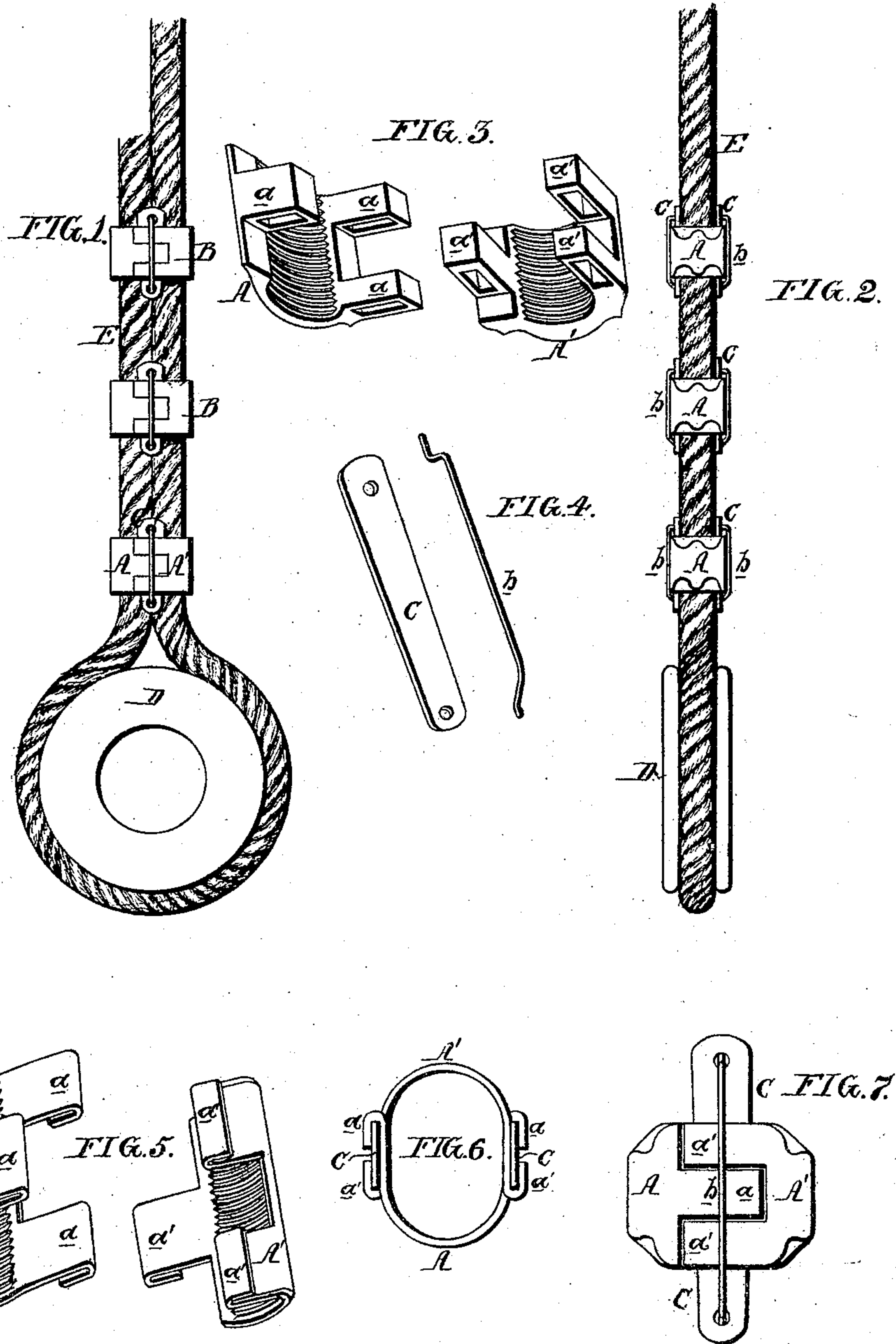


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IMPROVEMENT IN METALLIC ROPE-CLAMPS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AIMÉ MÉHU, blacksmith, of Paris, France, have invented a System of Metallic Lashing, of which the following is a specification:

My invention consists of a clamp in two parts, constructed so as to be readily connected or separated, and adapted to receive the parallel and contiguous portions of a loop of rope or cordage to which the clamp is applied, as a substitute for the usual binding cord or "lashing."

Figures 1 and 2 represent the end of a shroud or stay, *e*, looped round a metallic "eye," *D*, and laid upon and secured to the main portion by the clamps or metallic lashings *B*, of which there may be any suitable number, according to the length of the overlapping end. Each clamp consists of two sections, *A A'*, each of which is adapted by internal corrugations to receive the strands of the rope, the sections being detachably connected in any suitable manner.

One mode of constructing the clamp is shown in Fig. 3, where each section is of cast metal, with slotted projections *a a'*, which are in line when the sections are together, so that keys *c c* may be passed through the slots. The keys have recesses near the ends to re-

ceive the bent ends of wires *b*, which retain the keys in their places, Figs. 1, 2, and 4.

The clamps may be made of malleable metal, in which case the arms *a a'*, Figs. 5 and 6, instead of being slotted are bent, as shown, the keys being passed through the bent ends. When made of iron or other oxidizable metal the clamps are galvanized or tinned.

It will be apparent that the metallic lashings may be of various forms, and the sections may be connected in other modes than those shown and described without departing from my invention.

I claim—

1. A metallic lashing, consisting of a clamp composed of two sections, *A A'*, having slotted or bent arms to receive keys *C C*, and adapted to be readily applied to and removed from the overlaid portion of a loop, substantially as specified.

2. The combination of the clamps *B*, keys *c c*, and wires *b*, as specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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