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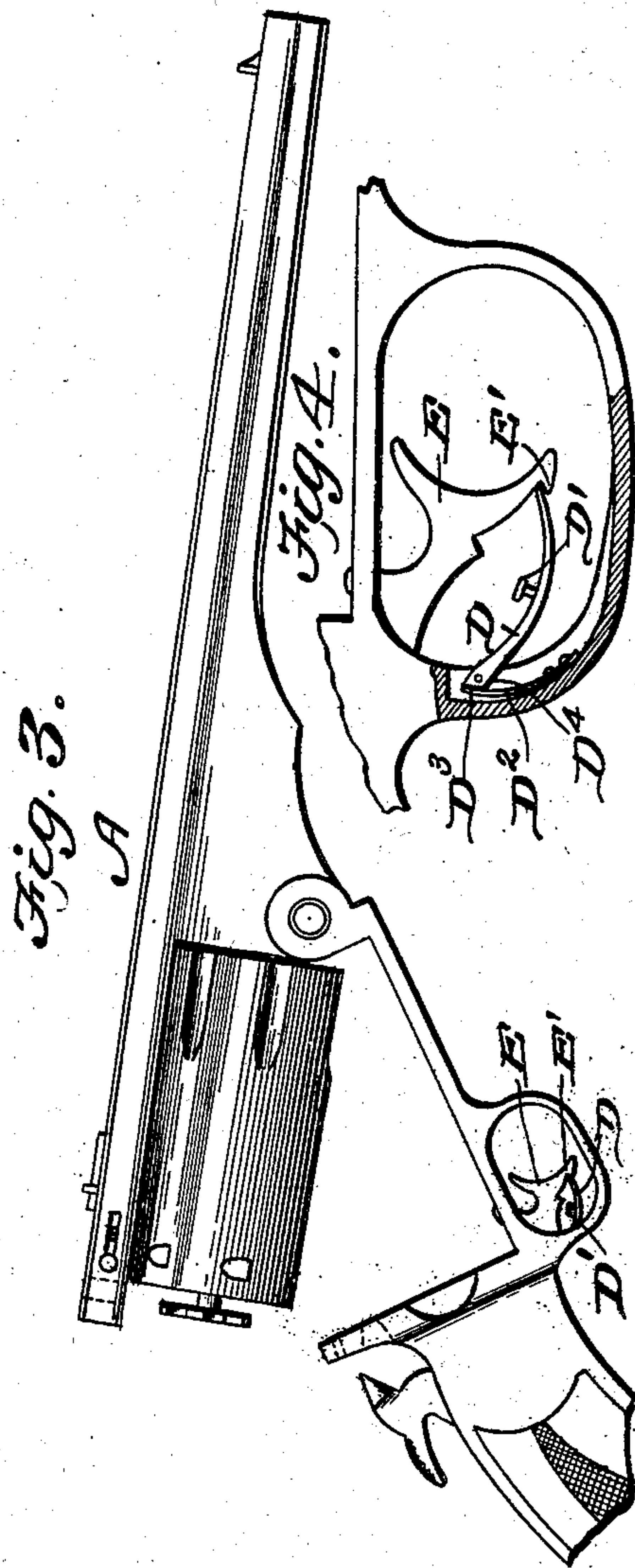
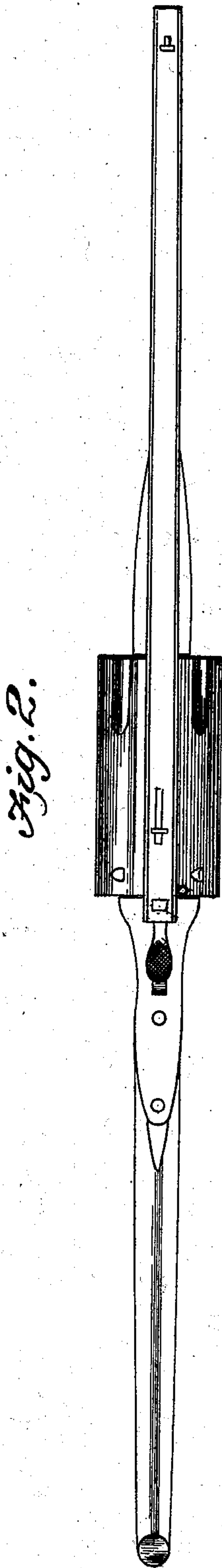
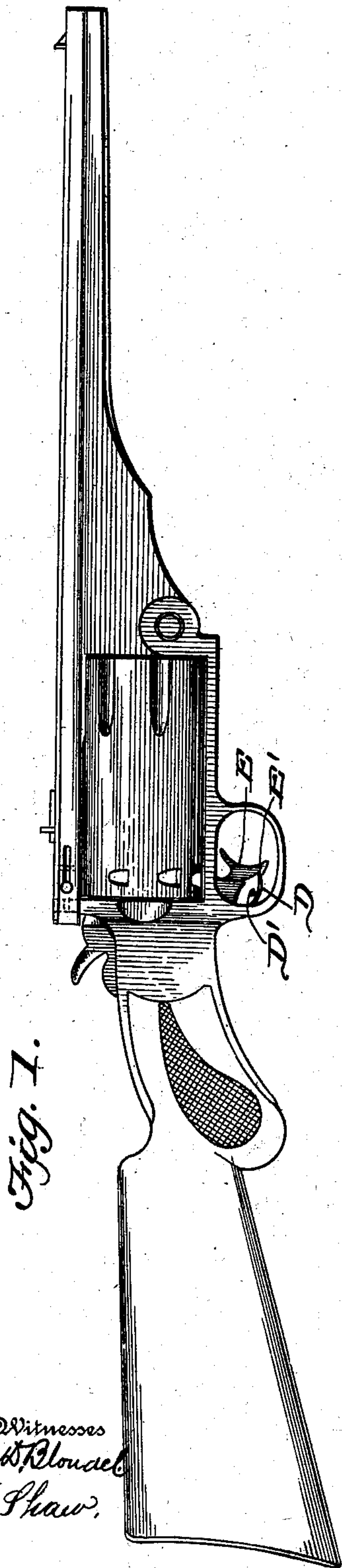
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JESSE F. HERNDON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Sebastian, in the county of Brevard and State of Florida, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Safety Attachments for Firearms, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to certain improved safety devices for firearms, the object of the invention being to provide a locking device whereby discharge is prevented by the accidental movement of the trigger.

