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Improvement in Door Checks.

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Fig. 1.

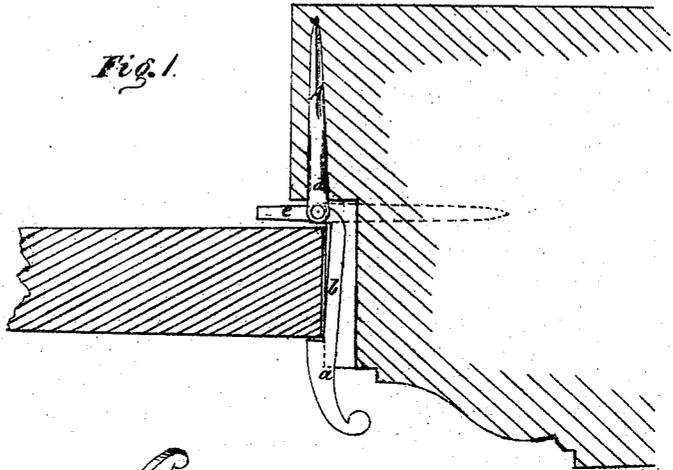
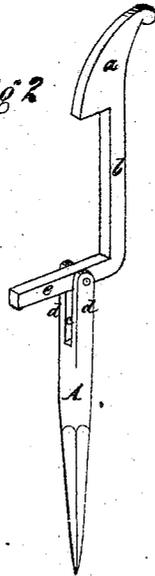


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN DOOR-CHECKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN POOL, of Elizabeth City, in the county of Pasquotank and State of North Carolina, have invented a new and Improved Latch for Doors, Gates, &c.; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a top view of the fastener with the shank driven horizontally into a wall, and Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the hook and shank.

My invention relates to an improvement in door-fasteners; and has for its object to render universally adaptable a class of such devices hitherto but partially so.

Referring to the drawing, a door-fastener is therein shown consisting of a hook, *a*, formed on one end of an elbow-lever, *b e*. This device has been previously used for a similar purpose. The other part of the invention consists of a spiked shank, *A*, having a slot, *c*, in its head which is sufficiently long or deep to permit the arm *e* of the fastener to turn or pass freely through it between the prongs *d d*; said arm being pivoted thereto near the angle of the lever, as shown.

I also do not claim entire novelty for the combination of a pivoted shank and a catch, since it is not new, to pivot a fastener or catch to a screw-head; but, in such case, the device as a whole can

be applied only to doors swinging in one direction, since the slot or recess is too shallow to allow the catch to turn. The use of a screw also prevents its application in corners or angles of doors since the catch will not permit it to be rotated, whereby alone it can be inserted in the wood.

In my invention the spiked shank can be driven into the wood-work in proximity to a door at any desired angle and in any position so as to adapt the fastener to a door that swings either to the right or left or that turns up or down. The shank, therefore, greatly enhances the value of the fastener, obviating, as it does, the necessity for constructing more than one style for all conceivable uses of the device.

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

As a new and improved article of manufacture, the door-fastener herein described, formed by the combination of the driving-spike *A* provided with a deep slot, *c*, in its head, through which freely passes the arm *e* of the catch *a b* pivoted between the prongs *d d*, as shown and described.

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