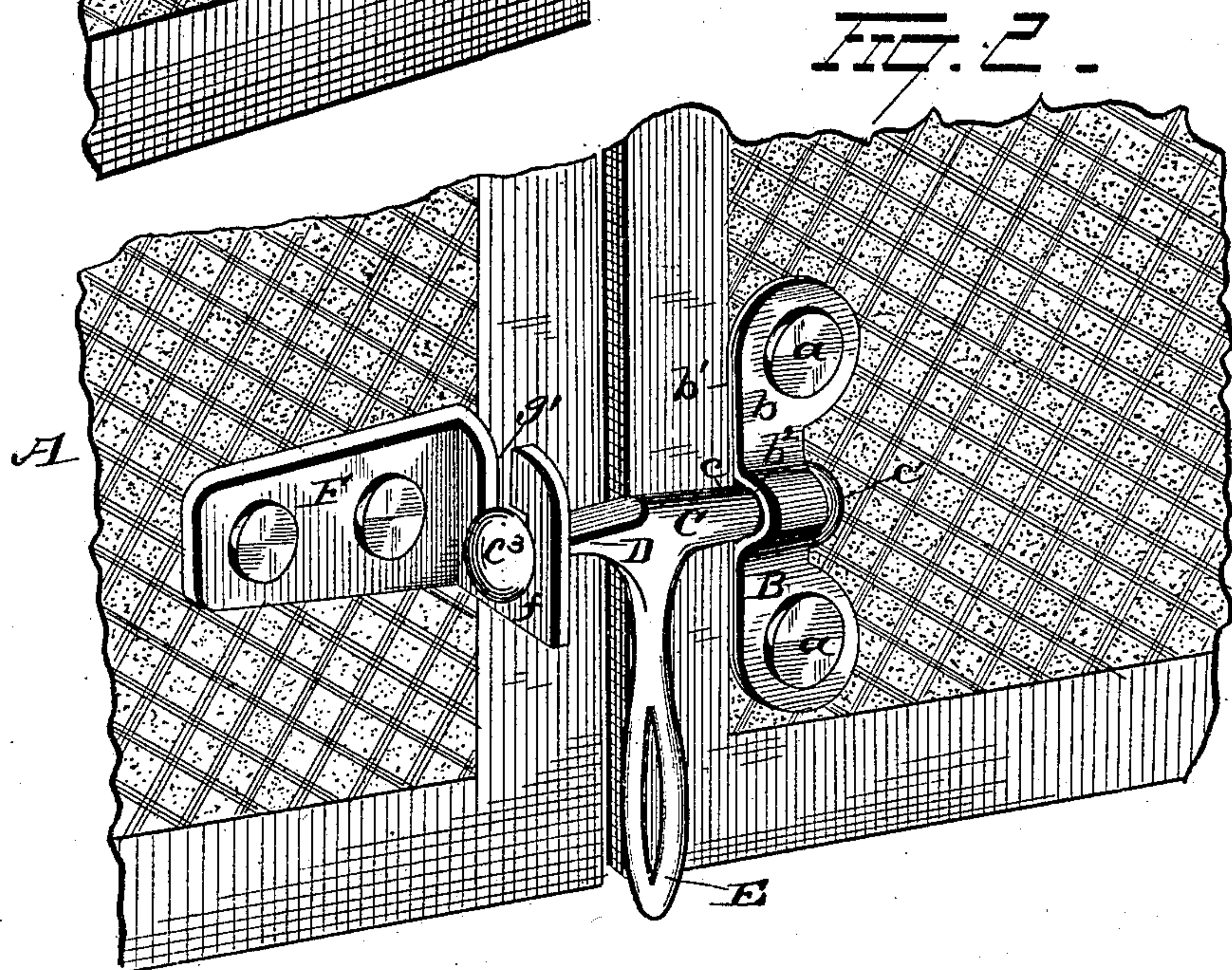
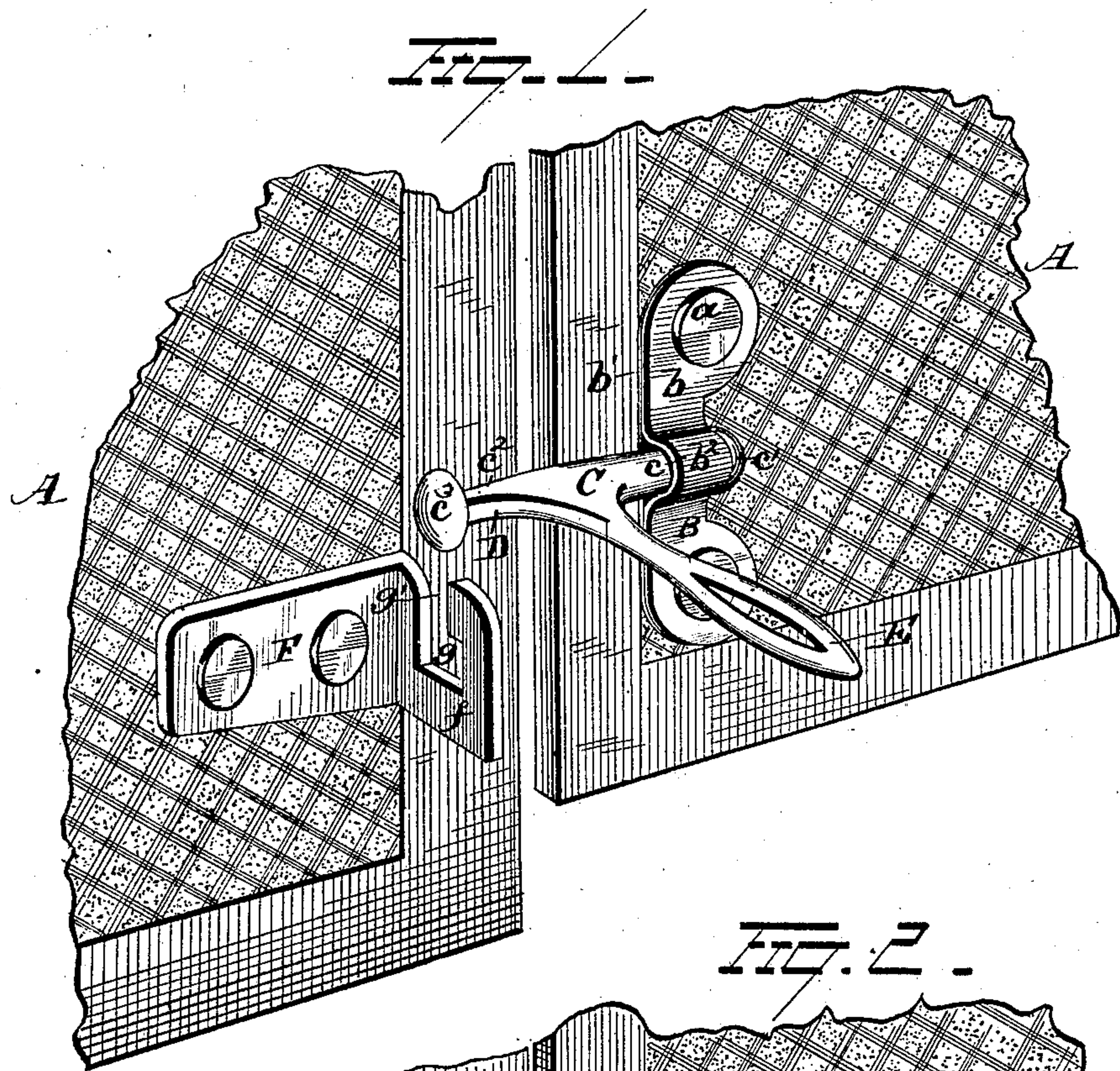