The use of the device is not confined to any special form of firearm, as it does not affect the operation of the firearm.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation showing a firearm with my device attached to it. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the firearm shown in Fig. 1, but which forms no part of the invention claimed in this application. Fig. 3 is a view showing a trigger locked while the breech is open. Fig. 4 is a sectional elevation showing in detail my improved device and is the view referred to in the following more detailed description.

D represents a safety locking-catch pivoted to the metal guard in the rear of the trigger. The catch is curved to conform approximately to the outline of the guard and when not in use is adapted to rest against the inner surface of the rear portion of the guard. Riveted at its lower end and in the rear of said catch is a spring D^2 , its free upper end being adapted to bear against a square face D^3 at the pivoted end of the catch and by pressure

thereon to yieldingly resist any movement of the catch. Secured on the upper or outer side of the catch is a knob D' , by which it can be easily lifted when it is desired to lock the trigger.

E represents the trigger and E' a shoulder produced upon its rear lower end. When the catch is lifted up and its free end brought into engagement with the shoulder E' , the trigger will be held against accidental movement, while the spring D^2 will prevent accidental displacement of the catch, and it should be stated that when the catch D is thrown down or out of engagement with the trigger the spring will bear against the surface D^4 , which is directly opposite and also slightly above the pivotal point of the said catch, and hold it in its closed position.

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

In a safety device for firearms, the combination with a trigger having a shoulder formed on its lower end, of a catch pivoted to the guard in the rear of the trigger and adapted to engage said shoulder, said catch having its pivoted end squared, and a spring secured at its lower end to the guard, its free end being adapted to bear against the squared face of the pivoted end of the catch when the catch is thrown up.

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