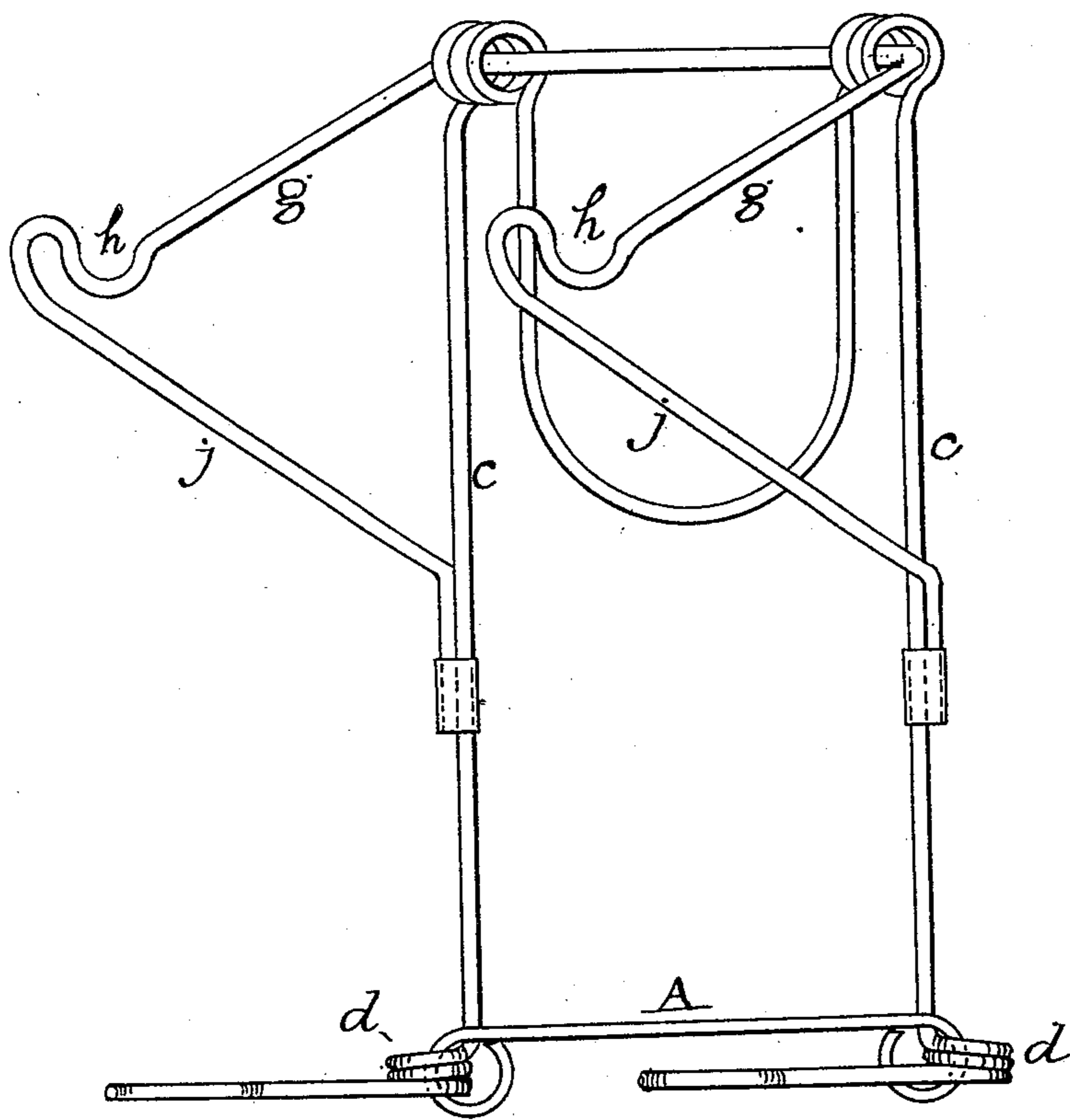


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LANTERN-HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWIN LUFKIN, of Mon-
roe, in the county of Waldo and State of
Maine, have invented certain new and useful
5 Improvements in Lantern-Holders; and I do
hereby declare that the following is a full,
clear, and exact description of the invention,
that will enable others skilled in the art to
which it appertains to make and use the same,
10 reference being had to the accompanying draw-
ing, forming a part of this specification, in
which is shown a perspective of my invention.

My invention relates to an improvement in
that class of lantern-holders made from wire
15 or like material, provided with proper clasps
for holding the lantern, and having a frame of
said wire extending from top to bottom upon
each side of the center of the lantern at its
rear, to which a reflector is attached, the up-
20 per end of said frame adapted to support an
arm or yoke for securing said frame and at-
tached lantern in the situation desired, and the
lower end provided with appliances by which
said lantern is held. Patents No. 234,045, No-
25 vember 2, 1880, and No. 260,303, June 27,
1882, both issued to me and to E. H. Nealley,
(assignor of one-half,) show and describe hold-
ers of this class; but I do not limit the applica-
tion of my present improvement to the holders
30 shown in said patents in any respect, simply re-
ferring to them as a convenient means of iden-
tifying the general type of holder to which my
improvement is applicable.

It is frequently convenient to use a holder
35 having no reflector attached, enabling the
light to extend in all directions; and my pres-
ent improvement consists of a lantern-holder
having a frame of wire, the lower parts of
which are united or brought together inde-
40 pendently of the reflector, thereby insuring
the requisite stability without interfering with
the free distribution of the light.

Referring to the drawing which illustrates my
invention, the figure shows an elevation of a
45 holder of the class referred to, *c c* being the
frame-wires, having wires *g g* terminating in
hooks *h h* to secure the lantern, extending from

their upper ends. These hooks are supported
by braces *j j*, attached to the frame-wires *c c*.
At or near the lower extremities of these wires 50
I secure a connection or cross-bar, *A*, by any
known method, said connection being of the
proper length to hold the frame-wires at the de-
sired distance apart. A convenient means of
applying this connection is to loop the ends of 55
the cross-bar *A* through the spring-coils *d*, if
such coils are used; but the gist of my inven-
tion being to unite the lower ends of the frame-
wires *c c* independently of the reflector, in such
a manner as to confer stiffness on the frame 60
without interfering with the distribution of
the light, I do not limit myself to the form of
the cross-bar, which may be entirely distinct
from the other parts of the frame, or from a
part of said frame extended or otherwise ma- 65
nipulated to enable it to perform the duties
required by my improvement.

I do not claim the devices shown in Peter
Gray's patent on a lantern for bicycles, dated
January 17, 1882, nor is any of the language 70
used in this specification designed to apply to
his invention. My invention relates to an en-
tirely different class of articles—viz., lantern-
holders constructed of wire or like material,
readily attached to or detached from the lan- 75
tern, but not forming any part thereof or of
its case, or having any permanent connection
therewith.

What I claim is—

In a lantern-holder of that class made from 80
wire or like material, provided with proper
clasps for holding the lantern, and having a
frame of said wire *c c* extending from top to
bottom on each side of the center of said lan-
tern, the connection or cross-bar *A* uniting the 85
lower ends of said frame, substantially as and
for the purposes herein described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I
have hereunto set my hand this 31st day of
August, 1882.

EDWIN LUFKIN.

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