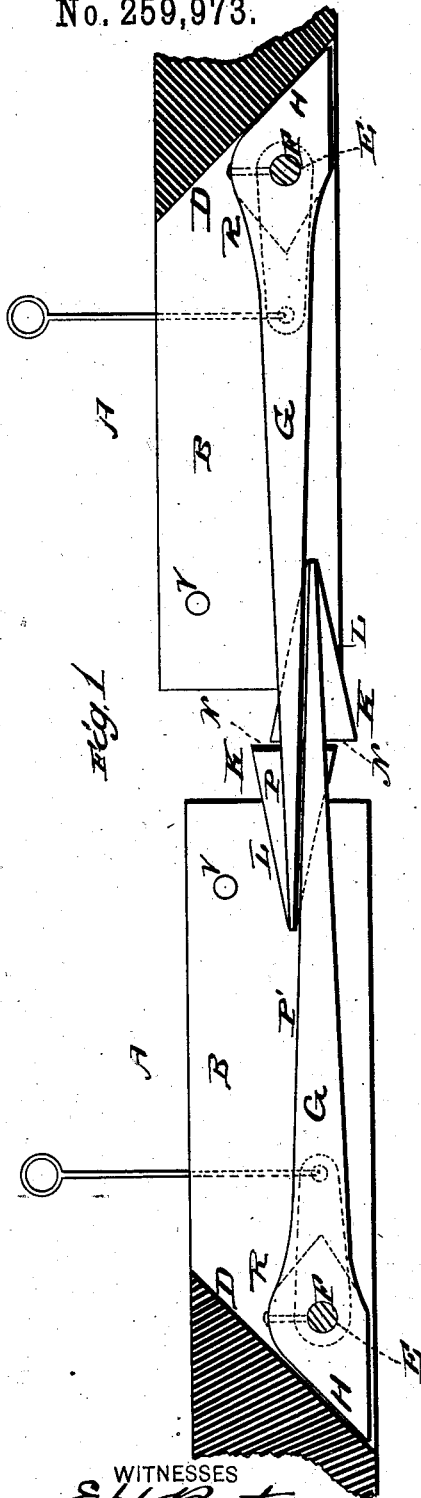


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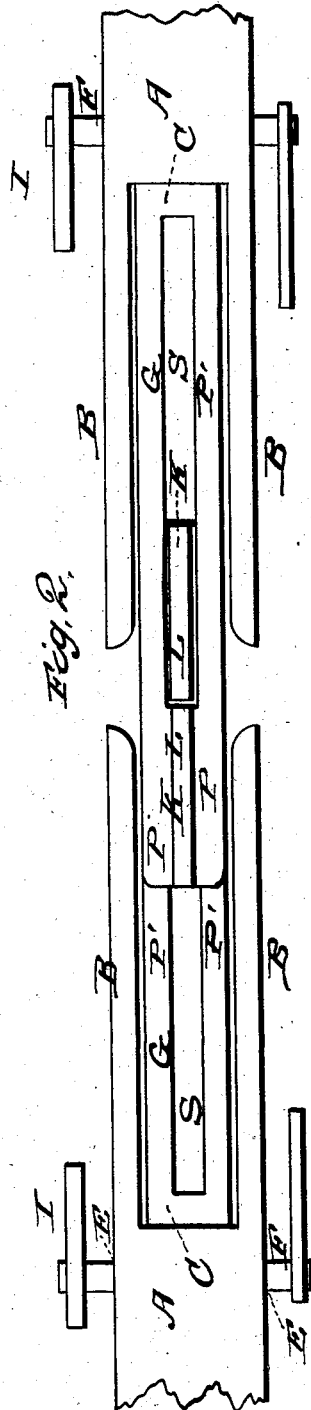
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CAR-COUPLING.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEE ANDERSON, a citizen of the United States, resident of Paris, in the county of Lamar and State of Texas, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Car-Couplings; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a vertical sectional view of the coupler. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of one of the coupling-bars, and Figs. 4 and 5 are views of the link.

This invention has relation to devices for coupling cars; and it consists in the construction and novel arrangement of the fork-shaped draw-heads having under-beveled bearings between the branches, the slotted coupler-bars having hook-lugs in front of the slots and adapted to interlock, the side bearings or ledges on each side of each hook-lug, designed to support the sides of the bar and to allow the hook-lugs to enter the slots in coupling, the inclined rear ends of the coupling-bars engaging the under-beveled bearing of the draw-head, all in connection with the pivotal shafts of the coupler-bars having operating-levers, as hereinafter set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, the letter A designates the draw-head, consisting of a simple forked casting, having two branches, B, separated by a vertical space, C, at the rear of which is an under-beveled bearing, D, between the branches. In front of this bearing, through the branches, are made perforations E, for the passage of the shaft F, to which the coupler-bar G is secured, between the branches of the draw-head.

The coupler-bar is formed with an inclined rear end, H, which is designed to abut against the bearing D, so that the coupler-bar is prevented from dropping too low for engagement with the opposite bar. At the same time, as the bearings D and H are without angular recesses, there is no liability of the parts becoming jammed together. The coupler-bar can therefore be easily raised at any time in uncoupling by means of the levers or arms I at the ends of the shaft F.

At the front end of the coupler-bar vertical

hook-lugs K are formed above and below in the central line, said lugs having inclined front edges, L, and abrupt shoulders N.

At the sides of the hook-lugs are rib-bearings P, which continue to the rear in the form of bars P' on each side of the slot S, which extends from the hooked point of the coupler-bar to its heel R. The slot S is a little wider than the hook-lug K, and when the coupling-bars are interlocked a double engagement is effected, the upper lug of one coupler rising into the slot of the other, while the under lug of the last descends into the slot of the former, the bars P' of each engaging the bearings P of the other on the sides of the hook-lug, as shown in the drawings.

The point of the coupler-bar, when in engagement, extends within the lateral jaws or branches of the opposite draw-head, so that there is no danger of lateral disengagement. Should either draw-head, however, become much inclined, as in case of accident where a car has left the track, the leverage on the long points of the coupler-bars will tend to disconnect them, the uppermost coupler-bar being forcibly raised.

For incidental purposes—as in connecting cars of considerable difference in height or replacing a coupling-bar when broken—a forked link, T, is employed, being connected by means of a pin passing through the perforations V near the front ends of the branches of the draw-head, the coupling-bar having been removed.

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

The car-coupling consisting of the forked draw-head having the lateral branches D, and the rear under-beveled bearing, D, the pivotal shaft F, and the coupling-bar having the inclined rear end, H, the longitudinal slot S between the heel and point, and the central hook-lugs, K, of less width than the slot, and having the lateral bearings P, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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