

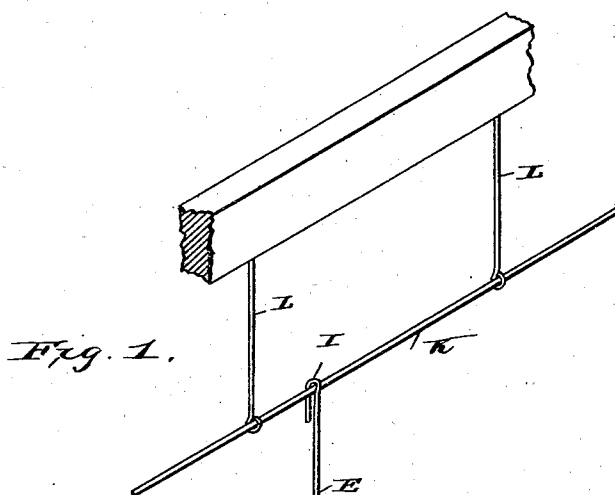
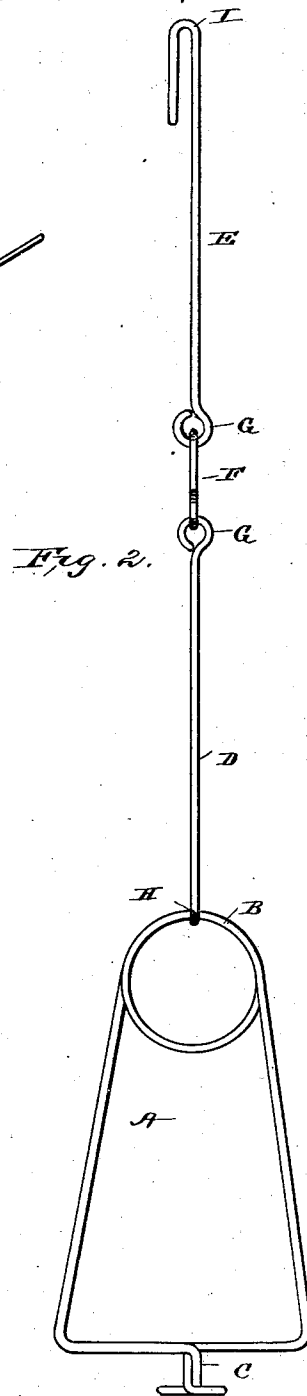
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## COW-TAIL HOLDER.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 255,233, dated March 21, 1882.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, THOMAS O. ANDRUS and NAPOLEON B. PRIOR, of North Wolcott, in the county of Lamoille, and in the State of Vermont, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Devices for Holding Cows' Tails; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

This invention relates to an improved device for supporting a cow's tail during the operation of milking; and it has for its object to provide a convenient means whereby, while the animal is allowed a certain amount of liberty to move her tail, it will be impossible to switch it into the milk-pail, to upset the pail, or switch it in the face of the milker, as more fully hereinafter specified. These objects we attain by the devices illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of our device entire, showing the method of its use, and Fig. 2 a side elevation of the device.

The letter A indicates a spring-hook consisting of a piece of elastic wire bent into a loop, B, midway between its two ends. The lower portions of the device, as indicated in Fig. 2, are bent horizontally toward each other, and the ends are then bent into interlocking rectangular hooks C.

The letters D E indicate two wires or rods connected by means of a link, F, which hooks into the eyes G G of the respective wires and connects them loosely together. The lower end of the wire D is provided with an eye, H,

by means of which the spring-hook may be secured to the lower wire or rod, D. The upper rod, E, is hooked, as indicated by the letter I, by means of which the device may be suspended overhead from a horizontal rod, K, which is secured to the vertical rods L.

In using our improvement the members of the spring-hook are pressed apart and the cow's tail at the hairy portion is inserted between the rectangular interlocking hooks at the extremities of the member of the spring-hook, by which it is clasped and held, as shown.

We are aware that it is not new broadly to make a cow-tail holder of an elastic wire or rod having a coil intermediate its ends, and do not therefore claim such as our invention.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

An improved device for holding and supporting cows' tails, consisting of the wire spring-clamp A, bent into a loop, B, at its center, and provided with rectangular crossed interlocking hooks C at its lower ends, and the links D F E, connected as described, the latter having an open hook, I, adapted to slide on the horizontal rod K, supported by the rods L, for the purpose specified, all being arranged as herein set forth.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures, in presence of two witnesses, this 21st day of November, 1881.

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