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Fig. 1.

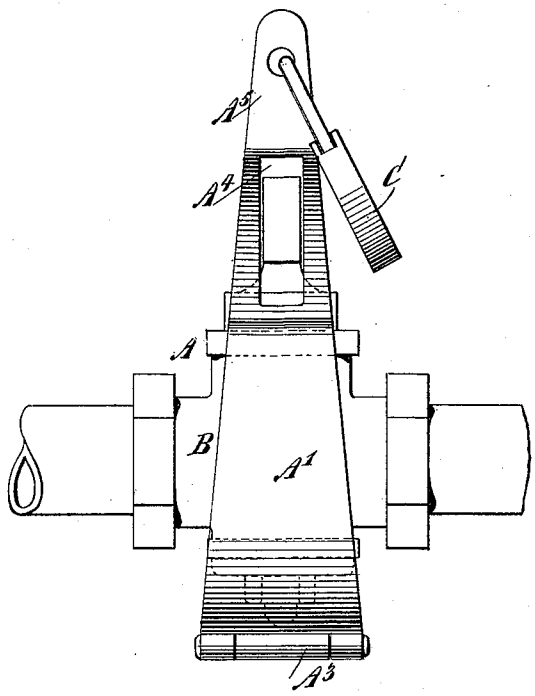


Fig. 2.

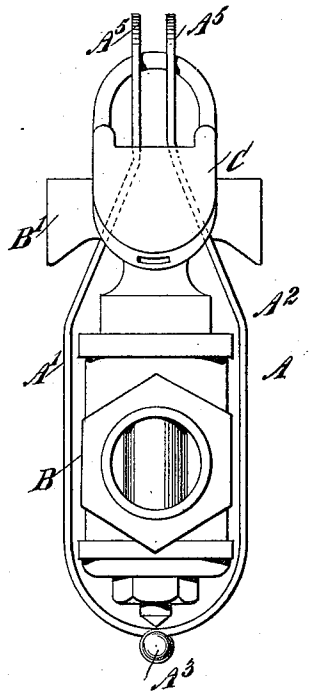
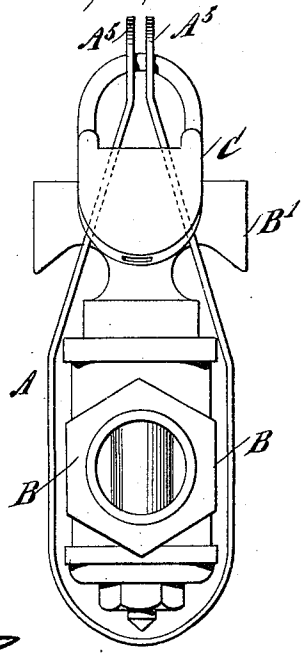


Fig. 3.



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LOCK FOR STOP-COCKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT T. PATRICK, of New York city, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Lock for Stop-Cocks, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of the invention is to provide a new and improved stop-cock lock which is simple and durable in construction, easily applied or removed, and more especially designed for temporarily or permanently locking the turn-key of an ordinary stop-cock.

The invention consists principally of a slotted hasp adapted to be passed around the stop-cock and engage with its slot the turn-key of the cock, the free ends of the hasp being adapted to be locked together.

The invention also consists of certain parts and details and combinations of the same, as will be fully described hereinafter, and then pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the improvement as applied. Fig. 2 is an end elevation of the same, and Fig. 3 is a like view of a modified form of the hasp.

The improved stop-cock lock is provided with a hasp A, either made of a single piece of metal, as shown in Fig. 3, or with two members A′ and A^2, hinged together, as at A^3, as illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2. The hasp A is adapted to pass around the ordinary stop-cock B to engage with its slots A^4 the turn-key B′ of the stop-cock and prevent the turn-key from being turned, as the flat sides of the hasp lie against the sides of the stop-cock. The free ends A^5 of the hasp A are adapted to be locked together by a suitable locking device, preferably in the form of a padlock C, as indicated in the drawings. Now it will be seen that when the hasp is placed around the stop-cock body and engages the slots therein with the turn-key B′ and the free ends of said hasp are fastened together then it is impossible to turn the turn-key B′ and open the stop-cock. It will be seen that this device can be conveniently and readily applied on an ordinary stop-cock at the time the latter is in a closed position, and thus lock the turn-key and prevent unauthorized persons from opening the cock. It is expressly understood that this lock in not a permanent part of the stop-cock. It is also understood that when the hasp A is made of a single piece of spring metal, as shown in Fig. 3, then the sides can be sufficiently bent apart to readily slip the hasp upon the cock and to engage the turn-key B′ for locking the same in place, as previously explained.

The device is especially serviceable for use on supply-pipes for houses and other buildings, in case it is desired to cut off the supply without removing the meters or otherwise disturbing the supply-fixtures.

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

1. A lock of the class described, provided with a slotted hasp adapted to pass around the stop-cock and engage with its slot the turn-key of the cock, the free ends of the hasp being adapted to be locked together, substantially as shown and described.

2. A lock of the class described, comprising a hasp having two slotted members hinged together, the slots being adapted to engage the turn-key of the cock, and a locking device for connecting the free ends of the hasp members with each other, substantially as shown and described.

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