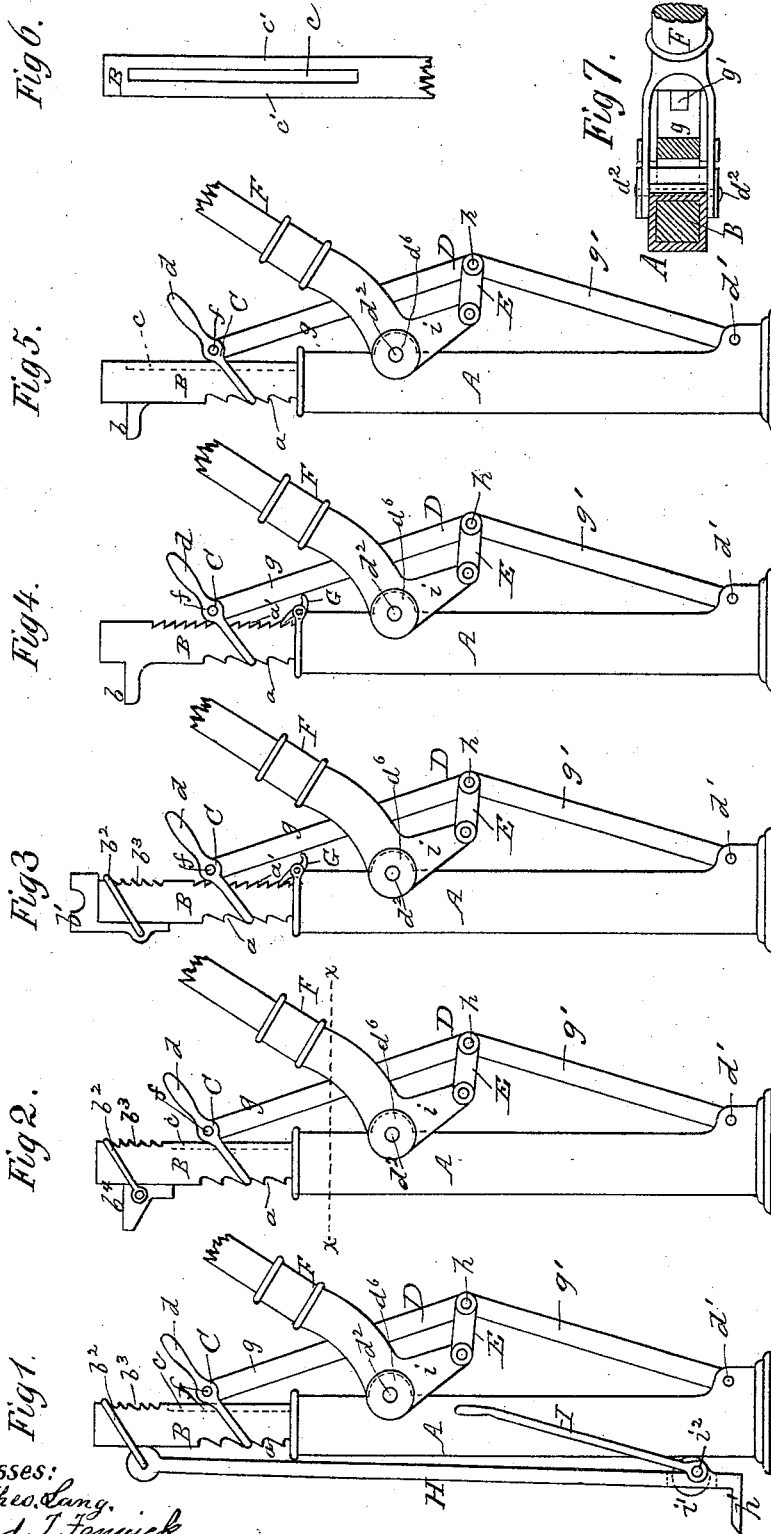


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK B. MALLORY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Flemington, in the county of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Lifting-Jacks; and I do hereby 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.

My invention consists in a lifting-jack comprising in combination a guiding and supporting standard, a sliding ratchet-toothed lifting-bar, a swinging pawl having a lever-handle extension, a toggle-lever connected to said pawl and to the guiding-standard, a link-connection at the toggle-joint of the toggle-lever, and to a hand-lever pivotally connected to a fulcrum-lug of the standard and said link, as will be hereinafter described.

It also consists in certain other novel constructions, combinations, and arrangements of parts in a lifting-jack which comprises the aforesaid combination of parts, all as will be hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawings, Figures 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 are side elevations of lifting-jacks constructed in accordance with my invention; and Fig. 6 is a broken back view of the ratchet-toothed lifting-bar shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 5. Fig. 7 is a horizontal section of the lifting-jack on the line *xx* of Fig. 2.

A in the drawings represents an upright standard having a rectangular chamber in it of sufficient depth to allow for the necessary up and down movements of a lifting-bar B, which is placed within it, as illustrated. The lifting-bar B, when made in its simplest form, is constructed with ratchet-teeth *a* and a supporting-flange *b* on its front side, and with a rectangular depression or channel *c* in its rear side, as shown, said lever being bifurcated at its lower end, and the link E, toggle-lever D, and said lug upon which the lever F is fulcrumed being fitted between the jaws or prongs of the said bifurcated end of the lever F, as shown in Fig. 7 and indicated in other figures of the drawings.

