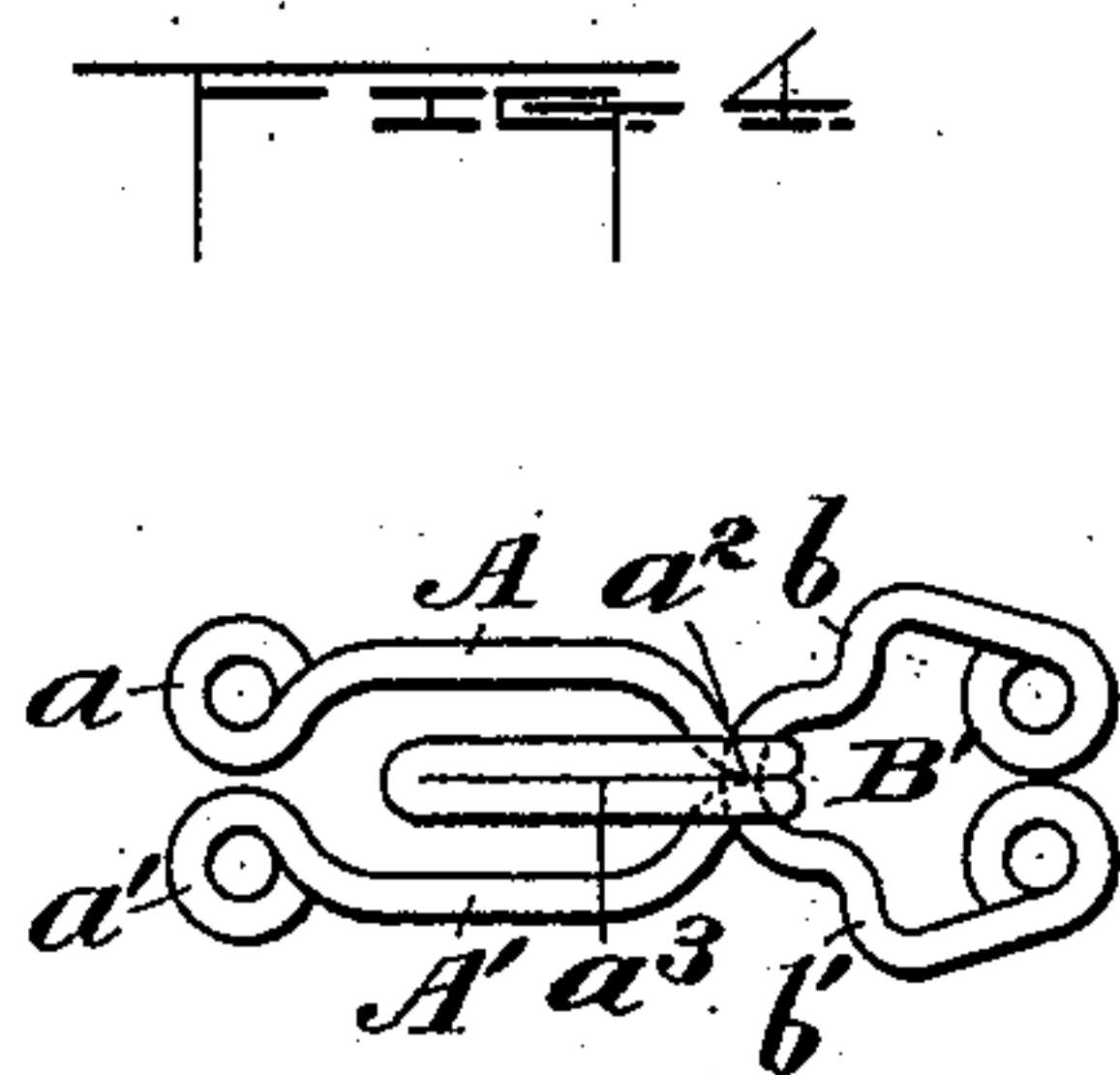
