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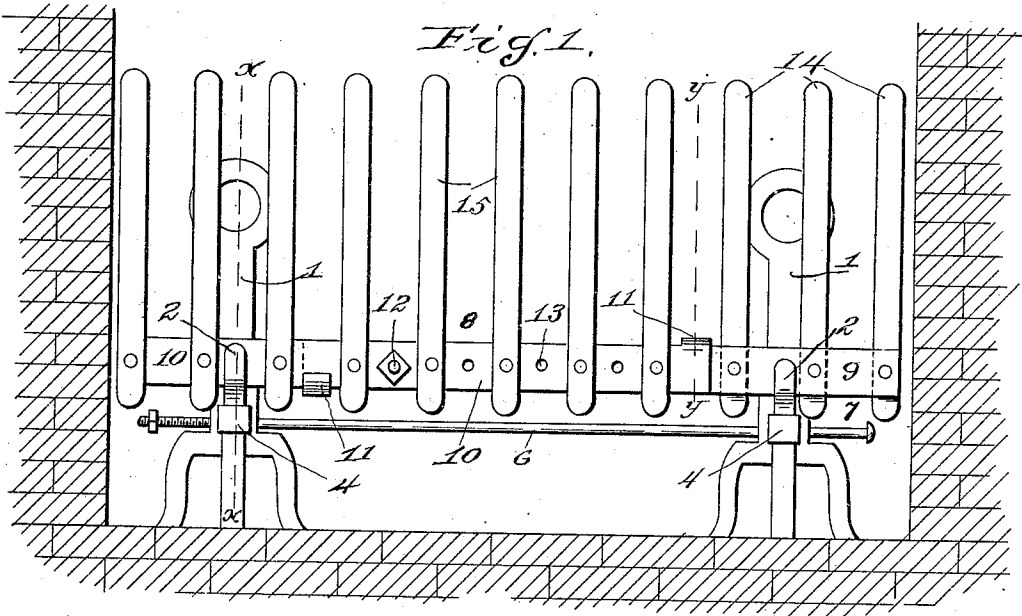


Fig. 2.

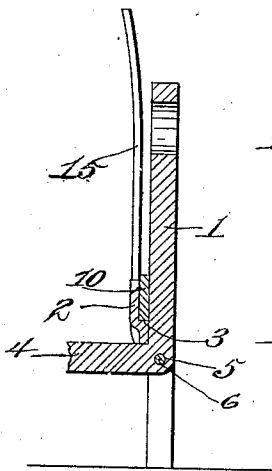


Fig. 3.

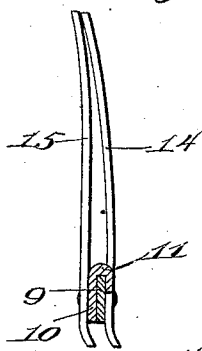


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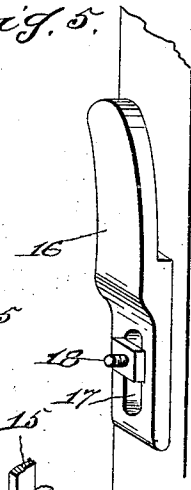
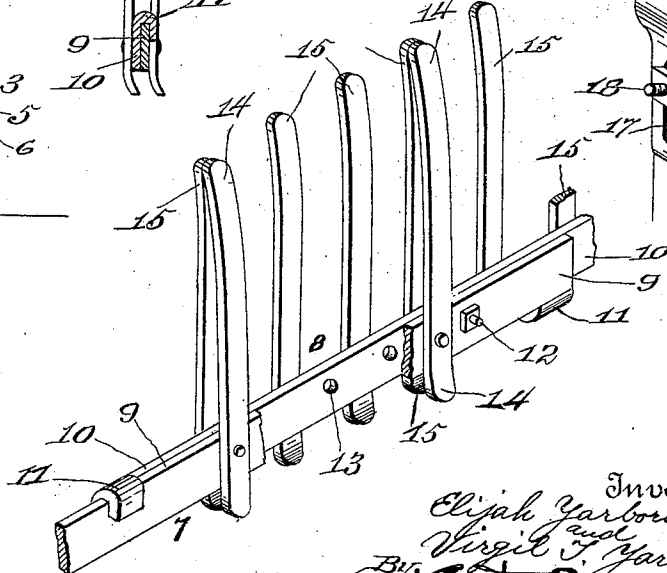


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, ELIJAH YARBOROUGH and VIRGIL T. YARBOROUGH, citizens of the United States, residing at Gum Branch, in the county of Liberty and State of Georgia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fireplace Andirons and Fenders, of which the following is a specification.

