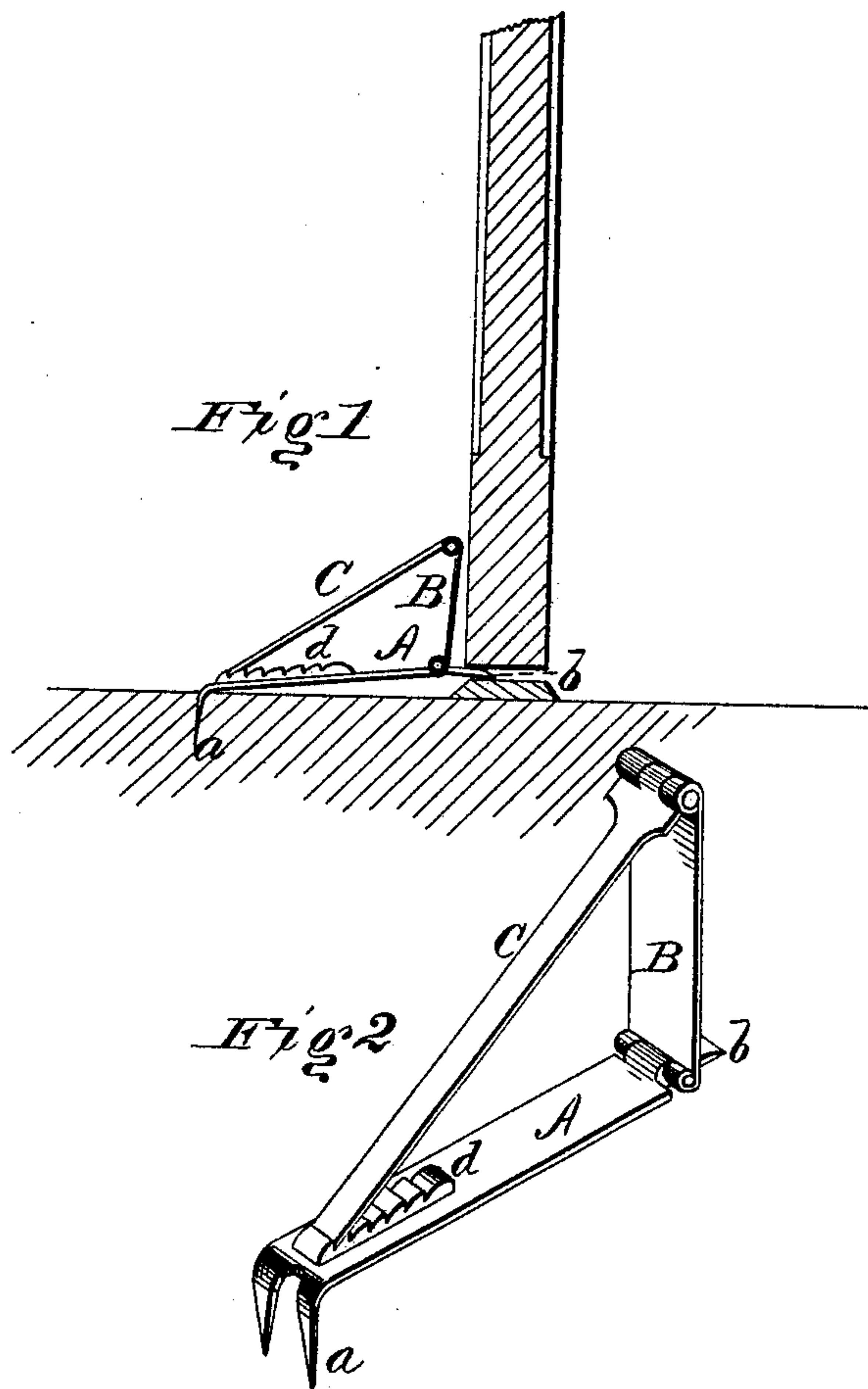


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SIMON O. BALL, of Ypsilanti, in the county of Washtenaw and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Door-Holders; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the novel construction and arrangement of parts in a portable door-holder, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth and definitely claimed.

In the annexed drawing, Figure 1 is a vertical section of my door-holder. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same.

A represents a plate or bar of any suitable dimensions, provided at one end with downward-projecting claws *a a*, and on top with a notched or ratchet bar, *d*. At the other end of the plate A is hinged a link, B, having a lip or tongue, *b*, extending outward from it at right angles. To the outer end of the link B is hinged a dog or pawl, C. The device thus constructed is to be placed on the floor inside of the door, with the tongue *b* projecting under

the door, and the plate extending out at right angles from the door, when the claws *a a* are pressed down firmly into the floor.

The link B is held up against the inside of the door, and the end of the pawl C placed in the notched or ratchet bar *d*, when the door cannot be opened.

This device is mainly intended for commercial and other travelers to carry with them, and have a cheap and at the same time durable and efficient means for securely holding any door.

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

The within-described portable door-holder, consisting of the plate or bar A, with claws *a* and ratchet-bar *d*, the hinged link B, with lip *b*, and the hinged dog or pawl C, substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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