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OSCAR SWEET, of Benson, in the county of Hamilton and State of New York, have invented certain new and
5 useful Improvements in Blanket-Fasteners; and I 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 the
10 same.

My invention relates to an improvement in blanket-fasteners, the object being to provide a fastening device adapted to be attached to a horse-blanket, whereby its edges may be quick-
15 ly and firmly secured without the employment of straps and buckles for such purpose.

With these ends in view my invention consists essentially in the combination, with a blanket, of a gravity-bolt pivoted in a bearing
20 or clip attached to one edge of the blanket and a hook secured to the other edge of the blanket, the parts being so constructed that by raising the weighted portion of the bolt or catch the head thereof may be inserted in the hook, and
25 by letting fall said weight the parts are secured against accidental displacement.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view in perspective of the parts of the fastening device in position to be secured together.
30 Fig. 2 is a similar view, showing the edges of the blankets after being secured.

A represents a horse-blanket. To one edge of the blanket is secured a clip or bearing, B, by means of the rivets *a a*. This clip or bearing
35 is composed of the two plates *b b'*, the outer plate, *b*, having a groove, *b²*, formed therein, within which, and between the two plates, is inserted the end *c* of the gravity-bolt C. The end *c* is provided with an enlargement or head,
40 *c'*, which serves to prevent its displacement. The opposite end, *c²*, is also provided with a head or enlargement, *c³*, and with the shank D of greater width than thickness. The gravity-bolt C is constructed with a depending arm,
45 E, which serves as a weight, and also as an arm to operate the bolt.

To the other edge of the blanket is riveted a hook, F, the hook portion *f* of which extends

outwardly at right angles to the blanket, and is constructed with a transverse opening, *g*,
50 and a narrow vertical slot, *g'*, leading thereto. In fastening the edges of the blanket the edges are brought together, the arm E is raised so as to rotate the gravity-bolt and bring the narrow portion of the shank D in alignment with
55 the narrow slot *g'*, when the shank is inserted through said slot, the arm E allowed to drop, thereby rotating the bolt and causing the wider portion of the shank to adjust itself at right angles to the narrow slot *g'*, and thus be pre-
60 vented from escaping from the hook. Thus it will be observed that this fastening is absolutely certain in its operation, and when once secured will retain the blanket in place until
65 the gravity-bolt is partly rotated and the shank released from the hook. These fastening devices can be supplied to the trade at a small initial cost, and by reason of their simplicity of construction are durable and effective in use.

It is evident that slight changes in the form and arrangement of the different parts of the fastening device might be resorted to without involving a departure from the spirit of my invention, and hence I would have it understood
75 that I do not restrict myself to the exact construction and arrangement of parts shown and described; but,

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

1. The combination, with a blanket, of a fastening device consisting essentially of a gravity-bolt supported in a bearing fastened to one edge of the blanket, the shank of said bolt being
85 greater in width than in thickness, and a hook attached to the other edge of the blanket, said hook being provided with a transverse opening and having a narrow slot leading thereto, adapted to receive the shank of
90 the bolt when presented edgewise and allow the bolt to enter the opening, substantially as set forth.

2. A fastening device for blankets, consisting essentially of a rotary bolt provided with
95 a weighted arm, a bearing for supporting one

end of the bolt, the said bolt being provided
with a shank made flattened in cross-section
and of greater width than thickness, and a
hook provided with a narrow slot leading to
5 a transverse opening, and adapted to receive
and secure the flattened shank of the gravity-
bolt, substantially as and for the purpose set
forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed this
specification in the presence of two subscrib- 10
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