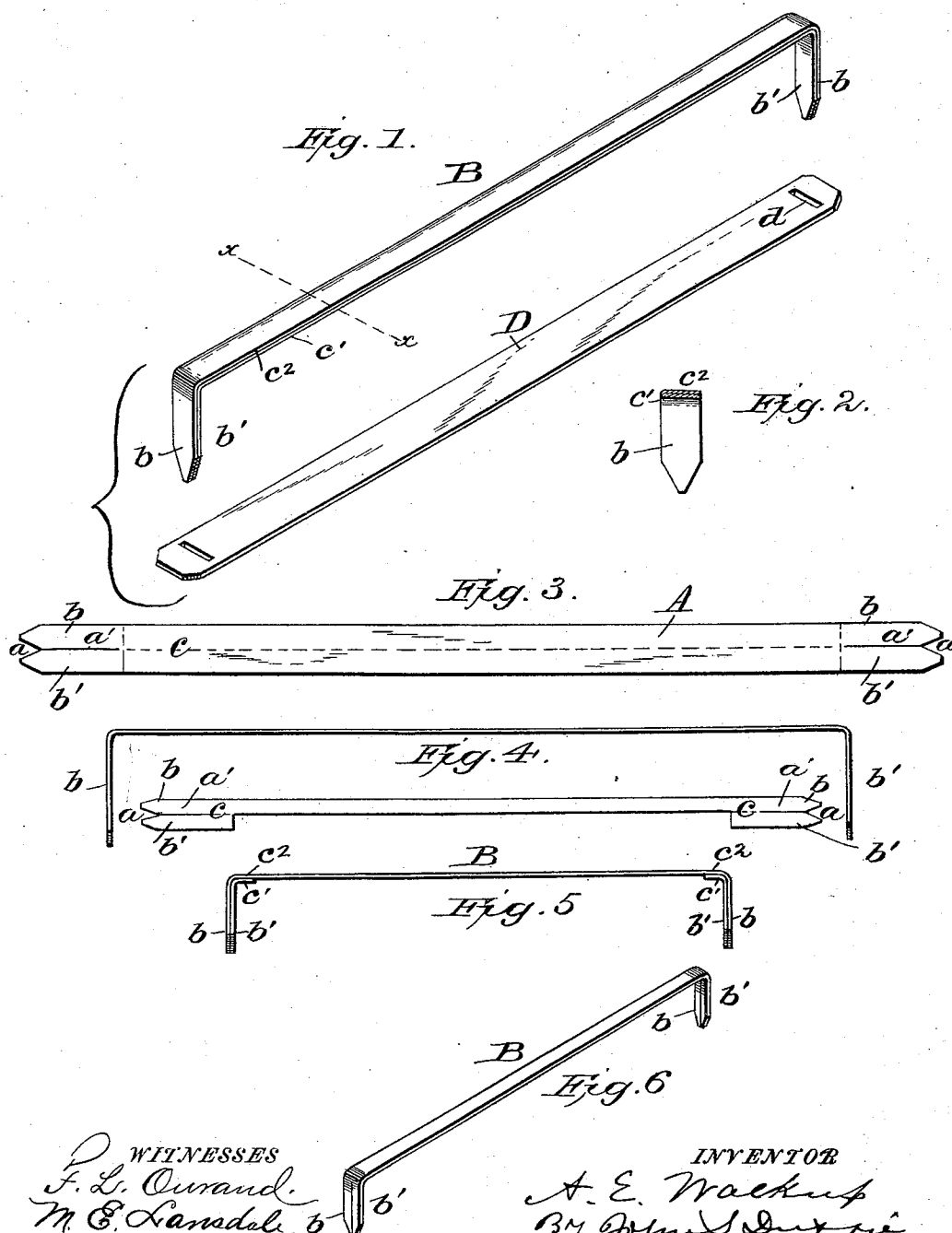


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANDREW E. WALKUP, a citizen of the United States, residing at Omaha, in the county of Douglas and State of Nebraska, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Court-File-Cover Fasteners; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention has relation to court-file-cover fasteners; and it consists in the novel construction and arrangement of its parts.

