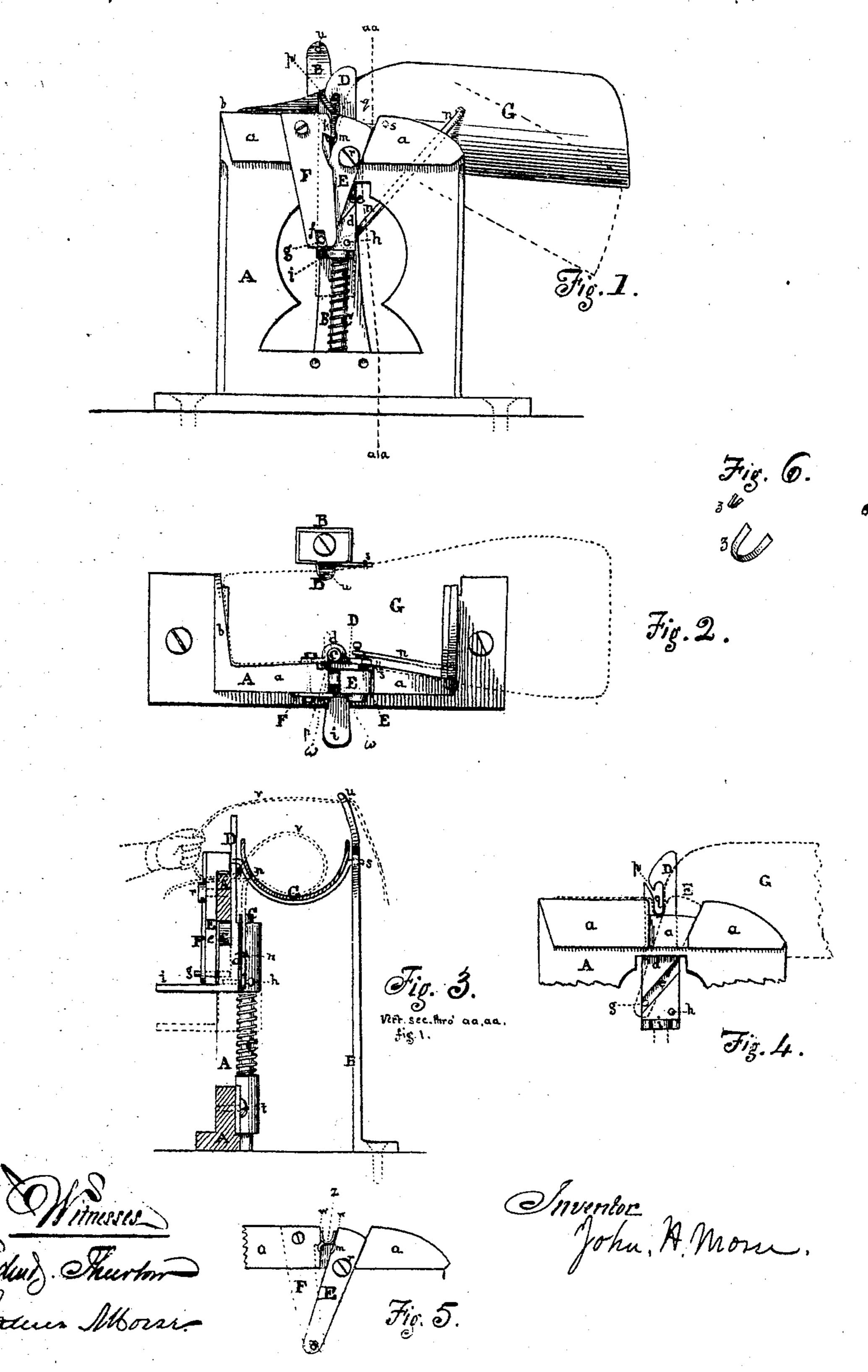
J. H. MORSE. Grain-Binders.

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IMPROVEMENT IN GRAIN-BINDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, John H. Morse, of Peoria, in the county of Peoria and State of Illinois, have invented certain Improvements in Grain-Binding Machines, of which the following is a specification:

Description of the Accompanying Drawing.

Figure 1, elevation of binder; Fig. 2, plan, sheaf-trough G removed; Fig. 3, vertical cross-section through a a a a, Fig. 1; Fig. 4, showing vertical sliding hook D, parts F E removed; Fig. 5, diagram showing corrugated jaws w w with clamp z inserted; Fig. 6, clamp z.

General Description.

A is the frame of the binder, which may be secured at its base to the platform of a reaper. B is an upright support for one side of the sheaf-trough G, with a hole or eye, u, at its top, through which passes the cord v. C is the guide-rod for the foot-piece i and tighteninghook D. Around this rod is wound a spiral spring, acting on the foot-piece i, forcing it up to position after the foot has pressed it down in the act of binding. E is a lever, with its pin g and corrugated jaw w, for the purpose of forcing the clamp z upon the cord v. The corrugated jaws w w are for fastening the cord more securely. F is the cutting-hook for cutting off the cord, after the sheaf has been bound, by an upward pull at the cord v. z is a clamp for securing the ends of the cord after being passed around the sheaf.

The operation of the binder is as follows: Pass the cord v from a spool or reel that may be placed back of or under the binder, up through the eye u (see Figs. 1 and 3) in sup-

port B. Now, place the clamp z within the jaws w w, (see Fig. 5,) draw the cord v across the sheaf-trough G and into the recess p, under the hook D, and into the clamp z, holding the cord in one hand. The binder is now ready for the sheaf, which may be dropped from the reaper as it is cut into the sheaf-trough G and upon the cord v. Now, with the other hand seize the cord v up near the eye u, drawing the cord through the eye u, (see Fig. 3,) over the sheaf, down into the recess p, under the hook D, and on the cord already in the clamp z. (See Fig. 3.) Pull the cord tight with both hands, force down the hook D by pressing with the foot upon the foot-piece i, and, the pin g at the lower end of lever E, moving in the groove i, the corrugated jaws w w (see Fig. 3) will close and corrugate the clamp z upon the cord v, and thus tie the band. By the downward motion of the foot-piece the sheaf-trough will be tilted, as seen in dotted lines, Fig. 1, and when the cord, by the upward pull of the hands, is cut by the cutting-hook F, the sheaf will slide from the trough, and the cord, still held in the hand, will be ready to receive another sheaf after a clamp has been placed between the jaws w w.

Claim.

The vertical sliding hook D and foot-piece i, in connection with the lever E, head e, pin g, sheaf-trough G, and cutting-hook F, all working in the manner and for the purpose specified.

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