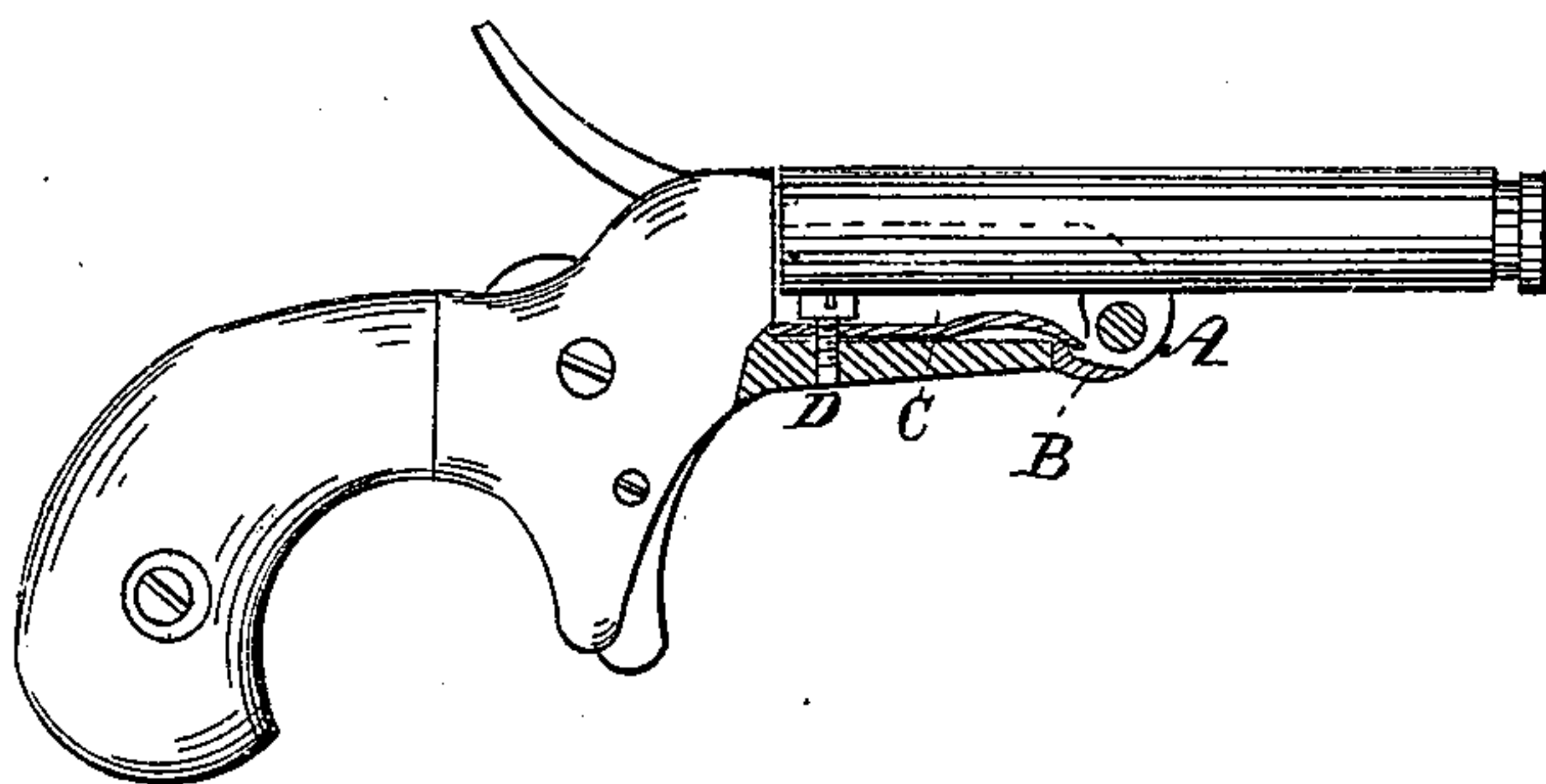


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Breech-Loading Fire-Arm.

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IMPROVEMENT IN BREECH-LOADING FIRE-ARMS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN MCGOVEREN, of New York, in the county of New York, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Breech-Loading Pistols; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification.

This invention relates to improvements in breech-loading pistols, and is also applicable to other fire-arms.

It consists of an improved method of maintaining the barrel in its position in the stock, and of restoring it to the said position when displaced for loading.

The drawing represents a side view of a pistol having my improvement, with a part broken away.

The barrel is provided with a lug, A, which is pivoted to the end of the stock in a manner common to other pistols.

My improvement consists in providing a lip or projection on the said lug, and arranging a spring, C, in

a recess in the stock under the barrel, so as to bear with its free end on the said lip B, while its other end is secured to the stock at the rear end of the recess by a rivet, or screw, D.

This arrangement affords a very simple and cheap construction, the operation of which will be readily understood without further description.

Having thus described my invention,

I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The combination, with the barrel and the stock, of the spring C, when arranged to act upon the lip B of the lug A, all substantially as and for the purpose described.

The above specification of my invention signed by me, this 19th day of September, 1868.

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