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## MOUSING HOOK.

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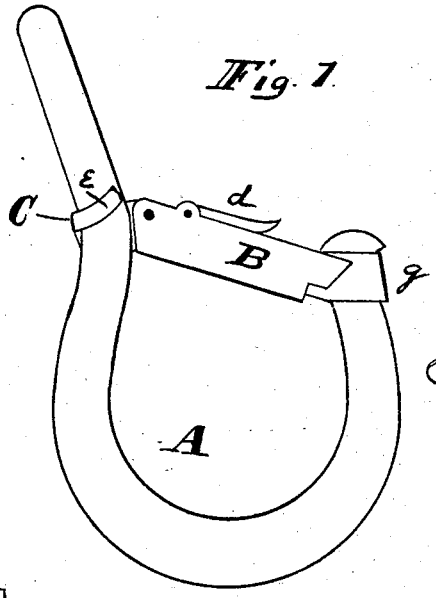
Fig. 1.

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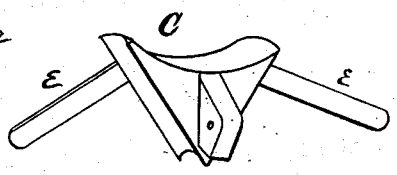


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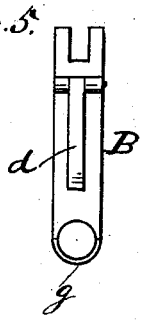


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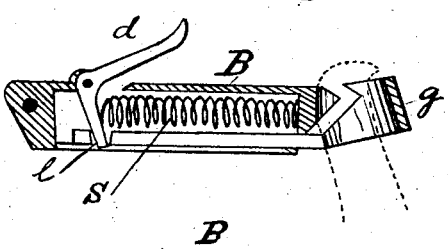


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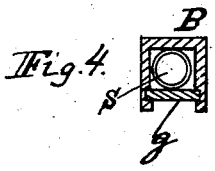


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## MOUSING-HOOK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. HAMMOND, a citizen of the United States, residing at New Bedford, in the county of Bristol and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Mousings for Hooks, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to the construction of a mousing for a hook; and it consists in so constructing the same that it may readily be applied to or removed from a hook which has not been made especially for it.

The object of this invention is to furnish a mousing which is applicable to any hook, and one that can be opened and securely closed instantly. I attain this object by the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows a hook with the mousing properly attached thereto and closed. Fig. 2 shows that portion of the mechanism which is clasped in the eye of the hook. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal vertical section of the mousing, showing its construction and operation. Fig. 4 is a view in vertical cross-section of the mousing. Fig. 5 is a top view of the mousing.

Similar letters indicate like parts throughout the several views.

In Fig. 1, C is a triangular block, which is securely fastened in the eye of the hook A by means of the arms *e e* being bent around its sides. The construction of the block C will readily be seen by reference to Fig. 2. To the block C is hinged the mousing B, the construction of which will be seen by reference to Fig. 3, in which B is the body of the mousing, *g* the clasp, and *d* the lever which operates the same. *s* is a coiled spring, which serves to keep the clasp closed around the end of the hook.

The operation of the device is as follows: The lever *d* being raised by hand, the spring *s* is compressed, and the clasp *g* forced to the front by means of the lower arm of the lever *d*, which enters a perforation in the same at *l*, thus enlarging the opening in the end of the mousing sufficiently to allow of it being slipped over the end of the hook A. It will be seen that the hook has not to be modified in form to enable this mousing to be applied to it. As the mousing is made of metal, to remove it entirely from the hook in order that it may be applied to another it is only necessary to unclasp the arms *e e*.

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

The within-described mousing, consisting of the block C, having arms *e e* for clasping the same to the eye of the hook, and the body of the mousing B, having the clasp *g*, the spring *s*, and the lever *d*, when arranged substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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