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LANTERN SUPPORTER.

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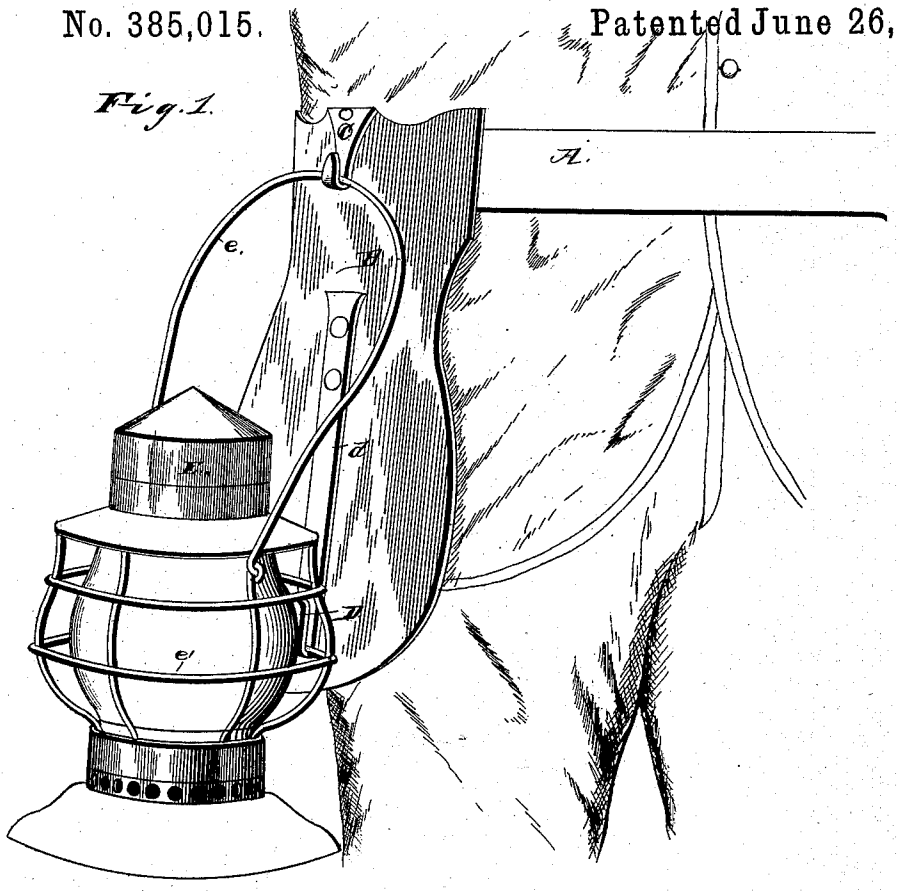
Fig. 1.



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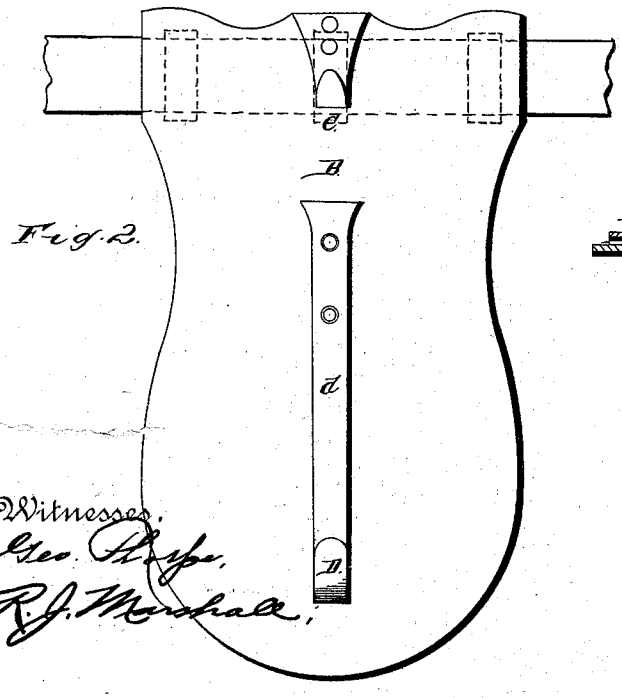

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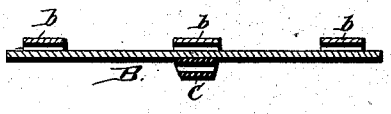

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES SMITH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Rogers, in the county of Benton and State of Arkansas, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Lantern-Supports, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to lantern-supports, the special object being to enable a brakeman or signal-man of a railway to attach his lantern to a suitable waist-belt, so that while carrying the same he can have free use of both hands, and can quickly and easily detach the lantern for the purpose of signaling; and it consists in the construction and novel combination of parts hereinafter described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claims hereto appended.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of the device in position and with a lantern attached. Fig. 2 represents a plan view of the device with the lantern detached. Fig. 3 represents a detail cross section showing the attachment of the belt to the shield of the device.

Referring to the drawings by letter, A designates a waist-belt of ordinary construction, and B designates the shield or guard of the lamp-supporter, having at its upper edge and on its inner side the loops *b b*, through which the belt passes, so that the device can be adjusted behind, in front, or on either side of the wearer. The shield is of rubber, leather, or other equivalent non absorbing material, and is preferably apron-shaped, with its lower edge rounded, and long enough to extend, when in place, below the coat of the wearer.

C is a spring-hook, preferably of leaf-steel, secured in the central vertical line of the shield, adjacent to the upper edge thereof; and D is a similar hook, but having a longer shank, *d*, which is secured to the shield vertically below the hook C, and which by its length and position serves to brace and stiffen the shield.

E is the lantern, with its bail *e* engaged by the hook C, and having one of the surrounding wires *e'* of its guard engaged by the hook D.

It is evident that the lantern, while securely attached, can be detached in a moment by the wearer when necessary, and that by shifting its position on the belt it can be worn on either side of or in front or behind the brakeman or signal-man.

Having described my invention, I claim—

1. A lantern-holder comprising a waistband, a shield connected at its upper edge to said band, and the spring-hooks at the upper and lower ends of the shield for supporting the lantern, as set forth.

2. A lantern-holder comprising a shield provided at its upper edge, on its rear side, with loops *b*, a waistband inserted through said loops transversely to the shield, a hook at the upper end of the shield, on its front face, to engage the bail of a lantern, and a hook at the lower end of the shield to engage the guard of the lantern, as set forth.

3. A lantern-holder comprising a shield having loops *b* on its rear side, at its upper end, a waistband inserted transversely through the said loops, the hook at the upper end of the shield to engage the bail of a lantern, and the hook at the lower end of the shield to engage the guard of a lantern, the said hook having a long shank secured to the shield to stiffen the same, as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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