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LATCH FOR FASTENING DOORS.

Specification of Letters Patent No. 5,606, dated May 30, 1848.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDMUND MORRIS, of the city of Burlington, in the county of Burlington, State of New Jersey, have invented
5 a new and Improved Mode of Securing Latches for Doors, So As To Prevent Them from Being Raised from the Outside of the Door; and I do declare that the following is a full and exact description of the same.
10 My improvement in securing the latches as aforesaid, consists in inserting in the latch A, a metal pin B, which works up and down in a slot *g*, situated in the strap C. The strap C is screwed to the door, after the
15 manner of the door-strap in common use, so as to confine the latch thereto; but has in it a slot *g*, and a hasp D (which is shown in full at H,) attached to its lower end, where the hasp works on a joint E. The latch being
20 dropped into the catch F, and the hasp D being thrown up over the projecting pin B, and there being a slight depression in the upper edge of the pin, into which the hasp naturally takes, the latch is held firmly
25 down. The pin has a depression on its upper and lower edge, so as to make the latch answer for the right hand or the left. The latches may be kept from rubbing against the door by interposing a bearer between the

latch and the door, whether it be cast with 30 the latch, as a part of it, or otherwise. And in order to enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I have described its construction and operation above, reference being had to the drawings accom- 35 panying this specification.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The construction of a strap for the purpose of confining the latch to the door, con- 40 taining a slot so as to admit of a pin or other similar device inserted in the latch, to work up and down in the said slot, and having a hasp attached to its lower end by a joint, to throw up over a pin in the latch, 45 for the purpose of holding the latch down in the catch. I also claim the pin in the latch in combination with the strap and hasp as aforesaid, or any other analogous device for 50 accomplishing the same object. I do not claim the latch, as that is a well-known thing; nor a simple strap to confine the latch, without slot or hasp, as that also is equally well known.

EDMUND MORRIS.

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