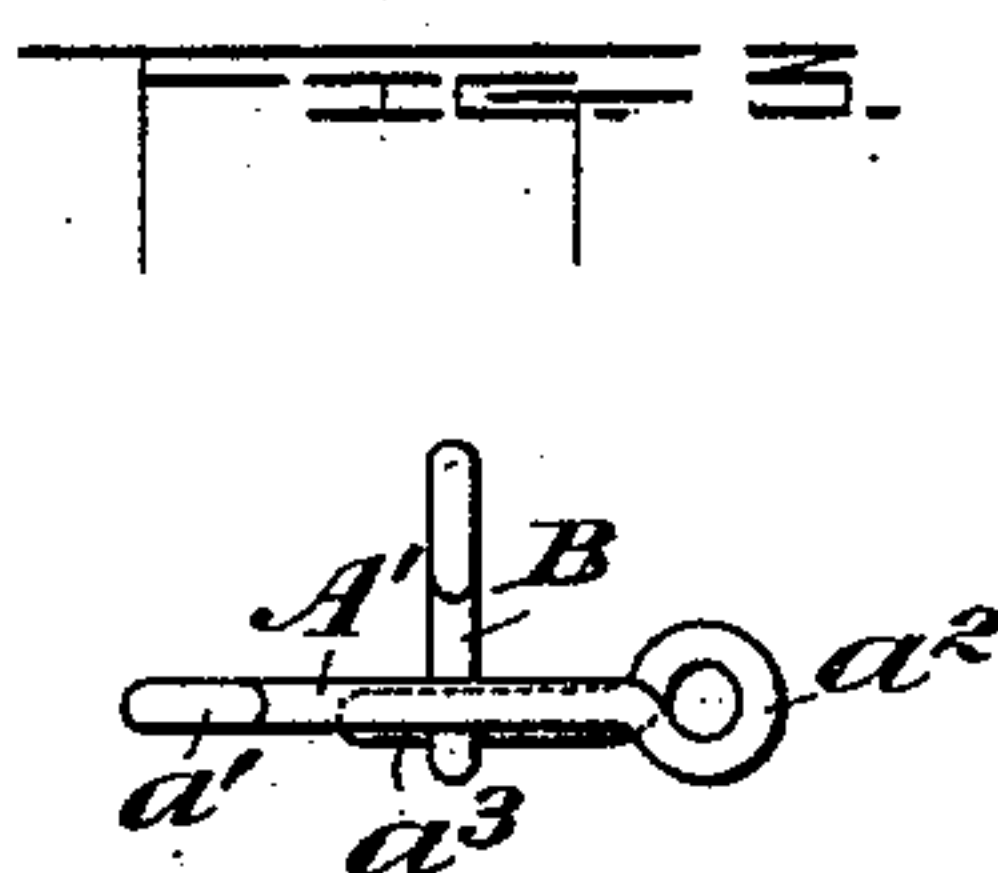
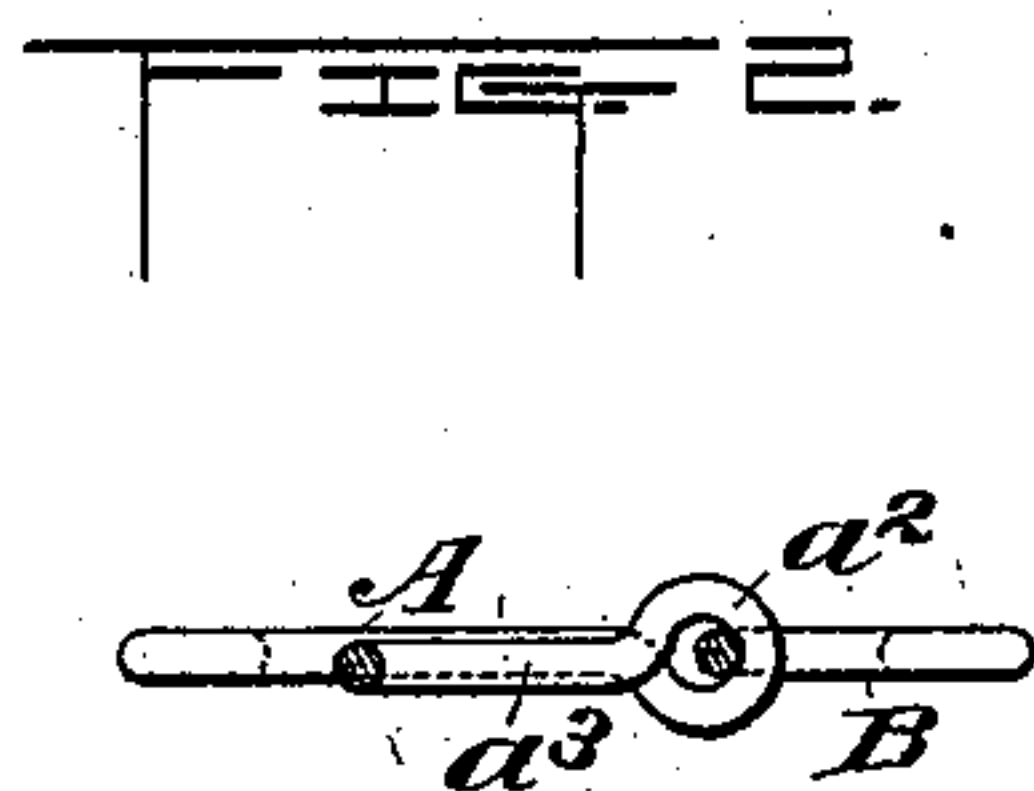
