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Fig. 1.

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Fig. 2.

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ROCK-DRILL.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. SILSBY, of Orleans Bar, in the county of Humboldt and State of California, have invented a new and 5 Improved Rock-Drill, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to provide a new and improved rock-drill which will bore a straight hole in a rock and will not follow 10 the seams, and at the same time will bore more rapidly than the drills that have been used heretofore and require less sharpening.

The invention consists in a drill provided with a series of offsets in its sides, whereby

inclined upward and toward the longitudinal central line of the drill; but the outer edges of the cutters C are on a line inclined upward and outward from the bottom cutting-edge, B, of the drill. The lowest cutting edge, B, is bev- 10 eled from both flat sides of the drill, but the other cutting-edges, C, are flat below and are slightly inclined from the outer toward the inner end in a drill for soft rock; but in a drill for hard rock they are horizontal. The lowest 45 cutting-edge, B, is parallel with the width of the drill, and the other cutting-edges, CC, are at right angles to the cutting-edge B, so that the cuts made in the rock will always be in

- 15 two or more side cutters, one above the other, will be arranged in the form of steps in the sides of the drill, the width of which increases from the bottom middle cutting-edge toward the uppermost offset.
- Reference is to be had to the accompanying 20 drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my im-25 proved drill. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal end elevation of the same.

The drill A is provided with a cutting-edge, B, at its lowest point, and with one or more offsets in the edges or sides, these offsets form-30 ing one or more cutters, C, in each side or edge of the drill, each cutter projecting out beyond the one next below it, so that the side or edge of the drill will have the appearance of steps. Those parts of the edges or sides of the drill 35 connecting one cutter C with the other are

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two directions at right angles to each other. 50 The number and size of the cutting-edges C may vary with the size of the drill.

This drill operates much more rapidly than an ordinary drill, and if the rocks are full of seams my improved drill will not bind, but will 55 cut a perfectly straight hole.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent-An improved rock-drill having the cuttingedge B and the series of side cutters, C, pro- 60 jecting out beyond the one next below it, the side or edges of the drill connecting the said cutters being inclined upward and toward the center longitudinal line of the drill, substantially as herein shown and described.

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