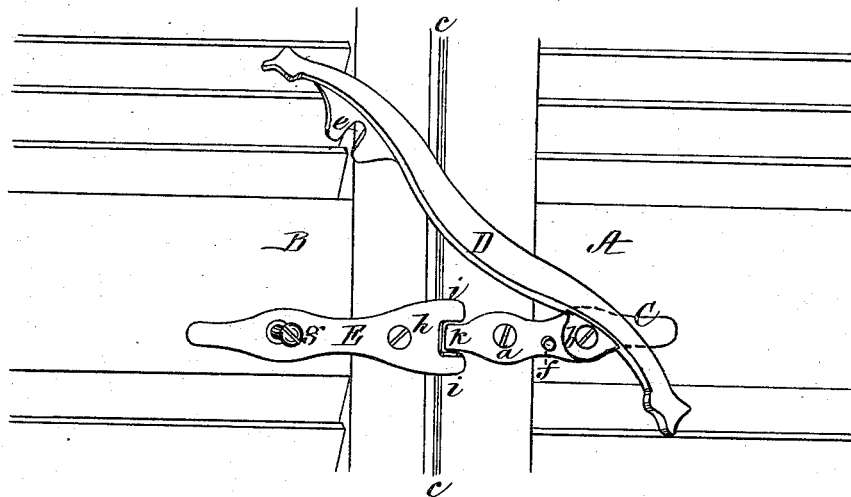


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## SHUTTER-FASTENER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, F. BARTON BROWN, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain Improvements in Blind-Fastenings, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, making part of this specification, said drawing representing an elevation of the inside of two blinds secured together by my improved fastening.

My present invention relates to an improvement in the means of connecting and fastening blinds and shutters, the object being to hold them evenly and securely together when closed; and this invention consists in two metallic plates secured to the inside of the blinds—one plate provided with a stud projecting from its outer face, and with bifurcations at its outer end, the other plate having an end projecting into the space between the bifurcations of the former, and with a pivoted latch provided with a notch for engaging with the stud projecting from the bifurcated plate—whereby the blinds may be securely fastened together when closed.

To enable others skilled in the art to understand and use my invention, I will proceed to describe the manner in which I have carried it out.

In the said drawing, A B represent two blinds closed, to the inside of one, A, of which is screwed at *a b* a flat plate, C, having its outer end, *k*, extending up to the vertical line *c*, where the blinds come into contact. To this plate C is pivoted at *b* a long latch, D, having near its outer end a notch, *e*, in its under side. *f* is a stud projecting from the outer surface of the plate C at a point near where the latch is pivoted, to serve as a stop to limit the move-

ment of the latter when swung over to the right of a vertical line passing through said pivot. To the inside of the other blind, B, is secured by screws *g h* a metal plate, E, provided with bifurcations *i i*, into the space between which enters the outer end, *k*, of the plate C, the head and contiguous portion of the shank of the screw *g* projecting beyond the outer surface of said plate E, in order to allow the latch D to catch thereover, and thereby securely and evenly fasten the blinds together when closed, any longitudinal—*i. e.*, up and down—movement of the blinds being prevented by the interlocking of the outer end, *k*, of the plate C with the bifurcations *i i* of the plate E.

I hereby acknowledge the patent granted Daniel W. Barr, No. 162,011, and to the features therein described I make no claim.

I claim—

1. The plate E, attached to one blind and having bifurcations *i i* projecting out beyond the closing-line, in combination with the plate C, secured to the other blind, and having its end *k* adapted to interlock with said bifurcations *i i*, as and for the purpose described.

2. In combination, the plate E, with its bifurcations *i i* and projecting screw *g*, the plate C, with its end *k* adapted to interlock with said bifurcations, and the pivoted latch D, with its notch *e*, operating substantially as set forth.

Witness my hand this 12th day of May, 1882.

F. BARTON BROWN.

In presence of—

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