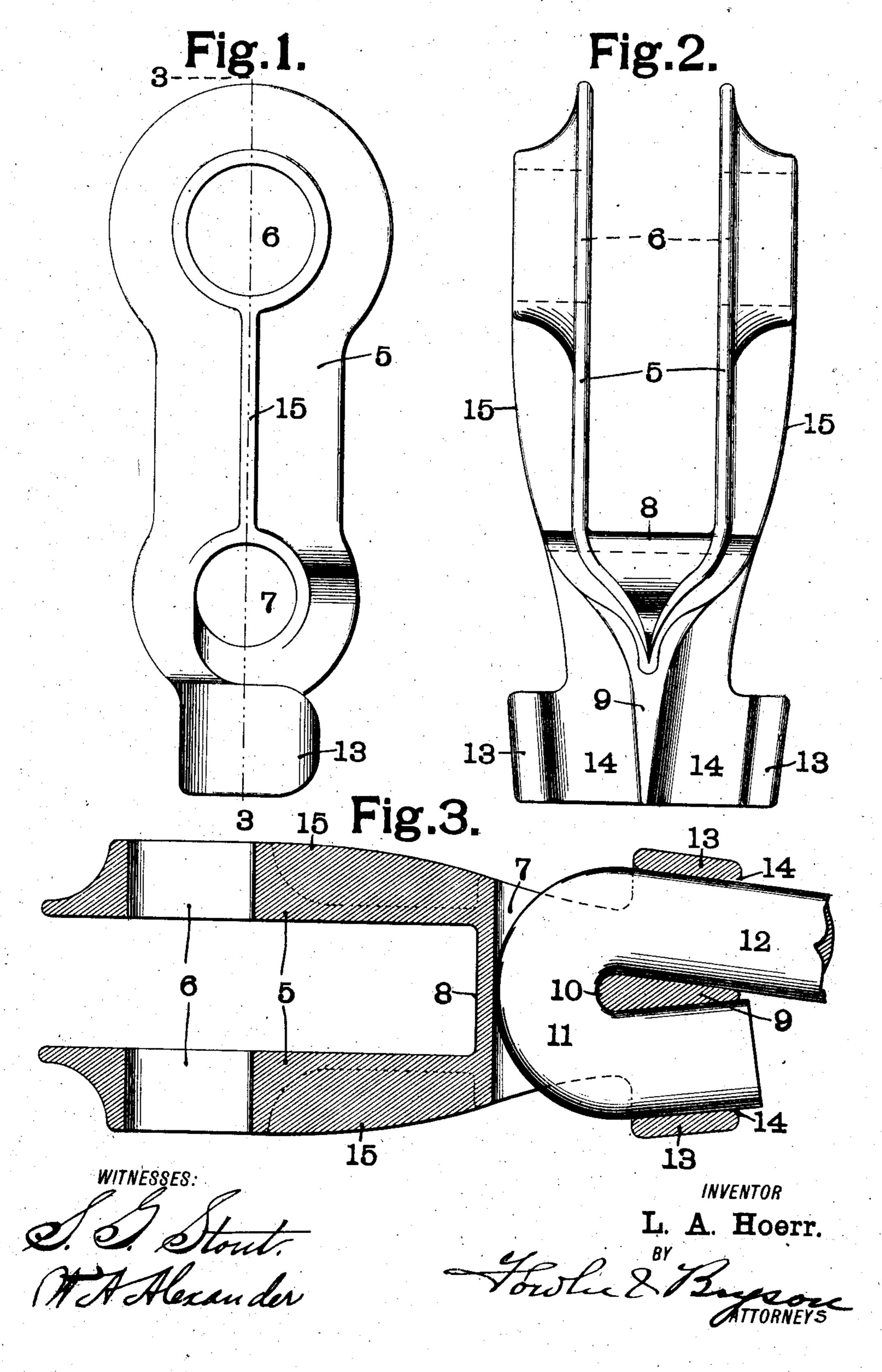
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Louis A. Hoerr, a citizen of the United States, residing at the | formed it is passed through the transverse city of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, 5 have invented a certain new and useful Brake-Rod Jaw, of which the following is such a full, clear, and exact description as will enable any one skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, ref-10 erence being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

My invention relates to a brake-rod jaw such as is secured to a lower brake-rod by means of a loop in the end of said rod and vis which is adapted to embrace and be pivoted

to a brake-lever.

The object of my invention is to provide a jaw of the class referred to which will be easily manufactured and to which the brake-20 rod may be easily attached and at the same time to so construct the jaw that a direct central pull of the rod may be obtained without any appreciable bend of the rod at the point where it emerges from the jaw.

In the accompanying drawings, which illustrate one form of jaw made in accordance with my invention, Figure 1 is a side elevation. Fig. 2 is a top plan view, and Fig. 3 is a section on the line 3 3 of Fig. 1, a 30 portion of the brake-rod being also shown.

Like marks of reference refer to similar parts in the several views of the drawings.

6 represents the parallel arms of the jaw, said arms being adapted to embrace a brake-35 lever and to be pivoted thereto by means of a pin passing through openings 6 in the said arms. Formed in the shank of the jaw at the rear of the arms 6 is a transverse opening 7 for the passage of the loop of the brake-rod. 40 The forward wall 8 of this opening 7 forms an abutment at the loop of the rod. At the rear of the transverse passage 7 is a wedgeshaped web 9, preferably having a rounded forward face 10, as shown in Fig. 3. This web 45 9 is surrounded by the loop 11 of the brakerod 12. 13 represents lugs, both projecting in the same direction, as shown in the drawings, and inclined so as to form, together with the web 9, a pair of converging passages 50 14 for the sides of the loop 11. The arms 5 are preferably reinforced by strengtheningribs 15 in the usual manner.

In securing my jaw to the brake-rod the loop 11 is first formed or partially formed in 55 the rod 12. Owing to the shape of the loop

11 the rod is readily bent cold to form the loop. After the loop is formed or partially passage 7, the body 12 of the rod being inclined, so as to prevent contact with the lugs 60 13. After the loop is passed through the passage 7 the body of the rod 12 may be swung down in the plane of the arms 5, so as to bring the sides of the loop 11 into the passages 14, as indicated in Fig. 3. The lugs 13 65 prevent lateral movement of the rod 12 and also prevent the spreading of the loop 11.

On account of the lugs 13 both projecting in the same direction the jaw is easily cast, and this disposition of the lugs also en- 70 ables the easy attachment of the rod 12 and detachment thereof from the jaw. The converging form of the passages 14 also enables the rod 12 to exert a direct central pull on the jaw without any appreciable bend in the rod 75 at the point where it emerges from the jaw.

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

1. A brake-rod jaw adapted to receive a 80 brake-lever and be pivoted thereto, said jaw having a wedge-shaped web adapted to be embraced by the loop of the brake-rod.

2. A brake-rod jaw adapted to receive a brake-lever and be pivoted thereto, said jaw 85

having converging passages for the rod.

3. A brake-rod jaw adapted to receive a brake-lever and be pivoted thereto, said jaw having a wedge-shaped web, and a pair of lugs forming with said web converging pas- 9° sages for the brake-rod.

4. A brake-rod jaw adapted to receive a brake-lever and be pivoted thereto, said jaw having a web, and a pair of lugs extending in the same direction and forming with said 95 web a pair of passages for the brake-rod.

5. A brake-rod jaw adapted to receive a brake-lever and be pivoted thereto, said jaw having a wedge-shaped web, and a pair of lugs extending in the same direction and 100 forming with said web converging passages for the brake-rod.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal in the presence of the two subscribing witnesses.

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