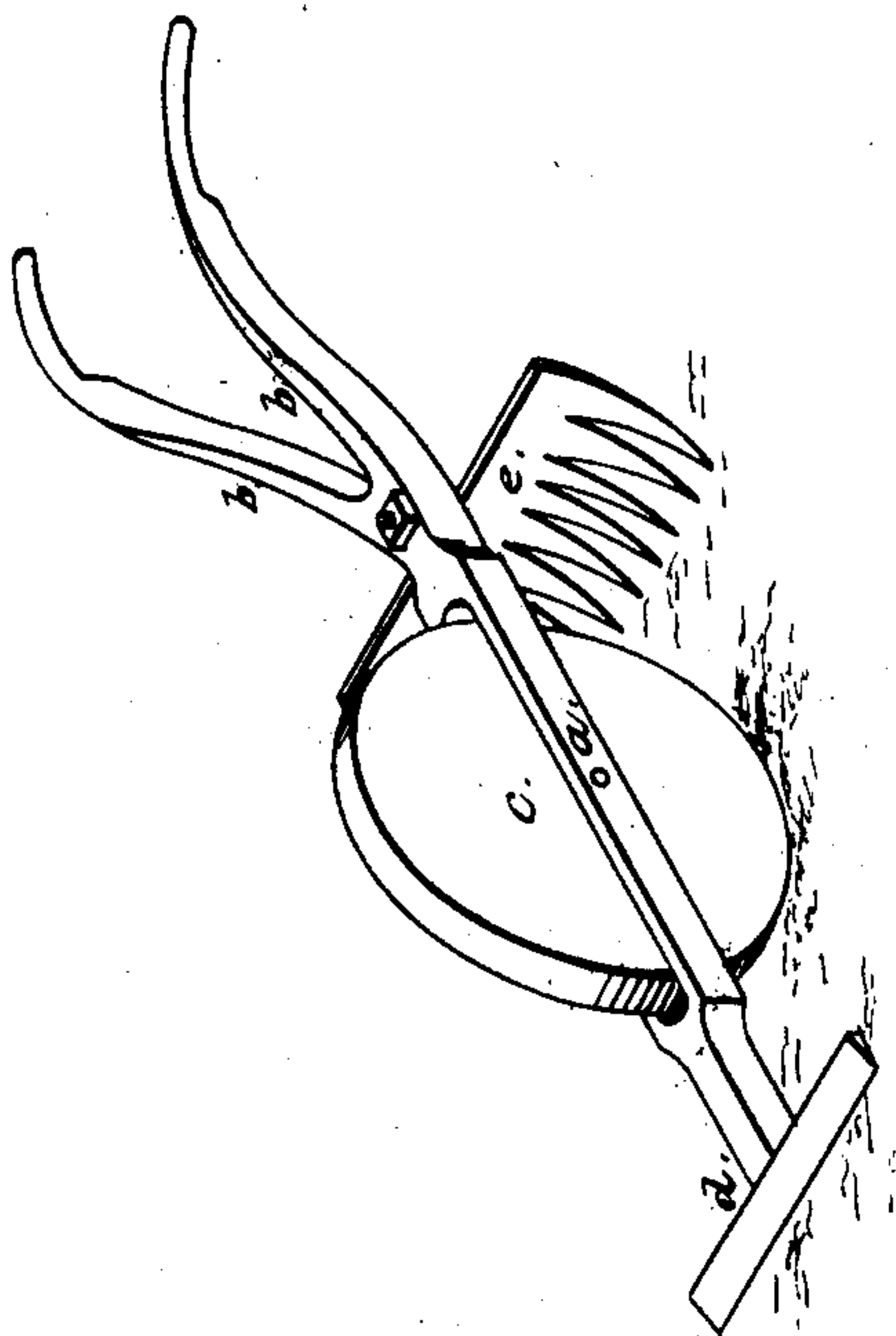


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## IMPROVEMENT IN POTATO-DIGGERS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 9,489, dated December 21, 1852.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JESSE N. SEELEY, of Forsyth, in the county of Monroe and State of Georgia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Potato-Diggers; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and letters marked thereon, forming a part of this specification.

The accompanying drawing represents my improved potato-digger. It consists of a beam, *a*, provided with handles or helms *b b*, resembling an ordinary plow, and a wheel, *c*, which has its bearings in said beam; and secured to the front end of said beam, at right angles to it, is a knife, *d*, which is for the purpose of removing the tops or stalks of the potatoes; and secured to the after part of said beam, and projecting down in the rear of wheel *c*, is a fork, *e*, composed of several curved prongs, which

is for the purpose of scooping up and discharging the potatoes.

To operate it, it is seized by the handles and pushed forward, the front and rear ends alternately elevated and depressed, the wheel serving as a fulcrum in such a manner as to cut and remove the stalks with the knife and scoop up the potatoes.

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

The construction of a potato-digger by the combined arrangement of the knife *d*, wheel *c*, and fork *e* with the beam *a*, operating substantially as in the manner set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name before two subscribing witnesses.

JESSE N. SEELEY.

Witnesses:

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