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FIG. 1.

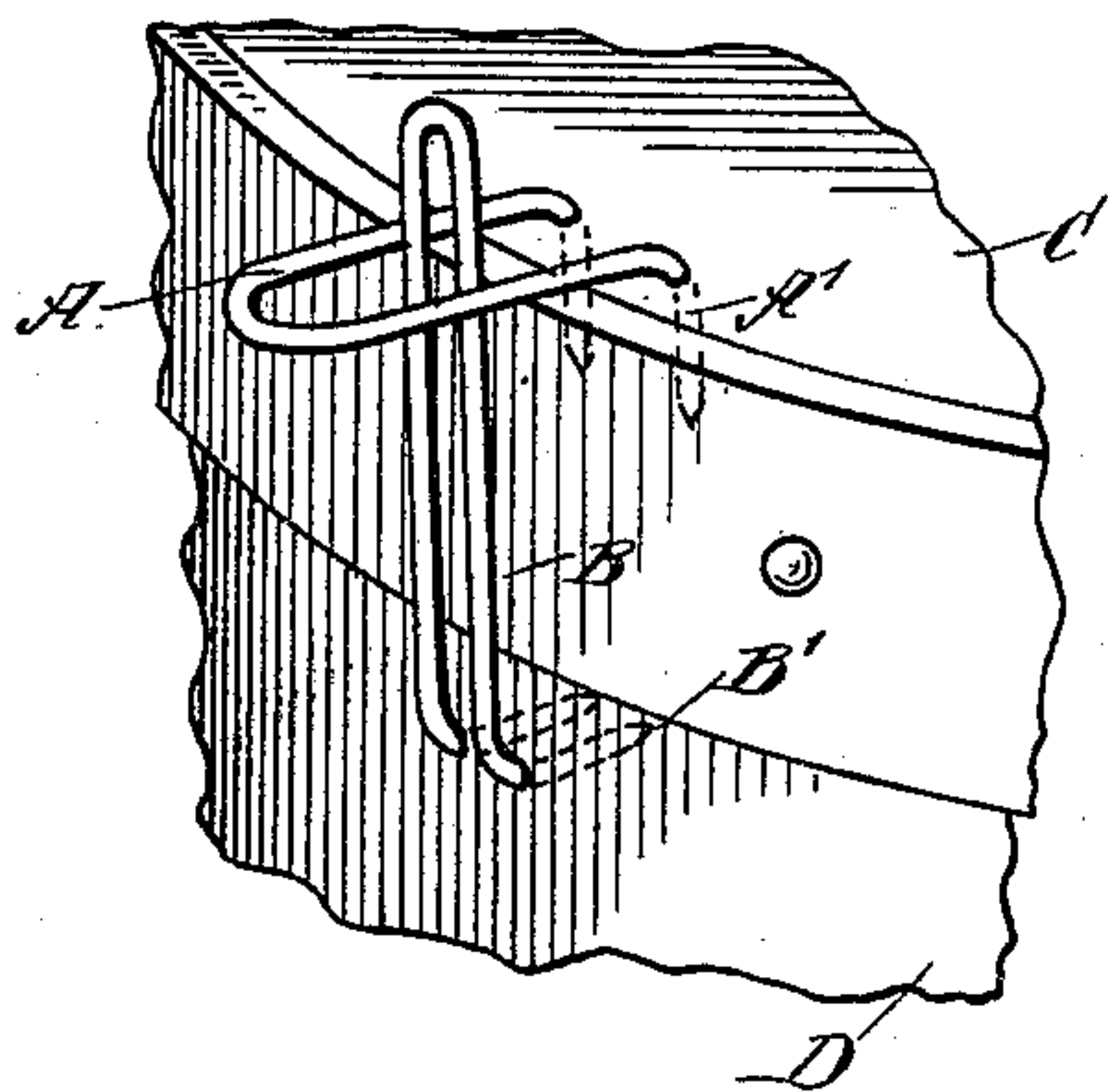


FIG. 2.

