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**Locks of Fire-arms.**

**POOLE'S SPECIFICATION.**

**TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, I, MOSES POOLE, of Lincoln's Inn, in the County of Middlesex, Gentleman, send greeting.**

**WHEREAS** Her present most Excellent Majesty Queen Victoria, 5 by Her Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain, bearing date at Westminster, the Eighteenth day of July, in the fourth year of Her reign, did, for Herself, Her heirs and successors, give and grant unto me, the said Moses Poole, Her especial license, full power, sole privilege and authority, that I, the said Moses Poole, my eñors, adñors, 10 and assigns, or such others as I, the said Moses Poole, my eñors, adñors, or assigns, should at any time agree with, and no others, from time to time and at all times during the term of years therein expressed, should and lawfully might make, use, exercise, and vend, within England, Wales, and the Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, the Invention of "IM- 15 PROVEMENTS IN FIRE-ARMS, AND IN APPARATUS TO BE USED THEREWITH," communicated to me by a certain foreigner residing abroad; in which said Letters Patent is contained a proviso, that I, the said Moses Poole, shall cause a particular description of the nature of the said Invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed, to be inrolled in Her 20 said Majesty's High Court of Chancery within six calendar months

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next and immediately after the date of the said in part recited Letters Patent, as in and by the same, reference being thereunto had, will more fully and at large appear.

**NOW KNOW YE**, that in compliance with the said proviso, I, the said Moses Poole, do hereby declare that the nature of the said Inven- 5  
tion, and the manner in which the same is to be performed, are fully described and ascertained in and by the following statement thereof, reference being had to the Drawing hereunto annexed, and to the figures and letters marked thereon (that is to say):

The Invention relates to improvements in fire-arms and apparatus 10  
to be used therewith, whereby in discharging the charge by detonating caps, there is a peculiar apparatus which at once acts as a protection to prevent the caps coming off, and also is the means of discharging the cap when the cock or hammer gives the requisite blow to the said  
apparatus. 15

## DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING.

Figure 1. represents a longitudinal section of a pistol having the Invention applied thereto; Figure 2, is a plan thereof; and the other Figures of the Drawing represent the separate parts of the lock I prefer to use. And I may remark that although the Invention is shewn 20  
only applied to a pistol, it will be evident that the improvements may be applied to other fire-arms which differ principally in the nature of the stocks employed.

On the outside of the breach is formed a projection at *a*, through which a hole is drilled to receive the axis of the peculiar formed appa- 25  
ratus *b*, which consists of a lever *b*, moving on an axis *c*. This lever is capable of being thrown back when a cap is being applied, and then to be shut down at the back of the breech, and thus prevent the cap coming off; and it will be seen, on examining the Drawing, that there is a recess formed in the face of the apparatus or lever *b*, in which the 30  
cap is contained when the lever *b*, is shut down. And it will also be seen that the cock or hammer does not strike the cap, but strikes the lever *b*, and by that means gives the necessary impact to the detonating powder in the cap to discharge it.

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The various parts being shown separately as well as combined, in the Drawing, the nature of their form and construction and mode of action will readily be traced, and therefore will require no further description.

5 In witness whereof, I, the said Moses Poole, have hereunto set my hand and seal, this Eighteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty-one.

MOSES (L.S.) POOLE.

AND BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the Eighteenth day of  
 10 January, in the year of our Lord 1841, the aforesaid Moses Poole came before our said Lady the Queen, in Her Chancery, and acknowledged the Specification aforesaid, and all and every thing therein contained and specified, in form above written. And also the Specification aforesaid was stamped according to the tenor of the Statute made for that  
 15 purpose.

Inrolled the Eighteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty-one.

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