C is a loop-shaped gripping and lifting pawl having a lever-handle *d*. This pawl is

slipped upward upon the bar B of the jack and is pivoted at *f* to the upper limb *g* of a toggle-lever D, the lower limb *g'* of said toggle-lever being pivoted to the foot portion of the standard A, as indicated at *d'*.

E is a link pivoted to the toggle-joint *h* of the toggle-lever D, and also to the short arm *i* of a hand-lever F, which is pivotally fulcrumed, as at *d²*, upon a lug *d³* of the standard A, as shown. By this construction of jack the toggle-lever D, when straightened by the hand-lever F and link E, causes the loop C to pull upward against the ratchet-toothed bar B, and thereby lift a carriage-body, or any other weight that may be above and resting on the flange *b*, as shown in Figs. 4 and 5.

In order to avoid undue friction against the upper limb *g* of the toggle-lever D and the lifting-pawl C at the joint *f*, the channel *c* is cut into the lifting-bar B, said parts thus only having contact with ledges *c' c'* on the sides of the channel.

To adjust the jack for starting to lift, the hand is applied upon the flange *b*, and the bar B is raised to a position in contact with the object to be raised, or the toggle is straightened by moving the lever F and then adjusting the lever-loop C out of contact with the ratchet-teeth *a* of the bar B, this latter operation being effected by depressing the handle portion *d* until the said lever-loop pawl occupies about a horizontal position. This done, the lever F is moved backward so as to bow the toggle-lever, and while this operation is being performed the lever portion *d* of the loop-pawl is pressed upward and its loop portion brought and held under a ratchet-tooth *a*, so as to glide down on the bar B and fall into another of the ratchet-teeth *a* when the bar B is drawn or forced upward. In this latter operation a pivoted pawl G will be provided on the standard A, and the same take into ratchet-toothed stops *a'* on the back of the bar B, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4. When the ratchet-teeth A' and the pawl G are used, the adjustment made by two or more movements of the lever F, preparatory to beginning to lift a weight, can be retained automatically, and the necessity of holding up the bar B by hand until it has been adjusted to the proper height for starting is avoided.

Furthermore, during the operation of lifting the weight the successive movements of the lever F and the grips of the lever-loop pawl can be automatically retained, and thus a jack of any desired lifting capacity is secured.

Instead of employing a flange *b*, as in Figs. 4 and 5, an angular grooved cap-block *b'*, as shown in Fig. 3, may be provided, and the same connected to the bar B by a loop *b²* and ratchet-teeth *b³*, or instead of the flange *b* or cap-block *b'* an angular block *b⁴*, furnished with a loop, as *b²*, and fitting ratchets, as *b³*, may be adopted, as shown in Fig. 2.

In Fig. 1 I have shown the jack represented in Figs. 2 and 5 as provided with a lifting lever-bar H, said bar being connected to a loop *b²*, which takes into ratchet-teeth *b³* of bar B. The lever-bar H oscillates on the loop *b²*, and it is extended down to near the base of the standard A, and bent horizontally, as at *h'*, so as to form a beveled-edged lifting-foot, as shown.

In a slot cut horizontally through the lever-bar H an eccentric or cam *i'* is arranged on a pivot *i²*, passed through ears of the bar. To the pivot of the cam a hand-lever I is connected, and by means of this lever the cam *i'* is turned and made to bear against the front side of the standard A, and by its gradually-increasing eccentricity with respect to the said side of the standard and its axis on the bar H it causes the foot *h'* to move forward under the head of the spike or other object requiring to be pried up, and this adjustment being made, the bar B is raised by means of the pawl C, toggle-lever D, and hand-lever F in the same manner as before described.

By my invention it will be seen I utilize all the advantages of the toggle-lever as a powerful lifting device, and at the same time provide a jack which has a variable or adjustable lifting-grip, whereby a successive number of operations of the toggle can be secured, and also, if desirable, only a single operation of said toggle-lever may be employed, and in

such single operation the bar B can be set for starting, in contact with the object to be lifted, without any hinderance from the toggle-lever mechanism.

What I claim is—

1. A lifting-jack comprising, in combination, a guiding and supporting standard A, a sliding toothed lifting-bar B, a swinging pawl C, a toggle-lever D, connected to said pawl and to the guiding-standard, and means for operating the toggle-lever, substantially as described.

2. A lifting-jack comprising, in combination, standard A, bar B, pawl C, toggle-lever D, link E, and lever F, substantially as described.

3. A lifting-jack comprising standard A, bar B, pawl C, having lever-handle *d*, toggle-lever D, and means for operating the toggle-lever, all substantially as described.

4. A lifting-jack comprising standard A, bar B, having teeth *a* and teeth *b³*, pawl C, loop *b²*, lifting-bar H, cam *i'*, lever I, toggle-lever D, and means for operating the toggle-lever, all substantially as described.

5. A lifting-jack comprising a standard A, tooth-bar B, pawl C, loop *b²*, toggle-lever D, and means for operating the toggle-lever, all substantially as described.

6. A lifting-jack provided with a toothed bar B, having teeth *a* and *a'*, a standard A, provided with a pawl G, pawl C, toggle-lever D, and means for operating the toggle-lever, all substantially as described.

7. The toothed bar B, having a channel *c* in its back, in combination with a standard, the pawl C, the toggle-lever D, and means for operating the toggle-lever, substantially as described.

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

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