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Fig. 1.

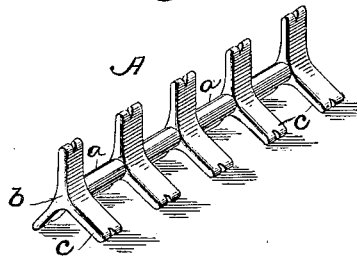
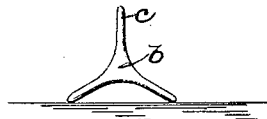


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE WILLIAM MERRILL, a citizen of the United States, residing at No. 12 East street, Dover, Strafford county, New Hampshire, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Banjo-Bridges, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to banjo-bridges; and it consists in the matters hereinafter described, and referred to in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings, which illustrate the invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the entire bridge, and Fig. 2 is an end view of the same.

In the drawings the bridge as a whole is represented at A, it being composed of a body portion *a*. This portion *a* is provided with projecting portions *b*, each part *b* having three projecting legs *c*, one projecting upwardly and provided with a notch adapted for the receipt of the strings, while the other two act as feet, forming a rest for the bridge. It will be noted that by turning this bridge in various positions any one of the parts *c* may act as a rest for the strings, the other two acting as feet. Instead of these three parts *c* forming a perfect triangle they are

preferably curved, as shown in Fig. 2, to form arches; but it will be obvious that this is not absolutely essential so long as the general triangular shape of the part *b* is adhered to. By this arrangement it will be noticed that my improved bridge forms a combination of three bridges in one, either one of the three edges being used to support the strings. Consequently because of its triangular shape it will not tip or fall down when in use, owing to the fact that it is evenly supported by ten legs or standards, of which there are five on each side.

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

1. A banjo-bridge, comprising a body portion having a series of spaced triangular pieces; substantially as described.

2. A banjo-bridge, comprising a body portion having a series of spaced triangular pieces arched from one apex to another; substantially as described.

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

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