The object of my invention is to provide a strong, convenient, and handy method for fastening bills of exception, all kinds of legal papers, invoices, abstracts of title, and other documents of every description with brads without heads, the brads being one continuous strip of metal extending from one point to the other, making a complete fastener of one piece of metal, one fastener fastening the entire bunch of papers.

The principal features of this invention are, first, a strip of metal connecting the two points; second, the absence of heads on the brads, as heads are liable to be pulled off; third, the great strength of the fastener consisting of one strip of metal, which makes it impossible to get the papers apart unless the fastener is broken outright or broken intentionally.

Large and heavy documents are fastened as securely in proportion to size as small ones are by the use of the washer, which connects the points of the fastener on the under side of the document. The washer can be used with any size fastener. The fastener is made any size desired.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my fastener and the washer. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of Fig. 1 cut on the line $x x$. Fig. 3 is a face view of the blank out of which my fastener is constructed. Figs. 4, 5, and 6 are modified forms of my fastener.

My invention is described as follows: I take a piece of sheet-brass A or other suitable

metal and cut it the desired length. Then I cut a notch a and slit a' in each end in the center a short distance, thus making two prongs $b b'$ the length I desire the points to be. Now I cut off the outer corner of each prong, bringing them down to sharp points. Then I double the piece of metal longitudinally at its center, (indicated by the dotted lines c), bringing the two edges $c' c^2$ parallel. Now I bend this double sheet down at each end at right angles to the main bar. Thus I have a fastener consisting of the main sheet B, having its edges $c' c^2$ parallel and having the points b and b' .

This fastener is made wide enough to reach nearly the entire width of the paper to be fastened. The paper is perforated near each side just the same distance apart as the points are apart. The points are put through the perforations. The points b are turned out and the points b' are turned in. The washer D is made a little longer than the fastener is wide, and is provided with slots d for the points b and b' of the fastener to pass through, and when it is deemed desirable to do so the washer is put on the back side of the paper to be bound and the points of the fastener are put through the said slots d and then bent down, as above described.

The modified forms of the fastener are made and used substantially as the one just above described, except in the one designated by Fig. 4 the strip A is not doubled, and in the one designated by Fig. 5 the strip A is doubled only at each end, and in the one designated by Fig. 6 the strip A is single and the points $b b'$ are formed by slitting the ends of said strips.

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

1. A court-file-cover fastener made of a sheet of metal, having in each end a notch a and slit a' , forming points b and b' , said sheet being doubled longitudinally at its center, bringing its edges c' and c^2 together and having its ends turned down at right angles with the body of the sheet, substantially as shown and described.

2. In a court-file-cover fastener, the fastener made of a sheet of metal having in each end

a notch *a* and slit *a'*, forming points *b* and *b'*, said sheet being doubled longitudinally at its center, bringing its edges *c* and *c'* together and having its ends turned down at right angles
5 with the body of the sheet, and washer D, having in each end slots *d*, adapted to receive the points *b* and *b'*, substantially as shown and described, and for the purposes set forth.

3. A court-file-cover fastener consisting of
10 the main sheet B and the points *b* and *b'*, standing at right angles with said sheet, substantially as shown and described.

4. In a court-file-cover fastener, the combination of the fastener consisting of the main
15 sheet B and the inner points *b'* and outer points *b*, standing at right angles with said

sheet, and washer D, having in each end slots *d*, adapted to receive the points *b* and *b'*, substantially as shown and described, and for the purposes set forth.

5. In a court-file-cover fastener, the fastener consisting of the main sheet B and the points *b* and *b'*, standing at right angles with said sheet, and washer D, having in each end slots *d*, adapted to receive the points *b* and *b'*, sub-
20 stantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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