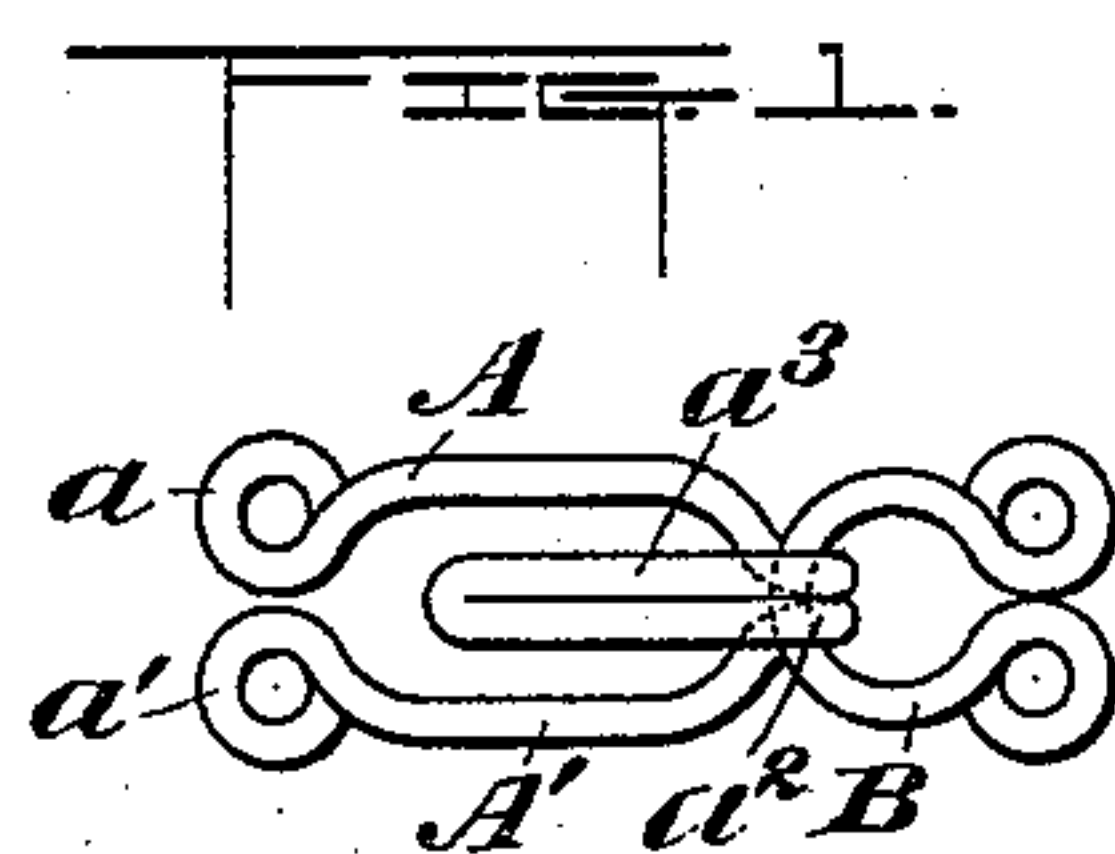


