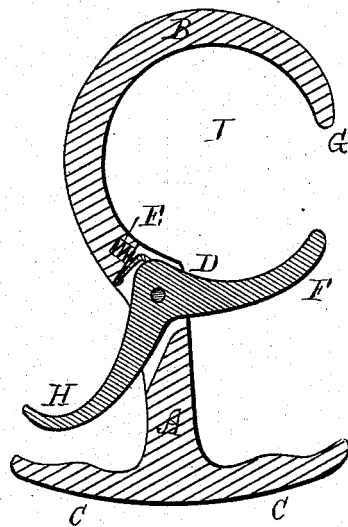
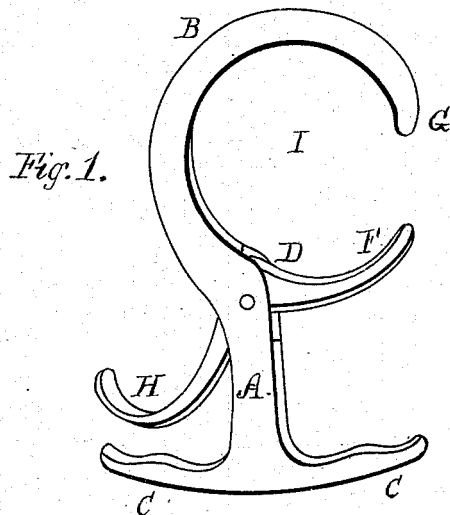


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDWARD DAVIS BEAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chelsea, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Policemen's Hooks; 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to hooks used by policemen for holding prisoners; and it consists, principally, of the combination of a bent arm with a swinging latch, the latter having a hook-shaped portion which shuts within the other to complete the inclosure of the prisoner's wrist.

It also consists in certain other details and combinations, as hereinafter particularly set forth and claimed.

The drawings accompanying this specification represent, in Figure 1, a perspective view, and in Fig. 2 a section, of a wristlet or hook containing my improvements.

In said drawings, A represents a straight shank, terminating at its outer end in a hook, B, of a size and shape to readily clasp a person's wrist, the opposite end of such shank terminating in a right-angular handle, C, to be grasped in the hand of the officer.

D represents a swinging latch pivoted approximately near its center to the shank A, and preferably provided with a spring, E, by which one of its arms—viz., F—is crowded away from the nose G of the hook, and the opening I of such hook left unobstructed, such arm F constituting a gate to open or close such

opening. The opposite arm, H, of the latch D constitutes a finger-latch to be seized by one of the officer's fingers, and by means of which the stress of the spring E is overcome and the arm F closed inside the nose of the hook, and the prisoner's wrist thereby inclosed in the hook.

I have shown the arm F short, so that when closed by the officer upon the wrist by means of the opposite latch-arm, H, it may fall inside of the end G of hook B. By this means I enable the hook to adapt itself to any sized wrist, whereas if the two ends came together to form a circle it would perhaps be too large for a small wrist.

When occasion offers to use the above instrument, the handle C is grasped firmly in the officer's hand, and one finger of this hand (preferably the second finger) allowed to rest lightly upon the arm H of the latch D, the arm F of such latch being crowded away from the nose of the hook by the stress of the spring E, as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings. In making an arrest the officer quickly passes the hook about the person's wrist, and with his finger crowds the arm H closely up to the handle C, thereby closing the arm F to prevent escape of the instrument from the prisoner's wrist.

I claim—

In combination with shank A and hook B, a two-armed latch pivoted thereto, and a spring, E, arranged at the pivotal connection of said parts and bearing against said latch, substantially as set forth.

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

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