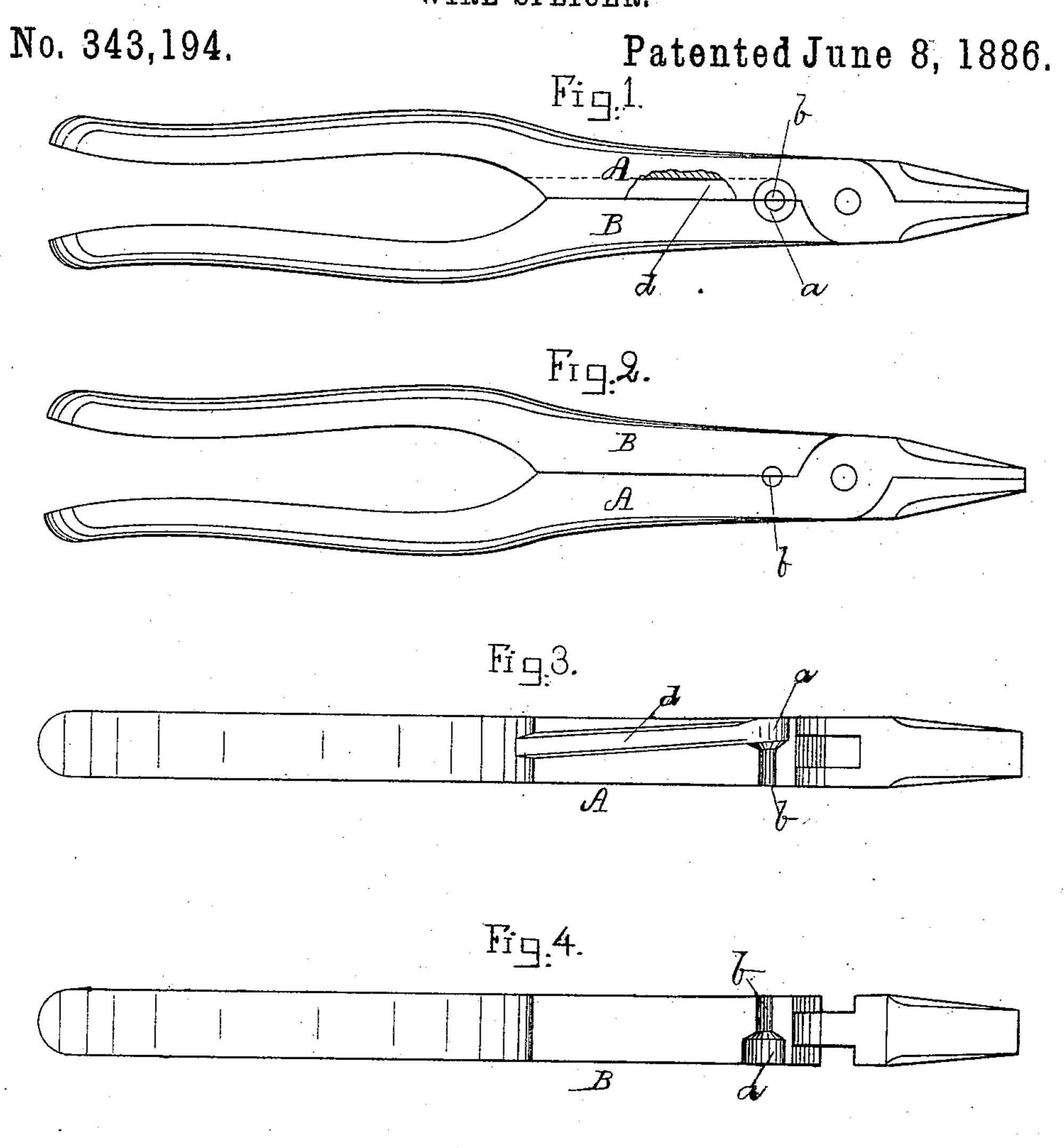
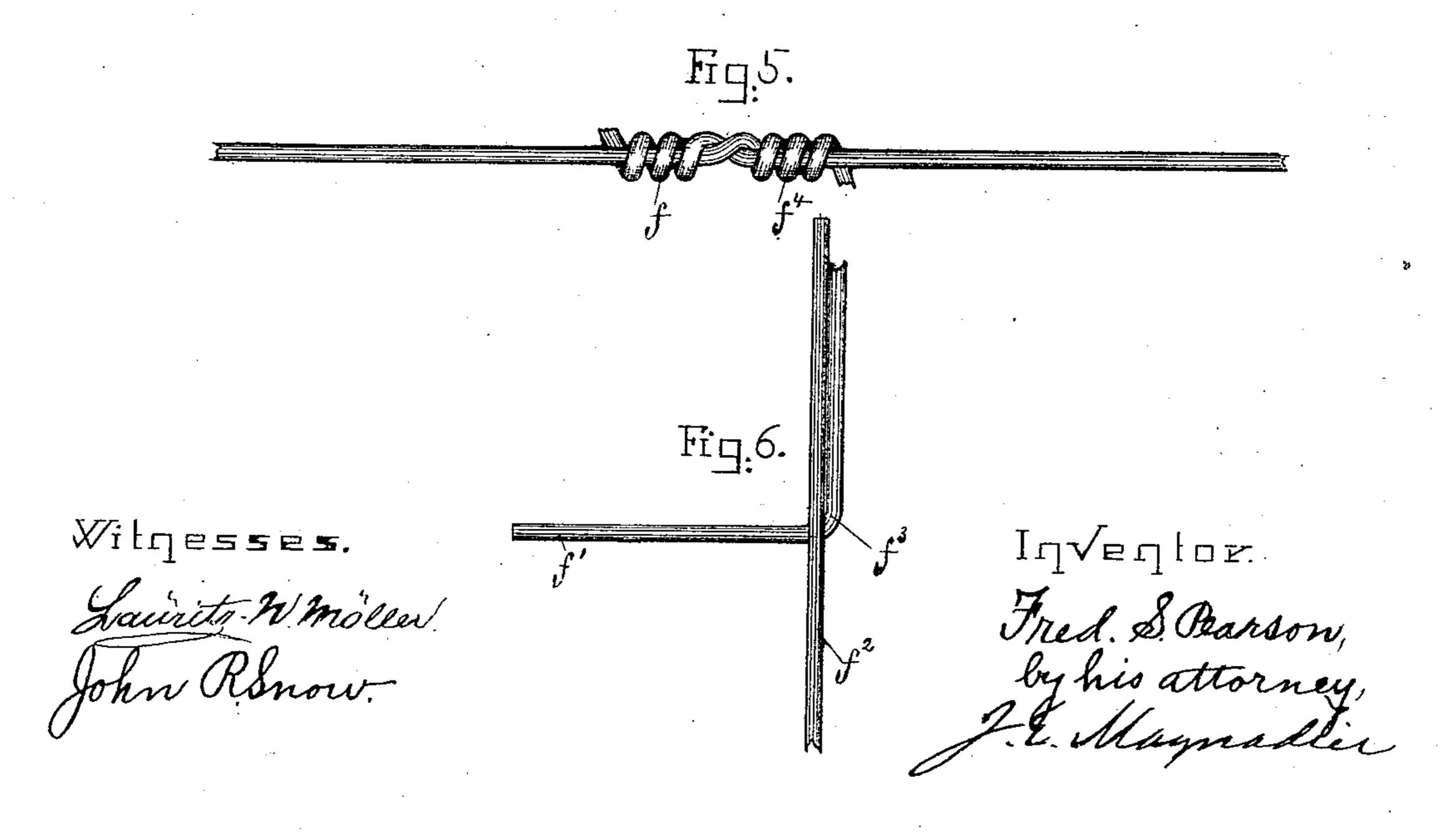
F. S. PEARSON. WIRE SPLICER.