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY S. WEDMORE, of Guilford, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and
5 useful Improvement in Hooks and Eyes, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in hooks and eyes with the object in view of rendering them proof against accidental or un-
10 intentional unhooking without increasing—to any considerable degree—the material employed in manufacturing them or their cost.

A practical embodiment of my invention is represented in the accompanying drawings,
15 in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of the hook and eye, as they appear when engaged. Fig. 2 is a transverse, longitudinal section through the same. Fig. 3 is a view in edge elevation,
20 showing the position which the eye assumes relatively to the hook during the operation of either hooking or unhooking, and Fig. 4 is a top plan view of a hook and eye, showing a modified form of eye.

25 The hook is formed by a single piece of wire or other suitable material, either circular, oval or polygonal in cross section, as may be desired. The ends of the wire of which the hook is formed are turned to form loops a, a'
30 for purposes of attaching the hook to the garment and from said loops the two opposite parts A, A' of the shank separate from each other and extend for a distance somewhat greater than the length which the bill of the
35 hook is intended to have, at such a distance from one another as to permit the bill of the hook to be placed between them and still leave a sufficient space between the bill and
40 said parts for the passage of the eye during the operation of hooking and unhooking. The parts A, A' then converge toward each other, preferably until they rest in close proximity to each other, and then are bent downwardly, below the plane of the shank portions
45 A, A' ; thence upward, over and downwardly into or below the plane of the portions A, A' and between them; forming a bight a^2 which, as it is observed from the side or edge, forms a complete inclosure, and, from this point the
50 bill a^3 of the hook, formed by the tight fold of the wire at its middle portion, extends

along in or below the plane of the parts A, A' toward the fastening loops a, a' .

The eye, denoted by B , may be of the ordinary form, as represented in Figs. 1, 2 and
55 3, or it may be provided with shoulders b, b' , as represented in Fig. 4, where the eye as a whole is denoted by B' . The shoulders b, b' are formed by turning the wire outwardly at a short distance from the center of the bight
60 of the eye on each of its two opposite sides and serve as an additional protection against the unhooking of the eye, in case the bight of the eye should under any undue strain on the
65 hook or a failure to carry its bill sufficiently low, be permitted to enter the space between the bill and the opposite parts A, A' of the shank.

It will be observed that the bight of the hook in which the bight of the eye rests when
70 the parts are engaged, is so closed with respect to the movement of the bight of the eye toward the bill of the hook that no matter how loose the parts hooked may become and
75 no matter how much the two parts be shaken or twisted to make the eye assume different positions with respect to the hook, there is no tendency whatever for the bight of the eye to
80 travel toward the free end of the bill of the hook, as there is but one position in which it can so travel and that is when it is made to assume a position substantially at right angles to the shank of the hook, as shown in
85 Fig. 3, and this is a position which it will never in use assume, unless intentionally so placed.

On the other hand, the hook and eye may be engaged and disengaged with the greatest ease as there is no tendency for them to bind
90 when placed in the position shown in Fig. 3, and when assembled—as represented in Fig. 2—in the position which they assume when the greatest strain is exerted upon them, the strain will be distributed along the plane of
95 the shank of the hook and, in its tendency to elongate the bight of the hook, will tend—at the same time—to depress the bill of the hook between the parts A, A' of the shank. In fact, the strain may be ever so great without ele-
100 vating the bill of the hook above the plane of the shank sufficiently to afford the bight of the eye any opportunity to work toward the

end of the bill of the hook when in any of the positions which it assumes in use.

5 The hook and eye, formed as hereinabove described, is eminently well adapted for use in connection with the fastening of horse blankets or other heavy work, where a secure fastening is required, and where the parts are liable to be shaken into abnormal relations with each other; as well as in connection with
10 the numerous articles of clothing to which the hook and eye is ordinarily applied.

What I claim is—

The combination with an eye, of a hook hav-

ing its shank formed in two separated parts, the bight of the hook extending from the 15 shank below the plane of the shank thence up, over and down into or below the plane of the shank and the bill of the hook extending from the bight between the parts of the shank and in the plane of the shank, substantially 20 as set forth.

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