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FIG. 1.

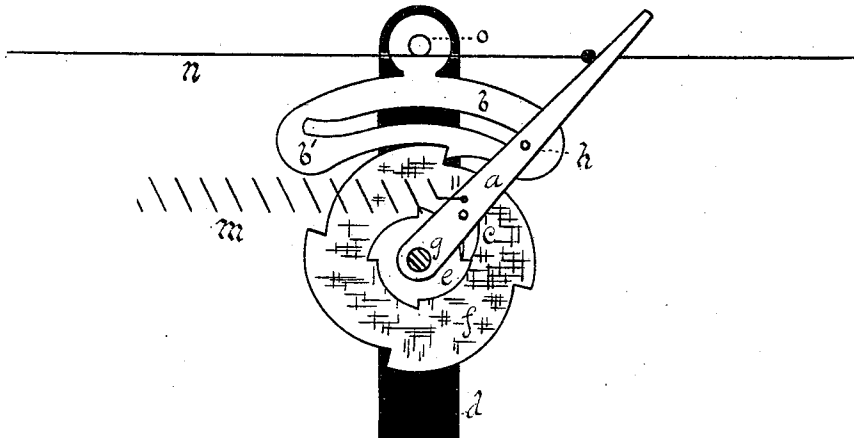


FIG. 2.

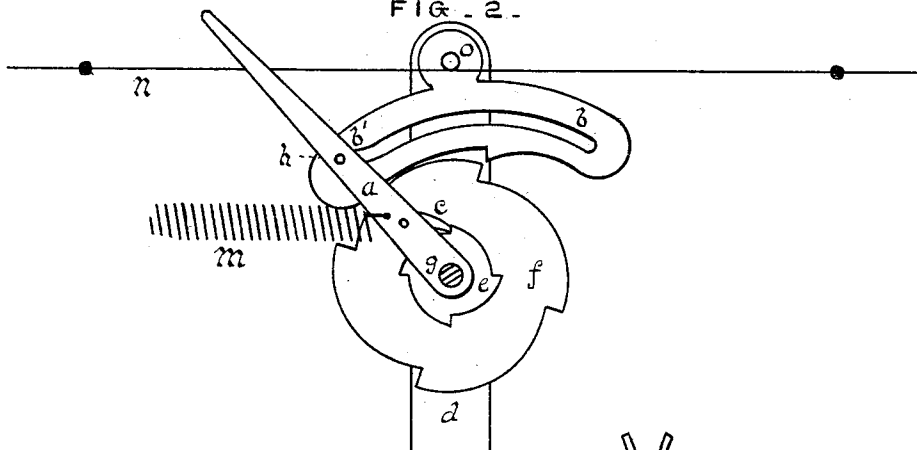
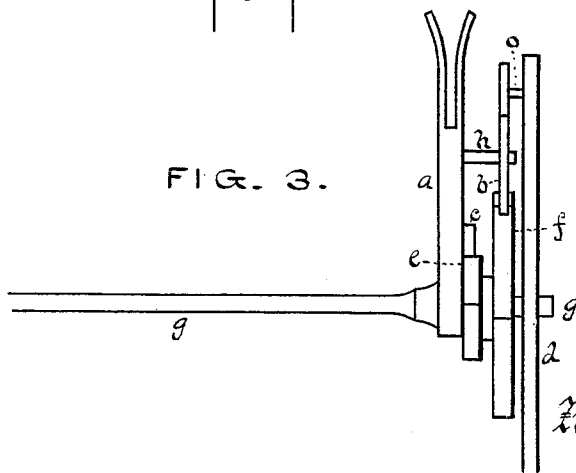


FIG. 3.



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## CHECK-ROWER FOR CORN-PLANTERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB F. EBERT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Decatur, in the county of Macon and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Check-Rowers for Corn-Planters, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to check-rowers for corn-planters; and it consists in the mechanism used to effect a lock between the oscillating tappet and the check-rower shaft.

This mechanism consists in a double ratchet and a slotted rocking catch, constructed and arranged to operate as will be hereinafter specified.

In the drawings accompanying and forming a part of this specification, Figures 1 and 2 are elevations of my device on sectional line *x* of Fig. 3. Fig. 1 represents a stroke and lock effected. Fig. 2 shows the oscillating tappet in position to be operated by the check-row stop, and Fig. 3 shows the position of the various parts as seen in side elevation.

*a* is the oscillating tappet, working loosely on shaft *g*.

*b* is a slotted rocking catch, pivoted at *o* on upright *d*.

*e* and *f* are ratchets rigid on shaft *g*, with their teeth projecting in opposite directions, as shown.

*h* is a pin on tappet *a*, that projects into the slot in catch *b*.

*c* is a pawl on tappet *a*, that engages ratchet *e*.

*m* is a spring that returns the tappet after a stroke has been made.

*n* is the check-row wire, that, passing through the crotched end of tappet *a*, operates the same.

Shaft *g* extends across the planter, and is provided with a tappet and locking device at each end. The motion of the shaft is intermittent rotary, and said shaft is connected with the seed-slides of the corn-planter by means of suitable gearing.

Upright *d* is attached to the ends of the check-row bar, and furnishes bearings for the shaft and rocking catch.

The slot in catch *b* conforms throughout the greater part of its length to the arc described by pin *h*. At one end, however, as indicated at *b'*, the slot is deflected outward from its segmental course. A tooth at *p* engages the teeth of the ratchet.

In operation the tappet lies in the position shown in Fig. 2 until thrown by a stop on the wire into the position shown in Fig. 1, and the wire, passing on the tappet, is returned to its original position by spring *m*. When laying as shown in Fig. 2, pin *h* is in the deflected portion of the slot, and the catch, swung to one side, is disengaged from its contact with ratchet *f*. As the pin passes into the segmental portion of the slot the contact with the ratchet is renewed, and when a complete stroke is made an absolute lock is effected. As the tappet is drawn back by spring *m* the catch is not immediately disengaged from the ratchet, but remains in contact until the pin reaches the deflected portion of the slot.

As before mentioned, there is a lock, tappet, &c., at each end of the check-row bar, that are used alternately as the planter passes in different directions, and the tappet not in use lies, as shown in Fig. 2, with its pawl *c* dropping behind the ratchet-teeth after every stroke, effectually preventing any back motion in the shaft.

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

1. The rocking catch *b*, provided with deflecting slot *b'*, in combination with pin *h* and tappet *a*, as and for the purpose set forth.

2. Rocking catch *b*, deflected slot *b'*, pin *h*, and tappet *a*, in combination with double ratchet *e f*, as and for the purpose set forth.

3. Rocking catch *b*, deflected slot *b'*, pin *h*, and tappet *a*, in combination with upright *d*, as and for the purpose set forth.

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