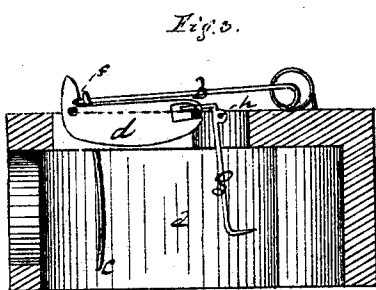
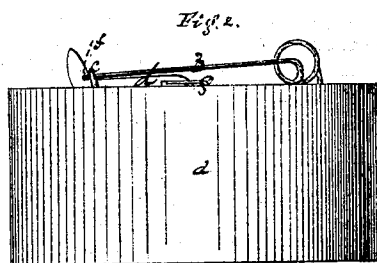
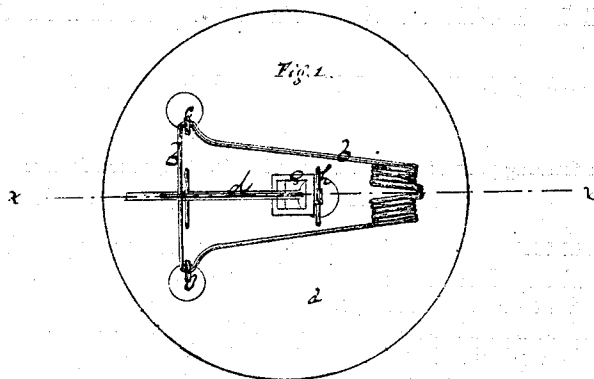


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SPECIFICATION.

I, GEORGE L. HART, of New Britain, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Mouse-Trap, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a top or plan view. Fig. 2 is a side view—set. Fig. 3 is a central vertical section of the trap in the same adjustment as in Fig. 1, the plane of the section being through the dotted line *x x* in Fig. 1.

This invention is one of the class of self-setting traps.

The letter *a* indicates the common wooden block on which the other parts are fixed; *b*, the common wire-spring or saddle; and *c*, the common choker. *d* is a catch made of flat metal pivoted on the wire *e*. The front part of this catch extends upward from the top of the block, and is beveled off on the back side so that when the saddle is pressed down it

will press forward upon this part of the catch till the saddle catches under the notch *f* and the trap is set. The rear end of the catch is mortised out, and in this mortise fits the upper end of the bait-hook *g*, pivoted to the block upon the wire *k*, which said end is square with a square mortise through it, and is turned at about a right angle to the front.

When the mouse pulls upon the bait, which is to be put upon the lower end of the bait-hook, the rear end of the catch is raised and the front end turned forward on the pivot till the saddle is released, when the trap is sprung.

I claim as my invention—

The combination and arrangement of the catch *d* and bait-hook *g*, constructed and operated substantially as described.

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