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#### [54] LATCH APPARATUS

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[57] CLAIM

The ornamental design for a latch apparatus, as shown and described.

#### DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 shows a perspective view of a first embodiment of a latch apparatus according to the principles of the present invention;

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FIG. 2 shows a front elevational view thereof, a rear elevational view is not being shown as it is devoid of ornamentation;

FIG. 3 shows a right side elevational view thereof, a left side elevational view is not being shown as it is a mirror image of the right side elevational view;

FIG. 4 shows a top plan view thereof;

FIG. 5 shows a bottom plan view thereof;

FIG. 6 shows a right side elevational view thereof in an open position;

FIG. 7 shows a perspective view of a second embodiment of a latch apparatus according to the principles of the present invention;

FIG. 8 shows a front elevational view thereof, a rear elevational view not being shown as it is devoid of ornamentation;

FIG. 9 shows a right side elevational view thereof, a left side elevational view not being shown as it is a mirror image of the right side elevational view;

FIG. 10 shows a top plan view thereof;

FIG. 11 shows a bottom plan view thereof; and. FIG. 12 shows a right side elevational view thereof in an open position.

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FIG. 1

FIG. 2









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FIG. 7

FIG. 8









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FIG. 10 FIG. 11



