth or leather, as deemed desirable.

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

The shield is placed over the button-hole, on the outside of the curtain, and is fastened in such a way that the shield opens outwardly, as shown in Figure 2. When the button is pressed against it, and when the button is through on the outside, the shield closes, and is locked perfectly secure, as seen in No. 2, fig. 1, until it is necessary to unbutton or unlock it, which is readily done by turning one part of the shield outwardly, and the button is then pressed down, and passes out of the shield.

Figure 3 is a sectional view of the curtain when in position, A being the upper half and B the lower half of the shield.

a a a are the parts or lips of the shield, that pass through the curtain and clinch on the inside of the flexible or metallic back. The shield can be made of any kind of metal, and is found to be vastly superior to the old mode of making holes directly in the curtain without such shield.

#### Claim.

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

The above-described combination of shields A and B, with flexible or metallic back, attached to the button-holes of carriage-curtains, for their preservation, and for security of fastening, in the manner and for the purpose as substantially set forth and described.

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