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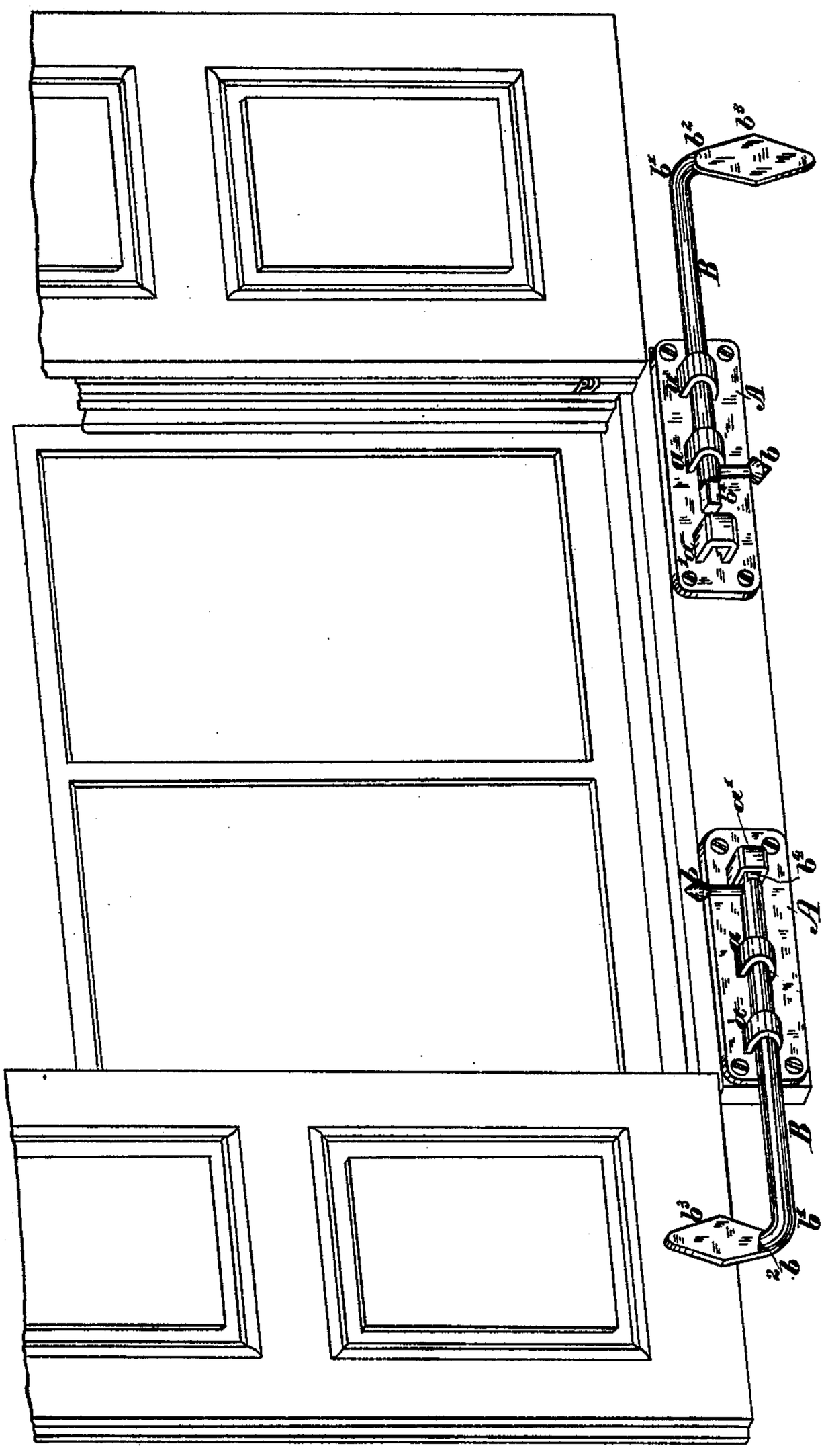

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IMPROVEMENT IN SHUTTER-FASTENINGS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, LEWIS B. GUSMAN and HENRY JONES, of Upper Dublin, in the county of Montgomery and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Holdbacks for Shutters and Blinds; and we do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, which forms part of this specification, and which is a perspective of our invention as applied to the sill of a window-frame.

Our invention has for its object to provide an efficient and readily-operated substitute for the turn-buckle generally employed for holding back shutters and blinds when opened.

Our invention consists of a sliding bolt designed to be fastened to the sill of a window, having a turned end or ear adapted to embrace the lower edge of the shutter or blind, the opposite end of the bolt being squared or made angular, and adapted to enter a corresponding keeper or socket attached to the base-plate.

Referring to the accompanying drawing, A indicates a base-plate, having hasps or keepers *a a;* and B, the bolt, which slides, and may be turned or rocked therein by taking hold of a handle or knob, *b*. One end of the bolt B has a double bend, b^1 b^2, leaving or forming a projecting ear, b^3, while the other end is squared or angular, as shown at b^4, and adapted to slide into a correspondingly-formed socket or hasp, a', on the base-plate A.

The operation is as follows: The base-plate A is fastened in any suitable manner to the sill of a window, leaving the outer end of the bolt B projecting beyond the end of the sill, so as to come beneath the shutter when the latter is opened. The window shutter or blind being duly thrown back until it meets the wall, the bolt B, which then has its angular end in the socket a', is slid outwardly until clear of said socket. The bolt B is then turned or rocked in its keepers to bring the ear b^3 up and outside of the shutter, projecting above the lower edge of the latter, said ear then standing vertically. The bolt, with its ear still vertical, is then retracted, causing the angular end b^4 to enter the socket a', whereby it is prevented from further turning, and holds the shutter or blind back against the wall.

If desired, the ear b^3 may be made separately from the bolt B, instead of integral therewith, and may be duly fastened, by riveting or otherwise, on the end of said bolt; and in lieu of the angular socket a', one of the hasps *a* may be slotted to receive the handle *b* when the bolt is thrown and the ear turned to the proper position.

What we claim as our invention is—

The sliding rocking bolt B, having ear b^3 and angular end b^4, in combination with plate A, having keepers *a a* and angular socket a', substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing we have hereunto set our hands this 25th day of January, 1879.

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