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WIRE-SPLICER.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 343,194, dated June 8, 1886.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRED S. PEARSON, of Medford, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Wire-Splicer, of which the following is a description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and being a part hereof, in which—

Figures 1 and 2 are side elevations of my splicer; Figs. 3 and 4, inner plan views of its two jaws; Fig. 5, a view of two pieces of wire spliced together with my splicer; Fig. 6, a view of two pieces of wire as they are when ready to be spliced.

The instrument consists of two jaws, A B, provided with suitable handles, by which the jaws can be opened and closed. Between these jaws, when closed, there is a passage, a, large enough to receive the wires to be spliced, and preferably made smaller at b. From the passage a extends the slot d, in which the end f' of the bent wire f³ lies. It will now be clear

that when one of the wires, f^2 , extends through the passage a, and the other wire, f^3 , lies 25 partly in slot d and partly in the enlarged part of a, that part of the wire f^3 which lies in slot d can be coiled around wire f^2 by holding the two wires firmly by a hand-vise or the like and moving the splicer around wire f^2 as

30 an axis. When the coil f has been made, the

other coil, f^4 , is made in the same way. The passage a is made smaller at b, in order that the wire f^2 may be held centrally in the coil which surrounds it; but while it is desirable to have the passage a thus contracted at b, yet 35 this is not strictly essential, as an inferior job can be done with the passage a of the same diameter throughout.

The essential feature of the invention is the slot d, in combination with a passage lying 40 across it, so as to receive the two wires $f^2 f^3$, one being bent, as shown, so that a portion of it lies in slot d and a portion in the cross-passage.

I have shown my tool with flat-nosed plier- 45 jaws; but it may obviously be made without these jaws, or with nippers or the like instead of them.

I am aware of Patent No. 130,778, August 20, 1872, to Wolcott, and disclaim all that is 50 described in it.

What I claim as my invention is—

The instrument above described, consisting of the two jaws A B, with the cross-passage a and the intersecting slot d between the jaws, 55 substantially as set forth.

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