

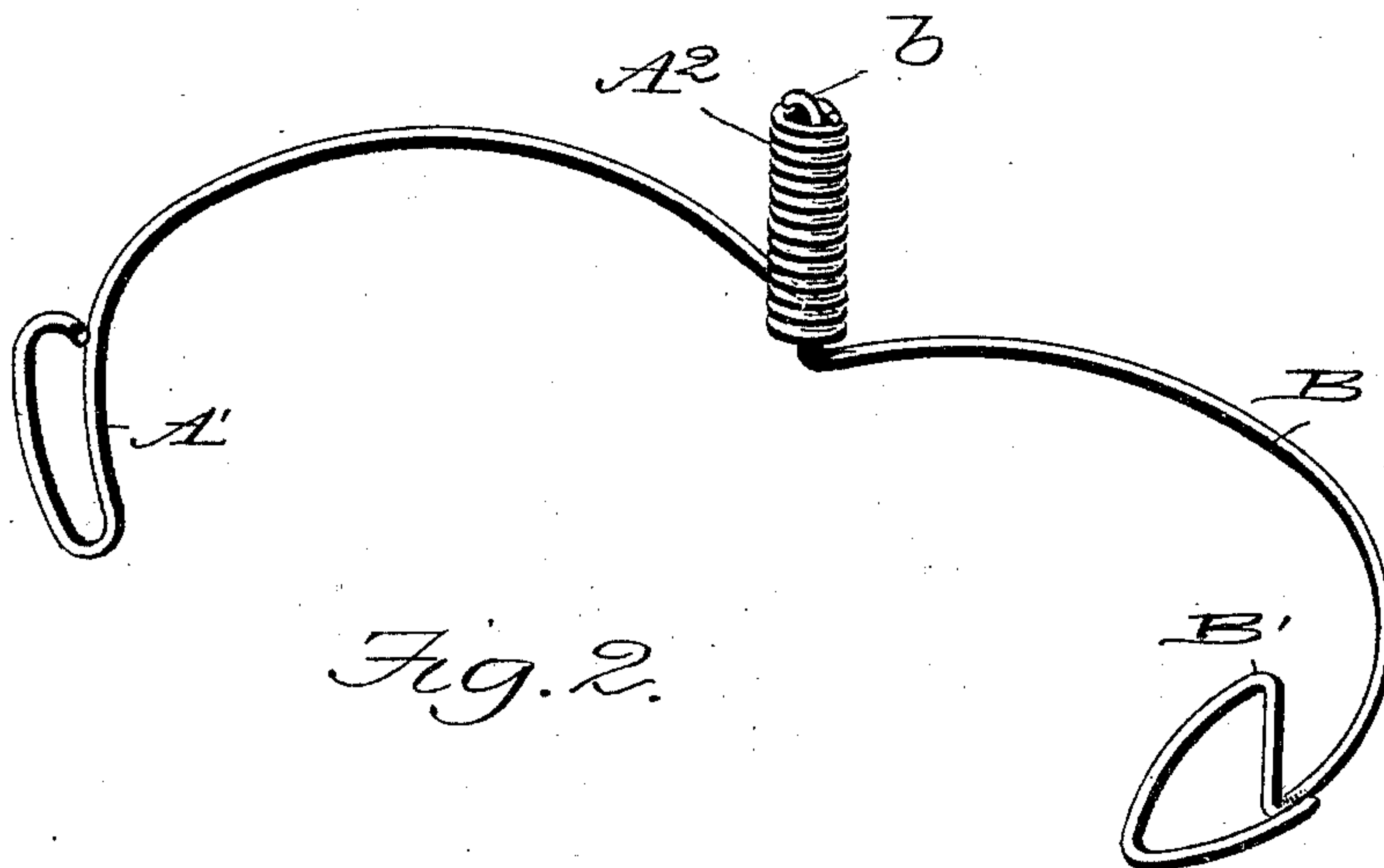
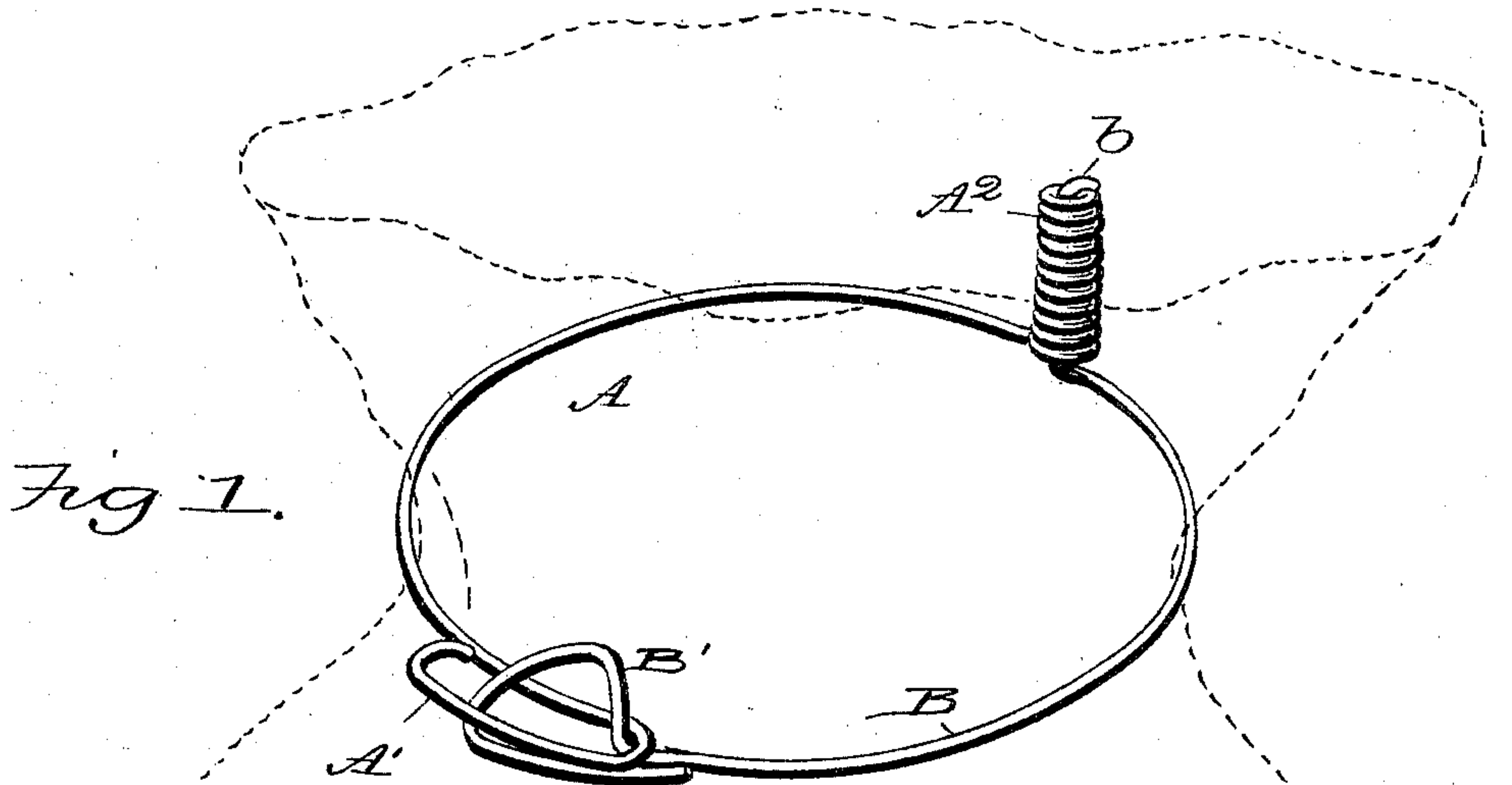
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BAG-FASTENER.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 622,651, dated April 4, 1899.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES A. MOORE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Grass Creek, in the county of Fulton and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bag-Fasteners; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in bag-fasteners, and especially to a fastener which is so constructed that it may be held in a suitable position to have its ends hooked together as the hand of the operator grasps the gather-top of the bag, said fastener being of such a construction as to allow of its being readily secured to the bag, fitting close to the sack without the ends of the fastener projecting so as to be in the way. A further and important part of the present invention resides in the peculiar construction of fastener made up of two pieces, one of which is formed into a coil, which embraces the bent end of the second piece, thus forming a hinge and serving as a means for holding the fastener while being hooked.

