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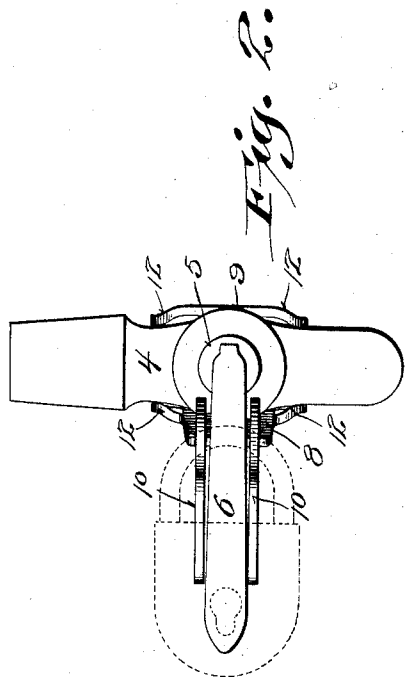


Fig. 3.

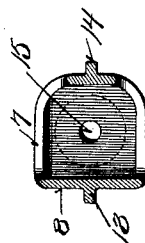
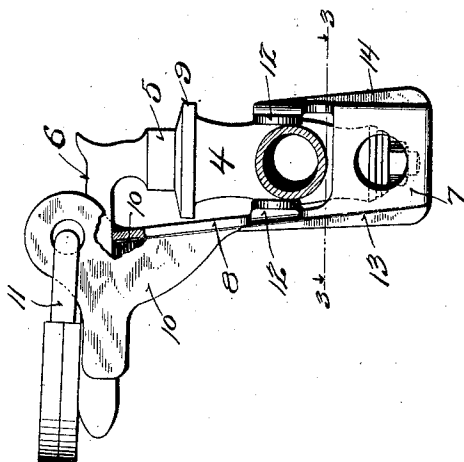


Fig. 1.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM A. SHEP-
HARD, a citizen of the United States, and
resident of Waukesha, in the county of
5 Waukesha and State of Wisconsin, have in-
vented certain new and useful Improvements
in Locking Attachments for Faucets; and I
do hereby declare that the following is a
full, clear, and exact description thereof.

10 My invention consists in what is herein
particularly set forth with reference to the
accompanying drawings and pointed out in
the claims of this specification, its object
being to provide simple, economical and effi-
15 cient means for locking the plug of an ordi-
nary faucet in cut-off position.

Figure 1 of the drawings represents a
front elevation of an ordinary faucet, partly
in section, having the plug thereof locked in
20 cut-off position by means in accordance with
my invention; Fig. 2, a plan view of the
faucet and a shackle therewith, a padlock in
this figure being shown by dotted lines. Fig.
3, a horizontal sectional view of the faucet
25 fitting shackle shown in the other views.

Referring by numerals to the drawings, 4
indicates the shell, 5 the plug and 6 the plug-
handle of an ordinary faucet, the plug being
in cut off position. Slipped onto the de-
30 pending plug-case portion of the faucet,
back of its spout, is the lower box-like socket-
end 7 of a shackle having an arm 8 that con-
stitutes an upward inclined continuation of
a wall of the socket, its inclination being
35 such as to readily clear the rim 9 of the plug-
case portion of the faucet-shell. The upper
end of the shackle-arm is provided with a
pair of parallel wings 10 having registering
apertures therein, and the plug-handle of
40 the faucet is caught between the wings. The
bow 11 of a padlock is caught in the aper-
tures of the shackle-wings above the plug-
handle of the faucet, and said handle cannot
be manipulated to open said faucet until the
45 padlock is detached from the shackle and
said shackle permitted to drop away from
said faucet.

The shackle is preferably a one piece cast-
ing of any suitable metal, and it may be
50 made in sizes corresponding to those of
faucets, but it is economical practice to em-
ploy malleable iron as the material for the
shackle-casting and provide a socket-wall,
the opposite arm aforesaid or both with
55 branches 12 designed to be bent inward to
impinge against the shell of a faucet to

which said shackle is applied, said bent in
branches serving to prevent play of the
aforesaid shackle and faucet-plug handle
engaged therewith.

The shackle is provided with stiffening
60 ribs 13, 14 and its socket portion is provided
with a bottom drain-opening 15. A saving
of metal and a reduction of weight may be
effected by casting the shackle with open-
65 ings in front and rear sides of its socket
portion.

I claim:

1. A faucet-plug shackle comprising a
stiffened box-like socket for the engagement
70 of the lower portion of a faucet-shell, an
arm extending upward at an inclination
from a wall of the socket to clear the rim of
the plug-case portion of said shell, and a
pair of parallel wings at the upper end of
75 the arm with which to straddle the handle
of the plug, the wings being apertured for
the reception of the bow of a padlock above
said handle.

2. A faucet-plug shackle comprising a 80
stiffened box-like socket for the engagement
of the lower portion of a faucet-shell, an
arm extending upward at an inclination
from a wall of the socket to clear the rim
of the plug-case portion of said shell, and 85
having branches designed to be bent in
against said shell, and a pair of parallel
wings at the upper end of the arm with
which to straddle the handle of the plug,
the wings being apertured for the reception 90
of the bow of a padlock above said handle.

3. A faucet-plug shackle comprising a
stiffened box-like socket for the engagement
of the lower portion of a faucet-shell, an
arm extending upward at an inclination 95
from a wall of the socket to clear the rim of
the plug-case portion of said shell, branches
of the socket-wall opposite the arm designed
to be bent in against said shell, and a pair of
parallel wings at the upper end of the arm 100
with which to straddle the handle of the
plug, the wings being apertured for the re-
ception of the bow of a padlock above said
handle.

4. A faucet-plug shackle comprising a 105
stiffened box-like socket for the engagement
of the lower portion of a faucet-shell, an
arm extending upward at an inclination
from a wall of the socket to clear the rim of
the plug-case portion of said shell, and hav- 110
ing branches designed to be bent in against
said shell, other branches of an opposite wall

of said socket designed for a similar purpose, and a pair of parallel wings at the upper end of the arm with which to straddle the handle of the plug, the wings being
5 apertured for the reception of the bow of a padlock above said handle.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I

have hereunto set my hand at Waukesha in the county of Waukesha and State of Wisconsin in the presence of two witnesses.

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