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Fig. 1.

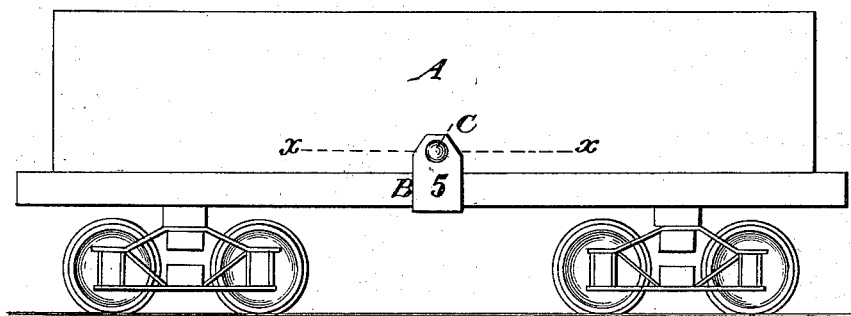


Fig. 2.

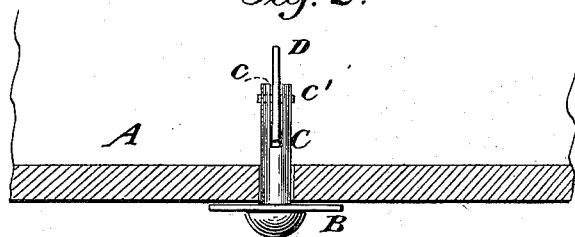
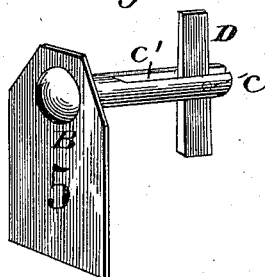


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HAMLET CORRIGAN, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, residing at Forest City, in the county of Susquehanna and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fastenings for Miners' Car-Checks; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The special object of the invention is to improve the means of securing miners' checks containing the number of the car to the body thereof, so that it cannot be displaced by dumps and runaways or cut off by a miner.

Figure 1 of the drawings is an elevation showing the side of a miners' car with the ordinary metallic check containing the number which distinguishes this car from all others; Fig. 2, a horizontal section on line *x* of Fig. 1, and Fig. 3 a detail perspective view of my fastening device.

In the drawings, A represents the side of car, B the usual metallic check, and C my pin. The pin C is provided with a diametrical open slot, *e*, which extends from the end toward the head, and across this slot is arranged a pivot, *e'*, on which turns the middle pivoted latch, D. The latter may be turned so as to be in alignment with the shank of the headed pin or bolt, so that the bolt, shank, and latch may both conveniently pass through a hole in the check, and also through one in the side of car. After this is done the latch D is turned at right angles to the bolt, and the latter cannot be with-

drawn from the side of the car. The pin or bolt may be made of metal, wood, or any other suitable material without departing from the principle of my invention.

Ordinarily each miner is provided with a check with the number of his car, while the account of the coal carried by his car is kept by the tally-men with this number; hence the importance to him of not losing it. Ordinarily it is secured by a string of some kind, and is often displaced by dumps and runaways in the mines, where it is hopelessly lost. Thus he loses the hard-earned money which is recorded as due to the number of his car, the same not being payable until his check or token is produced. Again, my device can be put on or taken off the car in a moment, while the fastenings now used require a considerable loss of time to the car-man in adjusting them on or removing them.

Having thus described all that is necessary to a full understanding of my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to protect by Letters Patent, is—

A miner's car-check fastener consisting of a bolt or pin with a bifurcated shank and a gravity drop-latch pivoted between the prongs of the bifurcation, the bolt or pin being headed to retain a tag or label and being locked in position by the drop-latch after said bolt or pin has been passed through a suitable opening in the side of a car, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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