

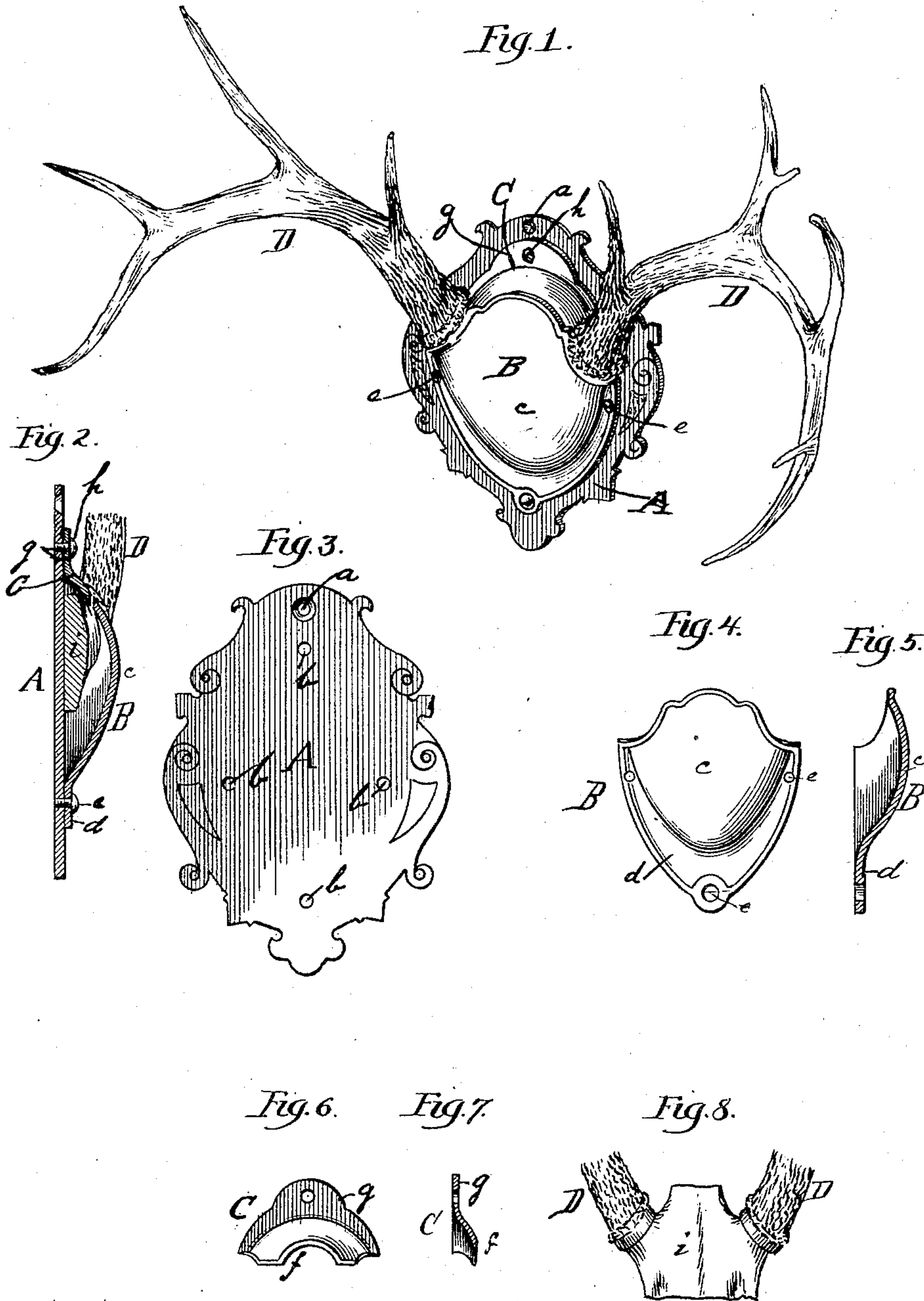
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK KAEMPFER, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Escutcheons for Exhibiting Animals' Horns, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

Heretofore animals' horns for wall decoration were prepared so as to expose the skull-connecting portion with the original fur covering, which latter, however, was difficult to so prepare as to retain its original appearance and to be proof against damage caused by moths, and therefore generally this head portion did assume within a limited time a decaying and unsightly appearance; and it is the object of this my invention to provide a device by which to secure animals' horns to a metal escutcheon between metal shields that will cover and protect the skull portion, and which can be ornamented in any desirable manner; and with that object in view my invention consists of the novel devices and combinations of devices hereinafter described and specifically claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a pair of deer-horns as secured by my improved device, and Fig. 2 is a transverse vertical section of the same. Fig. 3 is a plan of the escutcheon-plate; Figs. 4 and 5, a front view and transverse vertical section of the lower or main shield detached; Figs. 6 and 7, a front view and a transverse vertical section of the upper or auxiliary shield detached, and Fig. 8 a front view of the animals' horns with their connecting skull portion exposed and in shape for securing to the escutcheon.

Corresponding letters of reference in the several figures of the drawings designate like parts.

A is the escutcheon, being a flat metal plate of somewhat oval but ornamentally-shaped outline and provided with screw-hole *a* for suspending to the wall, and with screw-holes *b* for securing the shields. B is the lower or main shield, consisting of a convex projection *c*, with flat exterior flanges *d* to its sides and bottom, that fit against the plate A and are secured by three screws *e*. This shield somewhat resembles the cuirass or breast-plate of armor forming a pocket for receiving and concealing the portional skull connection of

the horns, with semi-openings for the horns to protrude from.

C is the upper or auxiliary shield having a forwardly-curved portion *f*, that fits the upper edge of part *c* of shield B, forming a close joint therewith and also providing semi-openings to fit over the root of the horns, and having flange *g* to its upper edges fitting against plate A, to be secured against such plate by a single screw *h*. This shield C, as will be noticed, forms the cover for the pocket provided by shield B.

D are the horns of a deer, and *i* the connecting portion of the skull, which latter is reduced by cutting to enter behind and between the shields B and C. After thus secured the horns are held very rigid to the escutcheon without their skull portion or long roots being exposed, and will thus look very neat and will have an ornamental appearance, while at the same time the whole can be easily kept clean. The shield B in particular can be ornamented with carvings or embossing in any desirable manner to represent an animal's head or hunter's emblems.

This device, as will be seen, is very simple, strong, and durable in its construction, and can be adapted for exhibiting the horns of all sorts of animals.

What I claim is—

1. The combination, with a plate or escutcheon for suspending animals' horns, of a shield or shields covering and concealing the skull connection of the same, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination, with the plate or escutcheon A, of the shield B, secured against the same and providing a pocket for the reception of the skull portion forming the connection between animals' horns, with the horns protruding, substantially as set forth.

3. The combination, with the plate or escutcheon A, of the shields B and C, secured against such plate A and providing a receptacle for the skull portion forming the connection between animals' horns, with the horns protruding, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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