10 This invention relates to andirons and fenders for fire places, and pertains especially to improvements in andirons for holding fenders of peculiar construction and arrangement of parts.

15 The object of the invention is to provide a fire place fender having special construction for lengthwise adjustment in connection with andirons having special means for holding the fender.

20 A further object of the invention is to provide means for connecting andirons together, and to provide andirons with a device for holding a fender so that it may be placed upon the andirons and removed therefrom in a simple expeditious manner.

25 Various devices have been employed for holding fenders upon andirons, such devices require special operation for placing and removing the fender, and this class of fenders usually rest upon the fuel-supporting arm of the andirons. Such devices are incapable of convenient operation under the heat of the fire place, and the engagement of the fenders with the hot arms only adds heat to the fenders so that it is impracticable to manipulate the devices and the fenders in such condition.

30 It is the purpose of this invention to overcome the above mentioned objections and to furnish andirons capable of holding a fender out of engagement with the andiron arms, and having no devices or mechanism requiring operation in placing and removing the fender.

35 In the accompanying drawings forming part of this application: Figure 1 is an elevation looking at the back of the fender with the latter in position. Fig. 2 is an enlarged sectional view on the line $x-x$, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a similar view on the line $y-y$, Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of one end of the fender portions. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a modified form of keeper.

40 The same reference numerals denote the

same parts throughout the several views of the drawings.

The andirons may be of any of the well known forms used in fire places, or the irons may be specially made for the application of the fender hereinafter described. In either event the standards 1 of the andirons are provided on their inner face with a keeper 2 having a shoulder 3 at a distance above the arm 4 of the irons, and forming a rest or support for a fender. The lower end of the standards have a transverse hole 5, for a brace-rod 6 which connects the andirons for keeping them parallel. The andirons may be slid toward and from each other on this rod as desired.

The fender is composed of a pair of duplicate parts 7 and 8, each of which parts has a longitudinal base bar 9 and 10 respectively which overlap each other in parallel position. Each of the bars is provided with a hook 11, so that the edge of one bar is held by the hook of the other bar, thereby preventing vertical movement or swinging of the fender parts one from the other, and permitting said parts to be slid longitudinally one upon the other. Longitudinal adjustment of the fender parts is controlled by means of a bolt 12 carried by the outer fender bar 9 and adapted to engage any one of a series of bolt-holes 13. The fender bars 9 and 10, have fingers 14 and 15 respectively secured thereto, and which project above the bars and curve inwardly, while the lower end of the fingers depend below the bars and curve outwardly. The space between the fingers of each bar is sufficient to permit the bars to be slid in and out of the keepers 2, and the relative adjustment of the bars is such as to place certain fingers of one bar opposite certain fingers of the other bar, so that whatever the adjusted position the fender parts may be, the space between all the fingers will be the same, thereby giving the appearance of a one-piece fender.

Referring to the modification shown in Fig. 5, the keeper 16 is curved inwardly and has a slot 17 for a set-bolt 18, by means of which the keeper may be adjusted vertically for holding the fender at various heights as desired. The curvature of the keeper will prevent fire logs from rolling against the fender.

Among the several advantages, it will be observed that in view of there being no de-

vices to operate for releasing the fender, a hot or heated fender may be manipulated, replaced and removed as desired or as occasion may demand for cleaning the fire place, or for attending to the fire; that the simple means for slidably connecting the fender parts and for holding them in adjusted position makes an inexpensive durable fender; that the andiron rod not only parallels the irons but also acts as a bottom fender; and that the fender fingers depending adjacent the said rod forms a supplemental fender below the fender bars.

Having thus described our invention what we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

The combination, with andirons, a keeper upon the inner face of their standards and

forming a fender seat, of a two part fender comprising a pair of bars having continuous fingers extending above and below the bars, a hook at one end of each bar, the hook of one bar engaging the opposite edge of the other bar to prevent relative vertical movement of the fender parts, and means for adjusting said parts longitudinally so that certain of the fingers of one of said parts will cover like fingers of the other part.

In witness whereof we hereunto set our hands in the presence of two witnesses.

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