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Fig. 1.

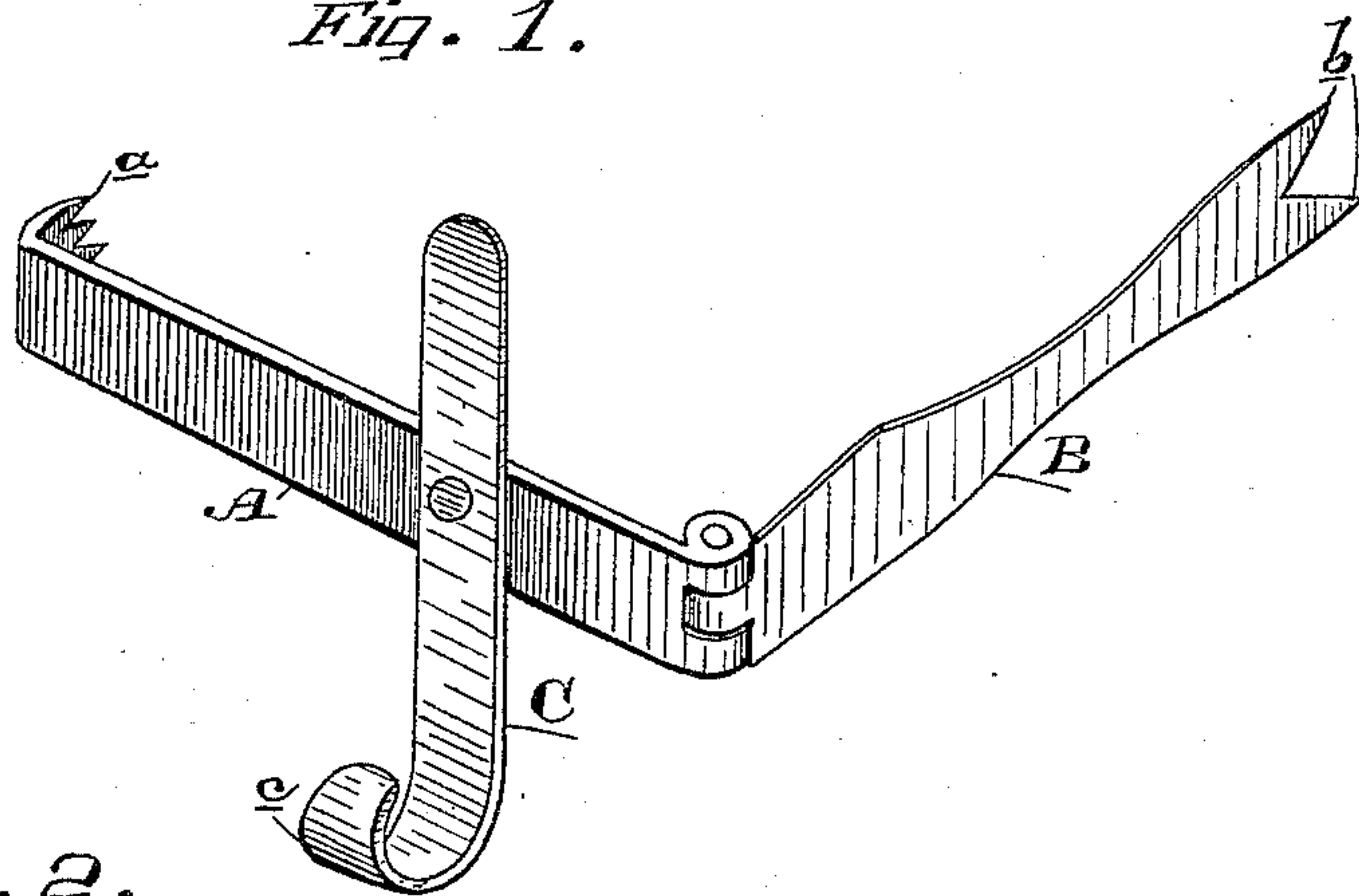
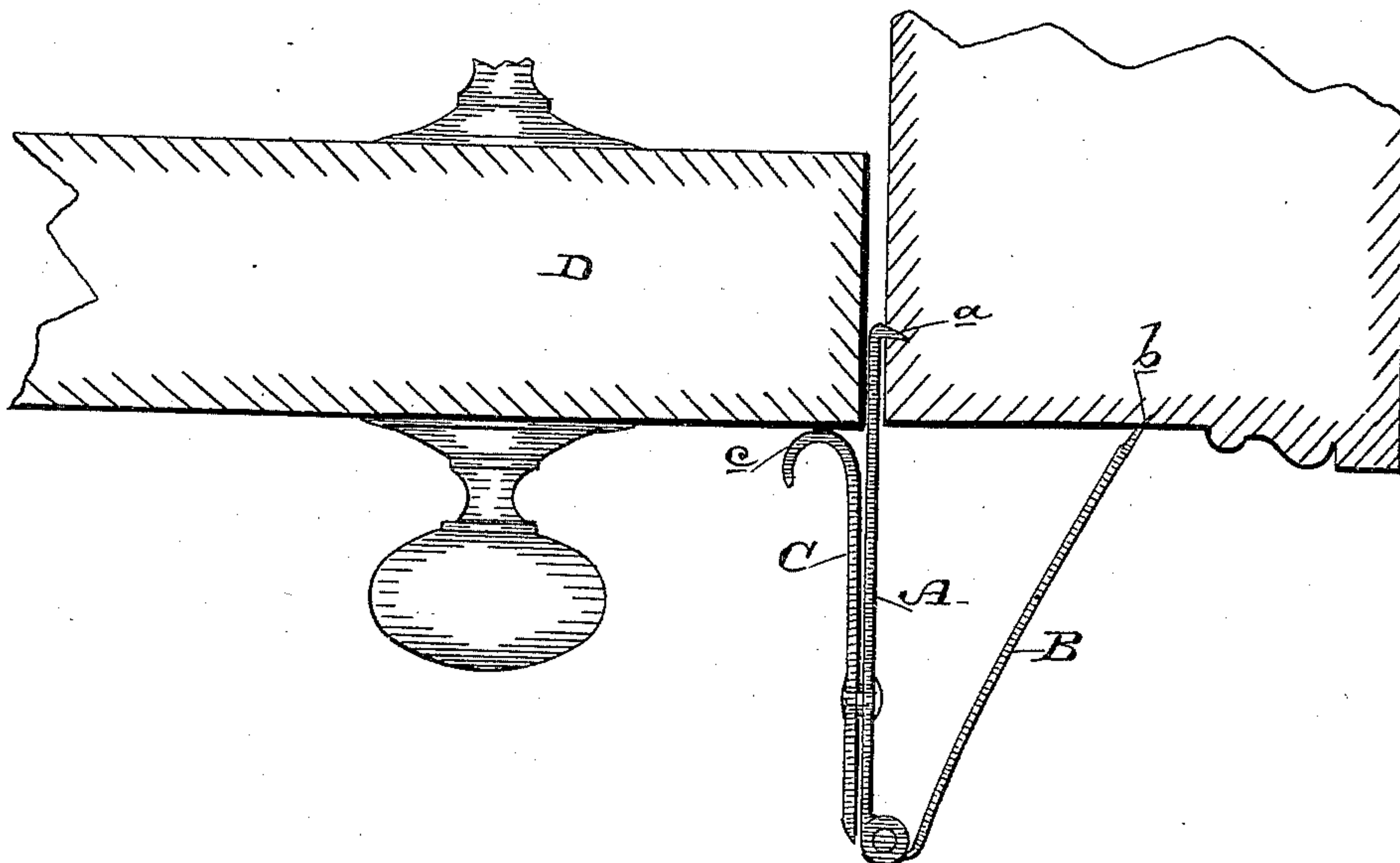