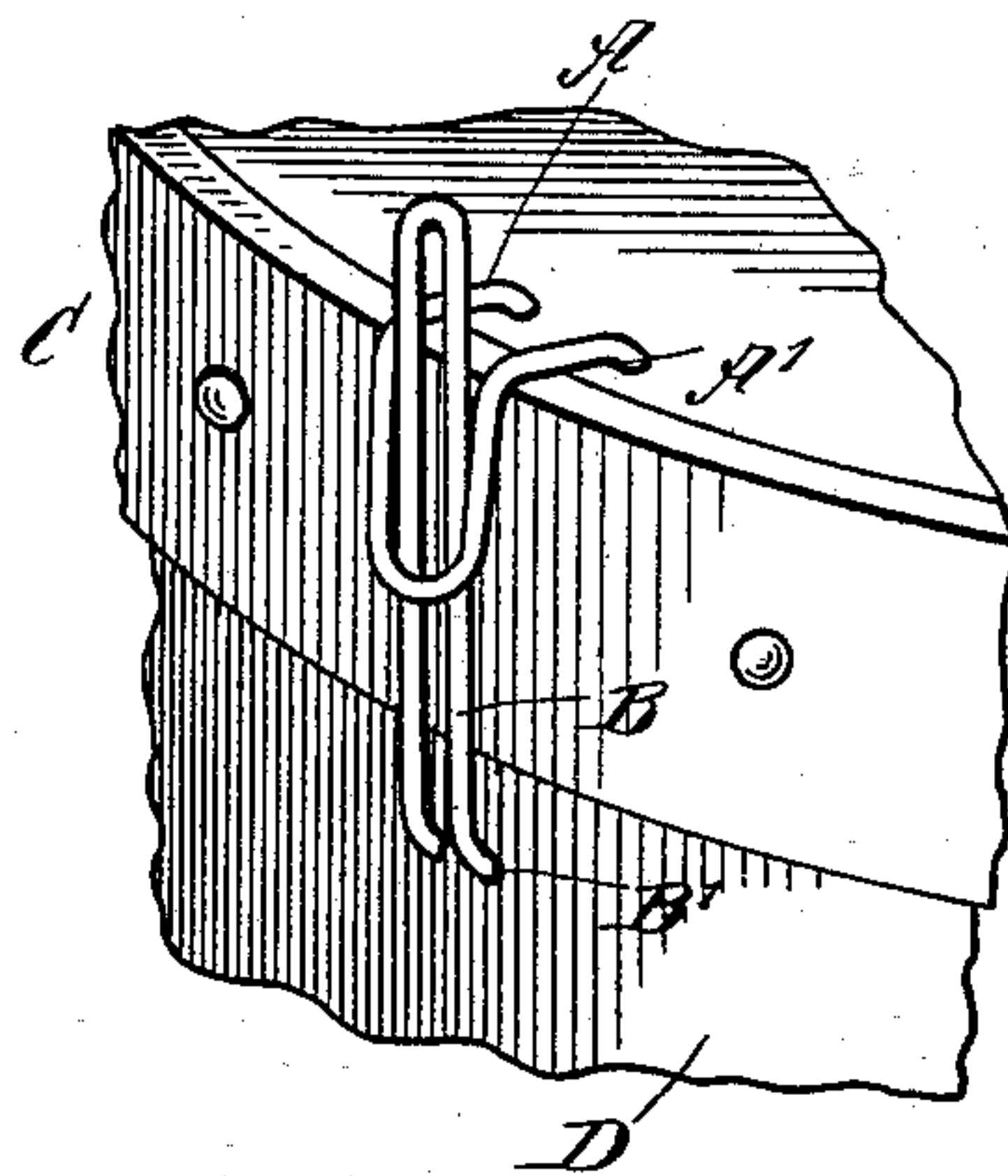
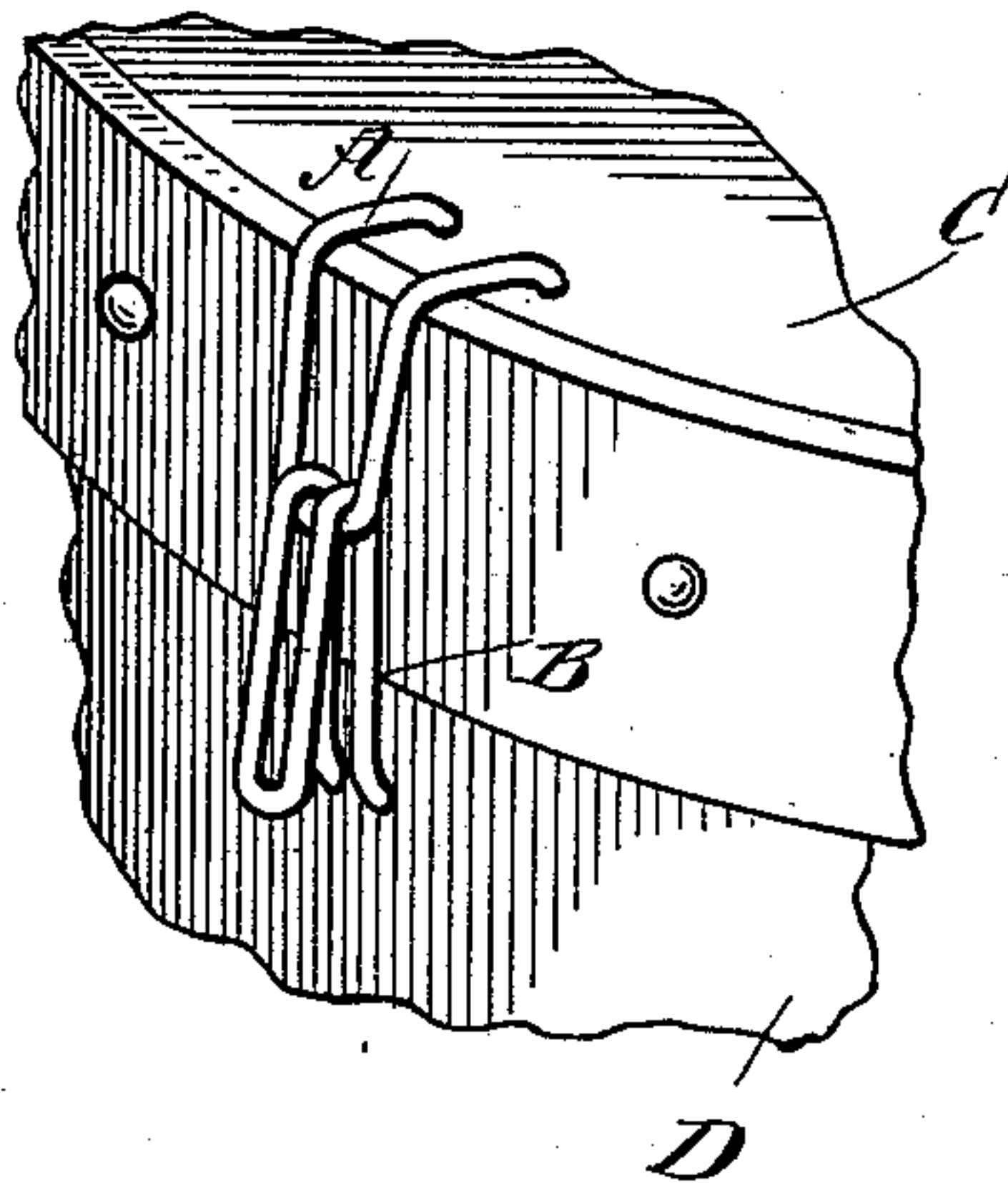


