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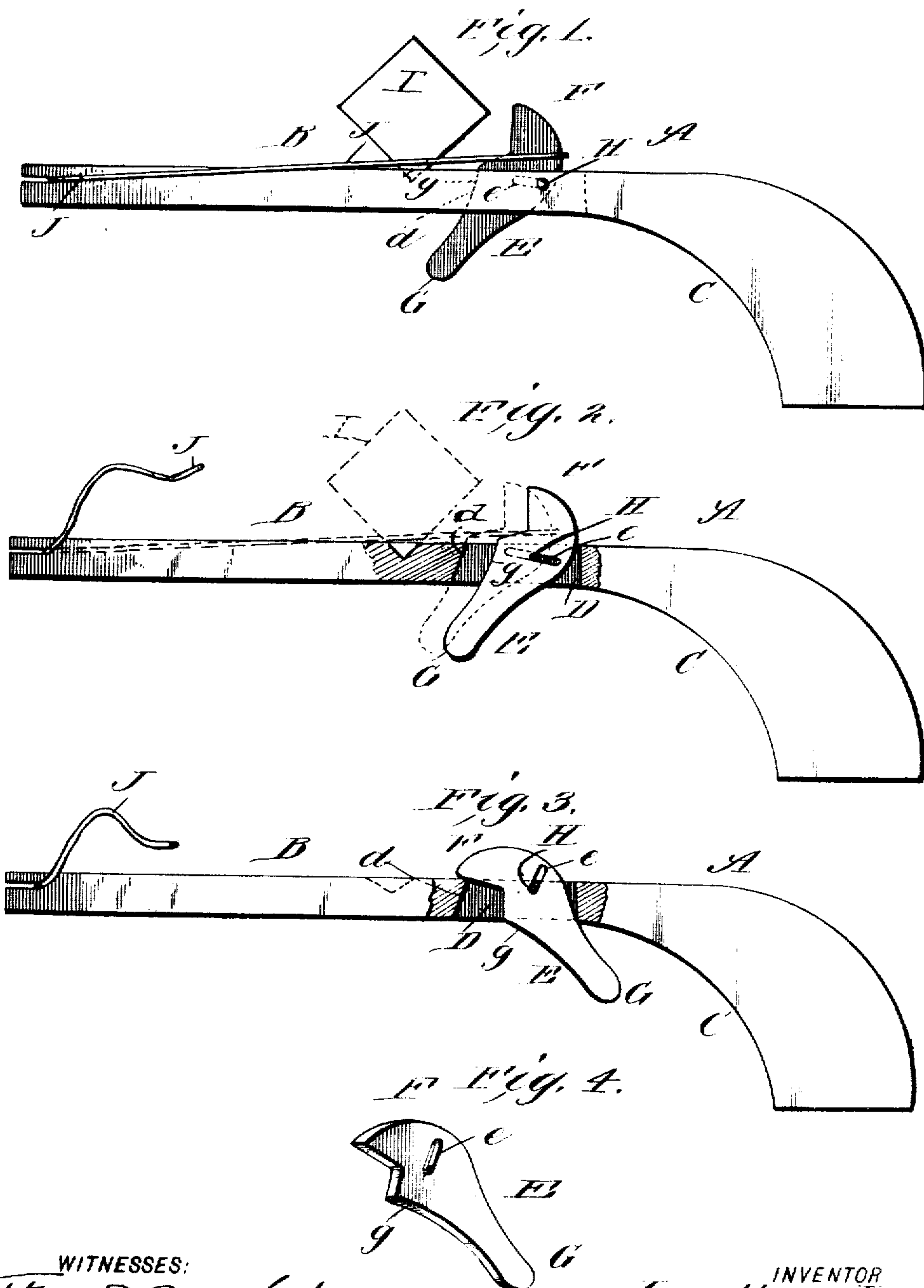
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JONATHAN LUCAS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Charleston, in the county of Charleston and State of South Carolina, have made certain new and useful Improvements in Toy Pistols, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is an improvement in toy pistols, having for an object to provide a novel construction for shooting pieces of cardboard or other projectiles; and the invention consists in certain novel constructions and combinations of parts, as will be hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a pistol embodying my invention, showing the trigger-lever cocked. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the pistol, partly in section, showing the trigger-lever in position to receive the band. Fig. 3 is a side elevation, partly in section, showing the trigger-lever in fired position; and Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of the trigger-lever.

