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Door Fastener.*

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Fig. 1.

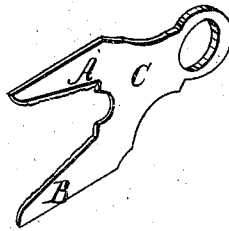


Fig. 2.

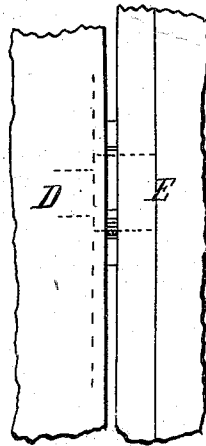
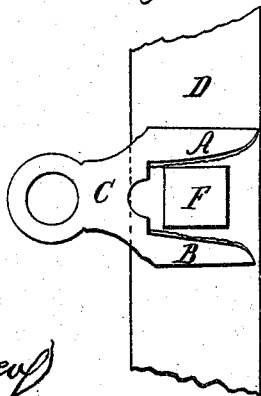


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVED DOOR-FASTENER.

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, HENRY M. JONES, of West Meriden, in the county of New Haven, and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Door-Fastener; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent in—

Figure 1, a perspective view of the fastener, and in Figures 2 and 3, views to illustrate the operation.

This invention relates to an improvement in portable fastenings for doors, designed for the occupants of rooms, to insure the fastening upon the inside without depending solely upon the lock on the door; and

The invention consists in a key formed from sheet-metal, consisting of two legs, the inner or corresponding edges of which are inclined to each other, so that the said key may be passed between the door and jamb, one leg passing above and the other below the latch-bolt, and so that when pressed hard on to the latch, the edges of the two legs will so firmly grasp the latch-bolt as to prevent its being moved by means of the knob upon the opposite side.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will fully describe the same, as illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

From suitable sheet-metal, preferring steel, I cut the key, as seen in fig. 1, with two legs, A and B, their inner edges inclined to each other, so as to be broader at the open end than at the base.

The handle or base C may be of any desired form. By preference I form the inner edge of each leg to

a sharp edge, in order that it may more readily and securely grasp the latch-bolt, and this effect is still further facilitated by serrating or forming teeth upon the edge, as seen in fig. 3.

The key is used in the following manner:

D, in fig. 2, represents the door;

E, the jamb.

The latch-bolt F is denoted in broken lines, fig. 2.

When the door is closed place the key between the door and jamb, so that the legs will enter one above and the other below the latch-bolt, as seen in fig. 3, and press the key hard on to the bolt, so as to embed the edge into the metal, or to firmly grasp the bolt, and the door is secure, as the bolt thus clasped cannot be operated by the knob upon the outside.

This instrument is so small as to be no inconvenience to the person carrying it, and can be applied to all latch-bolts, inasmuch as the key is so thin that it can be easily pressed on to the latch-bolt however closely the door may close—two great advantages over other door-fasteners.

Having fully described my invention,

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

As an article of manufacture, the herein-described door-fastener, consisting of the two legs A and B, their inner edges inclined to each other, and formed upon a single base, substantially as and for the purpose herein set forth.

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