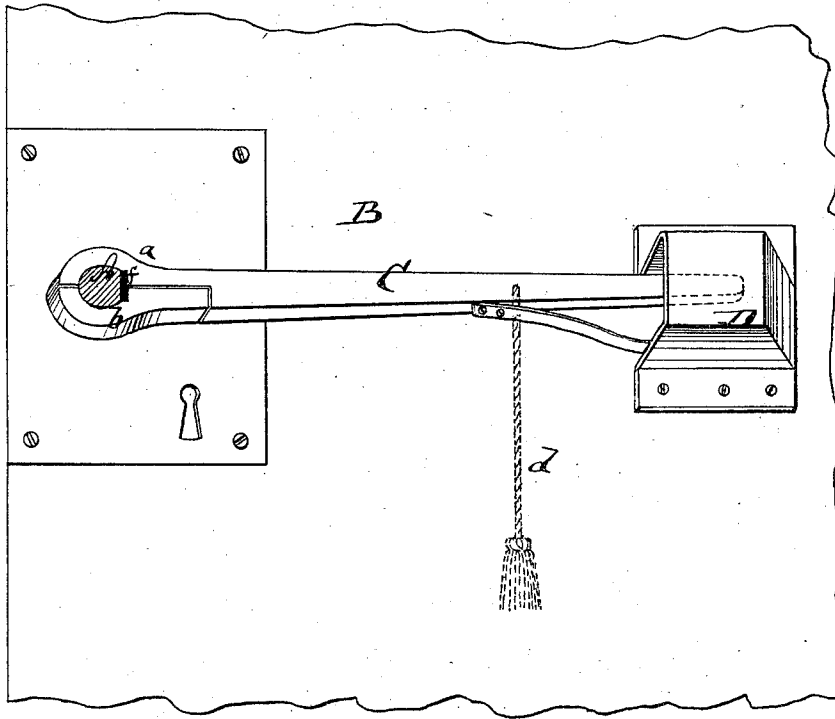


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IMPROVEMENT IN LEVERS FOR LATCHES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES C. LEWIS, of Gainesville, in the county of Sumter and State of Alabama, have invented a new and Improved Children's Door-Opener, of which the following is a specification:

The accompanying drawing is a side view of a door provided with my invention.

This invention relates to an attachment to door-knobs, whereby the latch mechanism is brought within reach of small children, who can thus open the doors. The invention consists in a knob-lever constructed with jaws and held by a key, and in providing a knob-lever with spring and cord, and arranging it horizontally in a stop-box, all as hereinafter fully described and claimed.

A in the drawing is the shank of a door-knob on a door, B. C is a lever or arm projecting from the knob-shank. This lever is fastened to the shank of the knob by means of the two jaws *a b* that are screwed together. Between the jaws and knob-shank is fitted a key, *f*, to prevent the lever from turning on

the knob-shank. The outer end of the lever is confined within the box D that is fastened to the door. The lever is placed horizontally and a cord, *d*, suspended from it, so that a child can easily reach the cord and, by pulling it, open the latch. A flat, spiral, or other spring, *e*, is applied against the under side of the lever to hold the latch closed as long as the lever is not moved by hand.

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

1. The lever C, having jaws *a b*, and held rigidly to knob-shank A by the key *f*, as described.

2. A knob-lever, C, applied horizontally, and having spring *e* and cord *d*, in combination with a stop, D, arranged as and for the purpose described.

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