FIG. 3.



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## FASTENER FOR BOXES, &c.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HIALMER B. J. ANDRUS, of Winooski, in the county of Sheboygan and State of Wisconsin, have invented a new and Improved Fastener, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The invention relates to fasteners used on butter-tubs, boxes, egg-cases, oyster-pails, candy and tobacco pails, fruit-baskets, crates, and other packages and receptacles of similar nature.

The object of the invention is to provide a new and improved fastener more especially designed for securely fastening the cover of a receptacle to the body thereof, the fastener being arranged to permit of conveniently opening the receptacle for inspection, for removing the contents, or refilling the receptacle, the fastener allowing of being used a number of times on the same receptacle.

The invention consists of novel features and parts and combinations of the same, as will be fully described hereinafter and then pointed out in the claim.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improvement as applied and previous to locking the members. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the same with the fastener members partly locked, and Fig. 3 is a like view of the same with the fastener members securely interlocked.

The improved fastener consists of two members A and B, each made of a single piece of wire bent to the form of an open loop and having prongs A' B', respectively, at the ends of the side bars of the loops, the prongs standing approximately at right angles to the loops. The prongs A' are adapted to be driven into the top of the cover C of the receptacle near the edge of the cover, so that a portion of the loop extends over the edge, as is plainly indicated in Fig. 1. The other member or loop B is driven with its prongs B' into the side of the body D of the receptacle, near the upper end thereof, so as to extend through the loop A and a short distance above the top face of the cover C, as is plainly indicated in Fig. 1.

When the several parts are in the position described, the projecting end of the loop A is bent downward, as shown in Fig. 2, and then the upper end of the loop B is bent over the middle of the loop A and down upon itself, as plainly indicated in Fig. 3, to securely interlock the members or loops with each other and to securely fasten the cover C in place on the body D of the receptacle.

When it is desired to open the receptacle to permit inspection of the contents thereof or to completely remove the cover from the body, it is only necessary to bend the doubled-up part of the loop B back to its former extended position, as shown in Fig. 2, so that the cover C can be lifted off the body D, the loop A sliding out of the upper end of the loop B. The contents of the receptacle can now be removed, and the receptacle can be refilled and then the cover replaced and again locked in place by bending the upper end of the loop B back upon itself, as previously explained, to interlock with the loop A.

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

A fastener for securing covers on vessels, the fastener consisting in two parts constructed each of a single length of pliable wire, the wires being each bent into the form of an open loop and having prongs respectively at the ends of the side bars of the loop, the prongs standing approximately at right angles to the loops so that the prongs may be bent into the cover and body of the vessel, the body-loop being extended through the cover-loop, and the said cover-loop being bent downward against the body-loop, which is finally bent downward around the cover-loop to form a hook receiving the same.

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