Fig. 2.



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## DOOR-SECURER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ABRAM DUANE NORTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Delta, Shoshone county, Idaho Territory, have invented an Improvement in Door-Fasteners; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to the class of door-fasteners; and it consists in the novel construction and combination of parts hereinafter fully described, and specifically pointed out in the claim.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple and effective device for fastening doors, one which can be carried about by a person and readily applied when needed, and as easily removed and carried off when the occasion for its use is past.

Referring to the accompanying drawings for a more complete explanation of my invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my fastener. Fig. 2 is a view showing its application.

A is a bar, which may be termed the "body-bar." One end is provided with teeth *a*. To its other end is hinged the brace-bar B, the outer end of which has teeth or prongs *b*. To the back of the body-bar is hinged the holding-bar C, one end of which is curled at *c* to form a proper bearing-surface. All these bars are to be made of metal and can be in as ornamental a form as desired, and may be nickel-plated or otherwise polished.

To use the fastener, proceed as follows: Hold the door D open a little with one hand and with the other introduce between the edge of the door and the face of the casing the body-bar A, with its teeth toward the casing. In this position the holding-bar should be straight up and down, so as to permit the

proper insertion of the body-bar, and the brace-bar is bent back out of the way. Now close the door tightly. This will have the effect of firmly binding the body-bar between the door and casing, the pressure sinking the teeth *a* into the casing so that said bar will be held tightly in place. Now turn the holding-bar on its pivot so that its bearing end *c* will come up and bear tightly against the door. Then bring up the hinged brace-bar B as tightly as possible, its forked or toothed end bearing against the inner surface of the casing. This will cramp and firmly hold the body-bar and tighten all the parts, so that the door will be firmly locked.

The whole device is simple and small enough to be portable, so that a person can always have with him a means for securing his door.

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

An improved door-fastener consisting of the body-bar A, having teeth upon its inner end, a brace-bar hinged to the outer extremity of the body-bar and having its free end formed with prongs, and a holding-bar C, pivotally secured to the body-bar independently of the hinge-joint and at a point between said joint and the inner end of said body-bar, said holding-bar having an axial movement and having one end curved to form a bearing-surface, as herein described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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