

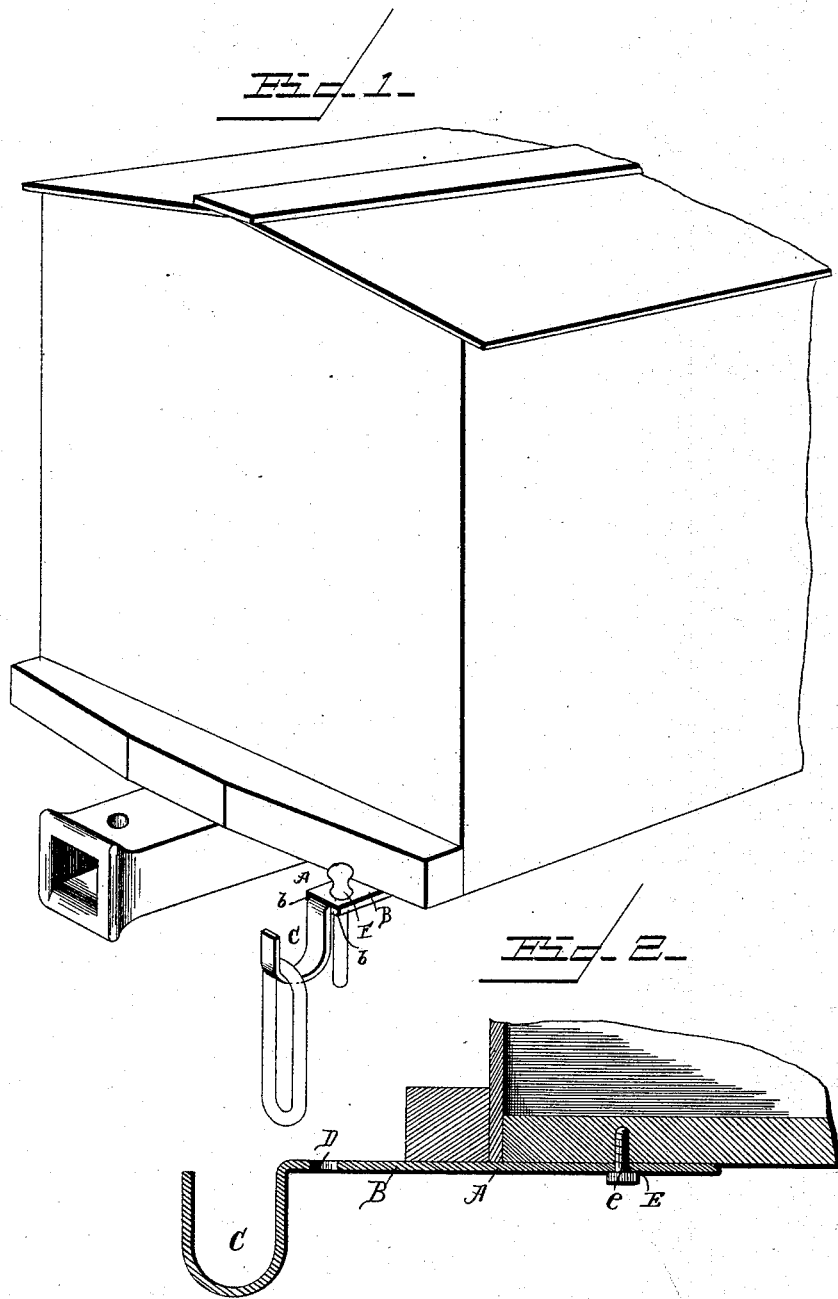
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES L. WARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cavendish, in the county of Windsor and State of Vermont, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Pin and Link Holders for Railroad-Cars, of which the following is a specification.

The invention is a new and useful device for holding the link and pins of a car-coupler, and is adapted to be attached to the end of a car at a convenient point; and it consists in the construction and novel combination of parts hereinafter described, illustrated in the drawings, and pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device attached to a car and holding a link and pin. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal section of the device.

Referring to the drawings by letter, A designates the device, consisting of the plate portion B and the hook C, the plate portion being provided with the opening D near the hook, for the purpose of supporting the coupling-pin F; or, if desired, two such openings may be made to support both pins of a coupling. The plate portion is about one-quarter of an inch thick, three inches wide, and eleven inches long, and the hook is of suitable size to support the end of a link. The plate portion is secured to a suitable point of the frame at the car end by a bolt, *e*, that passes through the opening E near its end. The hook is sepa-

rated from the plate portion by the shoulders *b b* on each side.

By the use of the described link and pin holder neither the link nor pin will be so liable to become lost when uncoupled, and much time will be saved looking up links and pins to replace mislaid ones, or those that have been lost in the earth or snow along the track. The shoulders *b* prevent the link from leaving the hook. The pin rests in the opening D, with the head resting upon the plate portion of the device, and the hook catches in the link.

Having described my invention, I claim—

1. A coupling-link and coupling-pin holder consisting of a metal strap secured to the end of the car at a proper point by a bolt, and having an opening, D, to receive the pin, and with its free end formed into a hook, C, upon which to hang the link.

2. The herein-described coupling-link and coupling-pin holder, consisting of the hook C and the plate portion or shank B, having the coupling-pin opening D and the bolt-opening E, and separated from the hook by the lateral shoulders *b b*, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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