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Pan-Lifters.

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Fig. 1.

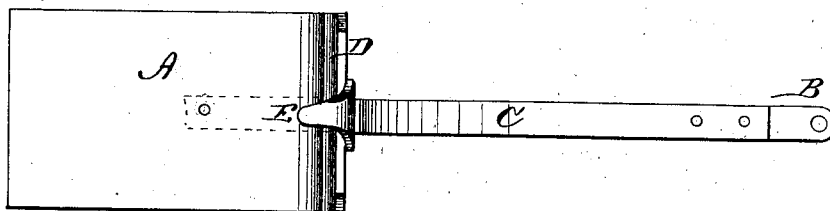


Fig. 2.

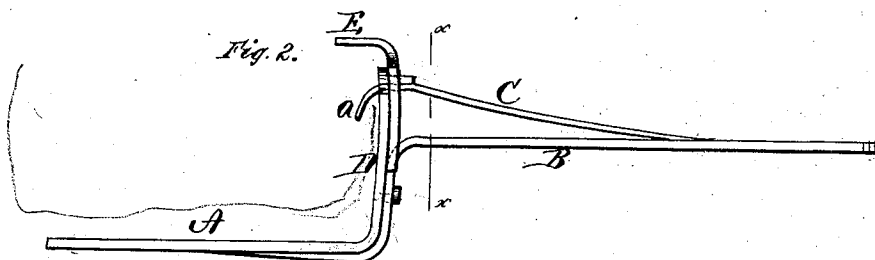
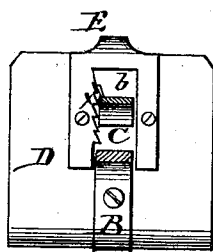


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN PAN-LIFTERS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **155,314**, dated September 22, 1874; application filed August 4, 1874.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, W. J. KERR and C. C. KERR, of Springfield, in the county of Greene and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Stove-Lid and Pan Lifters; 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, which form part of this specification.

The nature of our invention consists in the construction and arrangement of a combined stove-lid and pan lifter, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a plan view of our device. Fig. 2 is a side view of the same. Fig. 3 is a section through the line *x x*, Fig. 2.

A represents a flat sheet-metal blade, of any suitable dimensions, attached to a handle, B. D represents a protector, extending upward from the rear edge of the blade A, and is either formed with the blade in one piece or attached to the same. C is a spring, fastened to the top of the handle B, and extending forward through a slot in the protector D. On top of the protector is riveted a hook or stove-lid lifter, E. The front edge of the hook C forms a hook, *a*, extending downward toward the blade A. One side of the slot *b* in the protector is formed with ratchet-teeth *x*, against

which the edge of the spring C catches to hold said spring when pressed down.

To operate this device, take hold of the handle B with the right hand, with the thumb on top of the spring near the protector; then push the blade under a pan until the spring will catch. Then press down the spring until the hook *a* tightens on the pan, the spring catching in the ratchets *x*, and holding the pan nicely. By pressing the thumb against the edge of the spring it will come out of the ratchet and rise of its own accord. By turning the top side down the stove-lid hook E is ready for use, the protector preventing the lid from tilting. The flat blade A will also answer for an ordinary stove-shovel.

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

The within-described pan-lifter, consisting of the handle B, spring C, with hook *a*, protector D, with ratchet *x*, and blade A, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as our own we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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