To these ends and to such others as the invention may pertain, the same consists, further, in the novel construction and arrangement of the device, as will be hereinafter more fully described, and then specifically defined in the appended claim.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which, with the letters of reference marked thereon, form a part of this application, and in which drawings—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the bag-fastener secured to a bag. Fig. 2 is an enlarged view of the fastener with the parts separated.

Reference now being had to the details of the drawings by letter, A designates one of the pieces of the fastener, which is provided with a loop A' at one end, while a coil A² is

formed at its other end, said coil being bent at right angles to the portion having the loop.

The second part of the fastener (shown at B) has at one end a hook B', while its other end is bent at right angles to its portion having the hook, and this angled end *b* is passed through the coil and has its extreme end bent over the edge of the coil, whereby the two parts are retained together.

In applying the fastener to a sack the top of the sack is gathered up and the coil grasped with the gathered portion of the bag, which will hold the two pieces forming the fastener in a position to be easily fastened to each other by inserting the hook in the loop. The coil serves also as a convenient means to attach the fastener to the bag.

It will be observed that as the two pieces forming the fastener are swung into a position to allow of their ends being hooked together the bent end of the piece B contacts with the top turn of the coil, which is slightly inclined, and thus serves to hold the free ends of the pieces from swinging open should the ends from any cause become unfastened.

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

A bag-fastener, comprising a curved wire A, one end bent into a coil, which is at right angles to the longitudinal portion of said wire, and a loop A' at its other end, combined with the curved wire B having an upwardly-extending loop B' at one end, a portion of the wire B bent at right angles and extending through the coil, the extreme end of the portion extending through the coil being hook-shaped and engaging over the inclined and curved end of the coil, whereby as the two wires are swung together to be locked, the hooked end *b* will travel up said inclined end of the coil, and cause the wires to bind at their pivotal portions, as set forth.

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

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