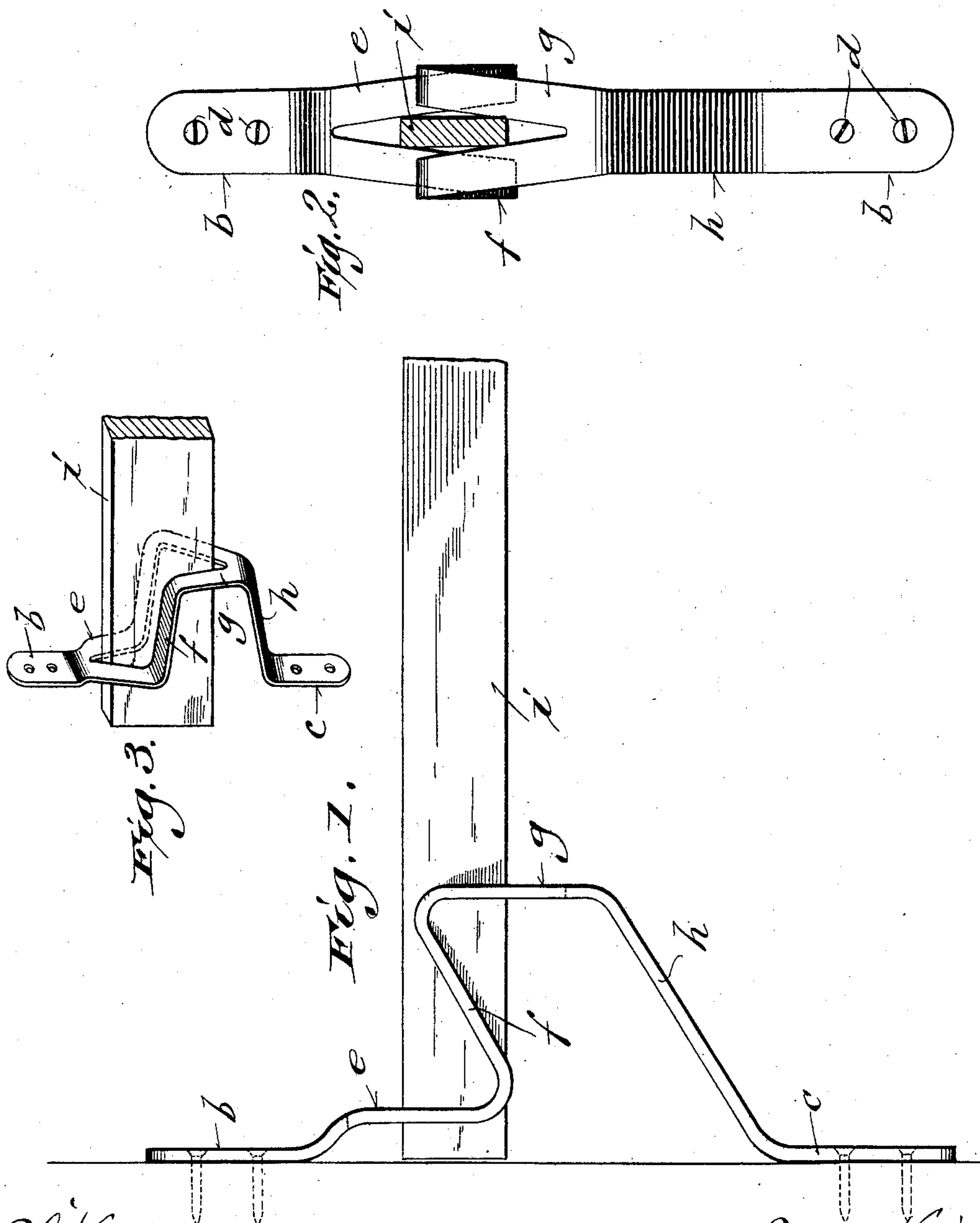


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEWIS ANDERSON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Columbus, in the county of Columbia and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tobacco-Lath Holders; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention has for its object to provide simple, economical, strong, durable and efficient holders in which to grip tobacco-hanging laths when the bunches of tobacco are to be stripped therefrom; said invention consisting in a metallic bracket of peculiar construction attachable to a convenient support, the same being hereinafter more particularly set forth with reference to the accompanying drawings and pointed out in the claims.

Figure 1 of the drawings represents a side elevation of a holder in accordance with my invention in connection with a support and a fragment of a tobacco-hanging lath caught at one end in the holder; Fig. 2, a front elevation of the same, the lath being in transverse section, and Fig. 3, a perspective view of said holder and a fragment of the lath caught therein.

Referring by letter to the drawings, I show a one piece metallic bracket having ends *b, c*, on approximately the same vertical plane and provided with apertures through which to drive fastening nails or screws *d* into a suitable support, such as a wall or post of a tobacco-barn. Between its ends, the bracket is bent to form an inner offset vertical stretch *e*, an upper preferably inclined stretch *f*, an outer vertical stretch *g* and a lower inclined stretch *h*, the vertical stretches *e* and *g* being triangularly recessed and having their recesses in communication with a longitudinal slot of the stretch *f* by which they are joined. The convergence of the recess in the stretch *e* of the bracket is upward and the convergence of the recess in the stretch *g* is downward.

The slot in the upper inclined stretch of the bracket affords the necessary clearance for an end of a tobacco-hanging lath *i* that is caught in the triangular recesses of the vertical stretches *e, g*, of said bracket, said lath being then on a substantially horizontal plane. Its load binds the lath in the recesses of the bracket, and pull on bunches of tobacco to strip the same from said lath tends to tighten the latter in said bracket, but after being stripped the aforesaid lath may be readily displaced by striking upward on the same.

I claim:

1. A tobacco-lath holder consisting of a one piece metallic bracket fashioned to present an upper end portion attachable to a support, a depending stretch offset from said upper end portion and provided with an upwardly converging triangular recess, a stretch extending outward from the one aforesaid and provided with a slot intersecting said recess, another stretch depending from the one having the slot therein and provided with a downwardly converging triangular recess intersected by said slot, and a stretch extending from the outer depending one to the lower end portion of the bracket.

2. A tobacco-lath holder consisting of a one piece metal bracket having end portions upon approximately the same vertical plane and presenting an offset portion having upwardly and downwardly converging triangular vertically disposed recesses therein intersected by a slot, said end portions being attachable to a support.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand at Columbus in the county of Columbia and State of Wisconsin in the presence of two witnesses.

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