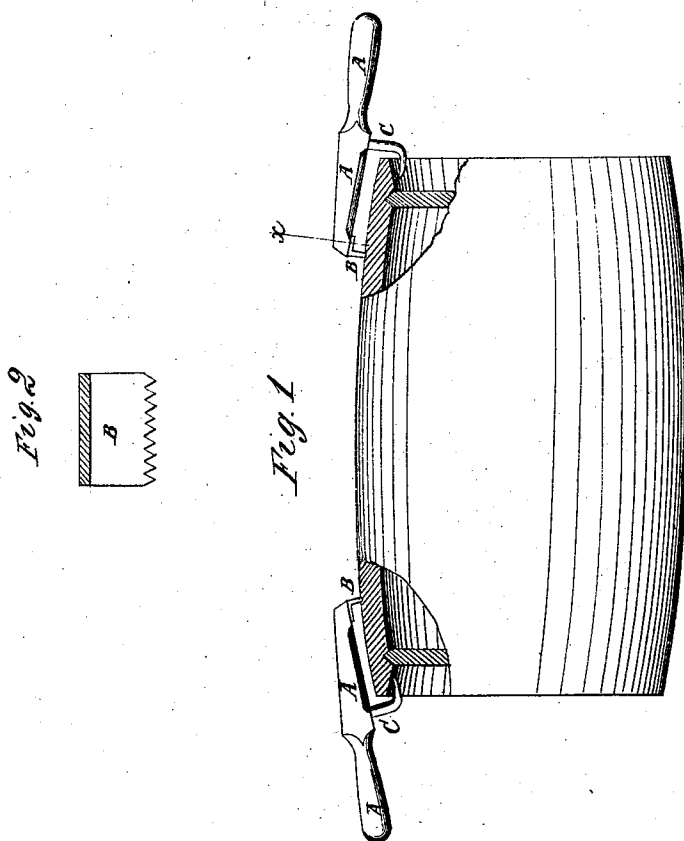


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Self Adjusting Barrel Handles.

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IMPROVEMENT IN HANDLES FOR BARRELS, &c.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MINOT S. SCOFIELD, of Stamford, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Self-adjusting Barrel-Handles; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a view representing my improved handles as applied to a barrel.

Figure 2 is a detailed sectional view of my improved handle, taken through the line *x x*, fig. 1, and showing the forward jaw.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

My invention has for its object to furnish handles which shall be so constructed as to adjust themselves to barrels, boxes, and other packages, to enable the said barrels, boxes, or packages to be conveniently handled; and

It consists in the handles, constructed substantially as hereinafter more fully described.

A is the body of the handle, which may be made of wood or other suitable material, and the outer end of which is made of such a form as to be conveniently grasped by the hand.

To the forward ends of the handle A is attached, or upon it is formed, a jaw, B, projecting at right angles, or nearly at right angles, from said handle A.

The forward edge of the jaw B is serrated or formed with teeth or points, as shown in fig. 2, to enable it to take a firm hold upon the barrel, box, or package to be handled.

To the middle part of the handle A is attached, or upon it is formed, a hooked jaw, C, as shown in fig. 1.

When the handle is to be used for handling barrels and other casks made with chimes, the edge of the jaw C may be plane, as the chimes will give it a sufficient hold.

When a box or other package made without chimes is to be handled, the jaw C should be made with teeth, points, or prongs, which, by a sudden thrust of the handle, will be forced into the side of the said box or package sufficiently to give the handle a firm hold upon said box or package.

Having thus described my invention,

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

An improved self-adjusting handle for handling barrels, boxes, and other packages, consisting of the handle-piece A, made of any suitable form, and the jaws B and C, constructed and operating substantially as herein shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

The above specification of my invention signed by me this 15th day of August, 1870.

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