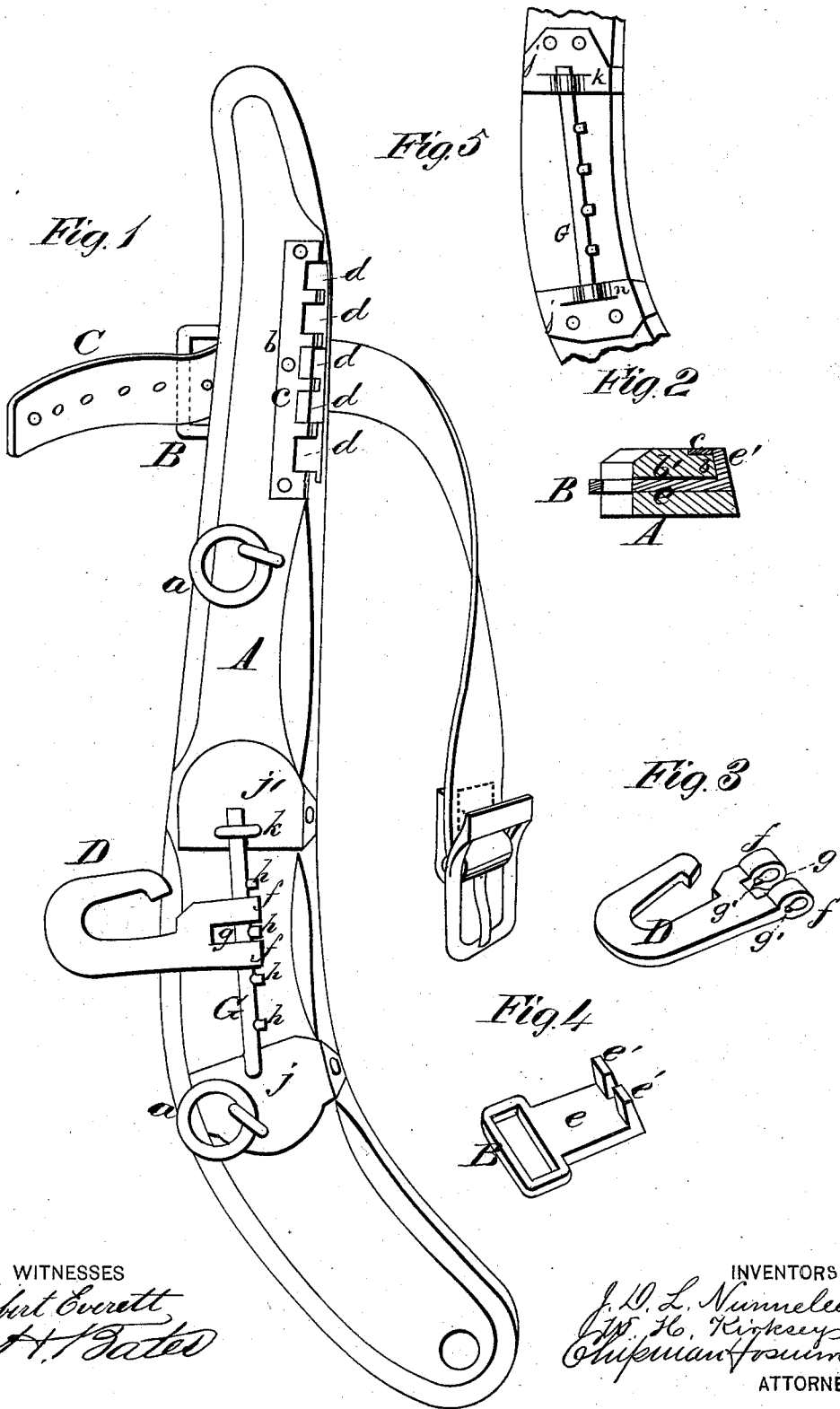


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IMPROVEMENT IN HAMES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JAMES D. L. NUNNELEE, of Centreville, in the county of Hickman and State of Tennessee, and WELLINGTON H. KIRKSEY, of Booneville, in the county of Prentiss and State of Mississippi, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Hames; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a plan view of my hame, and Figs. 2, 3, 4, and 5 are detail views.

This invention has relation to attachments for hames; and the nature of our invention consists in certain novel devices, hereinafter described, whereby the fastenings for the upper hame-string can be easily adjusted for collars of different sizes, and for any other purpose.

In the annexed drawings, A designates a hame, which may be made wholly or in part of wood or iron of the well-known form. B designates the ring or loop for the reception of the upper hame-strap C. D designates the hook to which the tug-chains are attached, and *aa* are rings through which the lines and breast-chains are passed. A recess, *b*, is made into the inner edge of the hame A, near its

upper end, and a slot, *b'*, is also made laterally through the hame from this recess *b*, which slot is equal in length to the length of the recess. In the recess *b* a plate, *c*, is rigidly secured, having a number of notches, *d*, in its edge, which are equidistant from each other. B designates the loop, designed to receive through it the upper hame-strap, which loop is formed on a flat shank, *e*, having lugs *e'* *e'* formed on its end at right angles to it, which lugs form a fork adapted to enter into the notches *d*, and to serve, in combination with the lugs forming these notches, as means for firmly holding the loop in any desired position, and allowing it to be readily adjusted up or down when the strap C is removed from it. The shank *e* of the loop E is passed through the slot *b'*, and when the strap C is in its loop the whole are held firmly in place.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a hame, the adjustable loop B, constructed with a shank, *e*, and lugs *e'* *e'*, in combination with the notched plate *c* and strap C, substantially as described.

In testimony that we claim the above we have hereunto subscribed our names in the presence of two witnesses.

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