By my invention I seek to provide a simple form of toy pistol that can be cheaply made, will be harmless, can be utilized for shooting small pieces of cardboard, which latter may serve as advertising mediums by having printed thereon the name of some special article, firm, or other subject-matter it may be desired to advertise, and the device being simple of operation, as will be understood from the following description.

As shown, the pistol includes the body A, having the barrel portion B and the grip C and provided with the longitudinal slot D, formed through it from its upper to its lower edge to receive the movable device E in the form of a trigger-lever, as shown in detail in Fig. 4. This movable device E has the upper portion F and the lower or trigger portion G and is provided with the front edge *g* at the upper end of the portion G to abut the front wall *d* of the slot D in the cocked position of the trigger-lever, as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings. The device E is pivoted within the slot D by the cross-pin H, which passes through a slot *e* in the movable device E, such

slot being elongated in a direction approximately at a right angle to that of the edge *g* of the trigger G, as shown in the drawings. By this construction the movable device E is capable of movement back and forth in the slot D in the direction of length of the barrel, so that the trigger-lever may be moved from the position for receiving the band, as shown in Fig. 2, forwardly to the cocked position, (shown in Fig. 1,) which latter is the position of the trigger-lever when it is holding the band, which operates to throw the projectile I in the use of the device. The rubber or other elastic band is secured at its front end to the front end of the barrel. It may be by pressing it into a slit formed in the end of the barrel, as shown.

In operation the band may be drawn back and over the trigger-lever when the latter is in the position shown in Fig. 2. The stress of the band will then pull the trigger-lever from the position shown in Fig. 2 to the cocked position, (shown in Fig. 1,) bringing the square edge *g* of the trigger up against the square front end of the slot D. In this position the trigger-lever will be cocked, and the projectile I may be inserted by one corner in the slot in the upper side of the barrel near the rear end of the latter. If the trigger be now pulled from the position shown in Fig. 1 to that shown in Fig. 3, the trigger-lever will be thrown forwardly and will release the band, so the latter may operate to fire the projectile as desired. By pushing the trigger forward from the position shown in Fig. 3 to that shown in Fig. 2 the trigger-lever will be brought to position to receive the band, as will be understood from the drawings.

In operation it will be noticed the trigger-lever is movable pivotally on the cross-pin H and also bodily along the said pin from the uncocked position (shown in Fig. 2) to the cocked position. (Shown in Fig. 1.) It will also be noticed the upper rear edge of the trigger-lever is rounded, so that the rubber band readily escapes therefrom when the trigger-lever is thrown from the position shown in Fig. 1 to that shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings.

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

1. The improved toy pistol, comprising the
5 body, having a longitudinal slot, the trigger-lever fitting in said slot, the trigger portion of such lever having a square front edge at its upper end, and a slot being formed in the trigger-lever in a direction at a right angle to
10 said edge, and a pin passing through the said slot, and connecting the trigger-lever with the body, the trigger-lever being movable across the pin and turning upon the same in the operation of the device, substantially as set
15 forth.

2. The combination with the body having a longitudinal slot, and a pin crossing said slot, of a movable device having an upper portion rounded on its rear edge, and a trigger
20 portion provided with a front upper edge to engage the front wall of the slot, said movable device being provided with an elongated slot

receiving the pivot-pin and permitting the movement of the device in the direction of length of the body, substantially as set forth. 25

3. A toy pistol, comprising the body, and a trigger-lever having a pivotal movement in connection with said body, and also movable bodily in the body and projecting at its upper end above the body to hold a device for throw-
30 ing a projectile, substantially as set forth.

4. A toy pistol, comprising the body, the trigger-lever having an elongated slot for the pivot-pin, and the pivot-pin connecting the trigger-lever with the body, and passing
35 through the slot, whereby the trigger-lever may be moved pivotally and bodily on said pin said trigger-lever having a portion projecting above the body to hold a device for throwing a projectile, substantially as set forth.

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