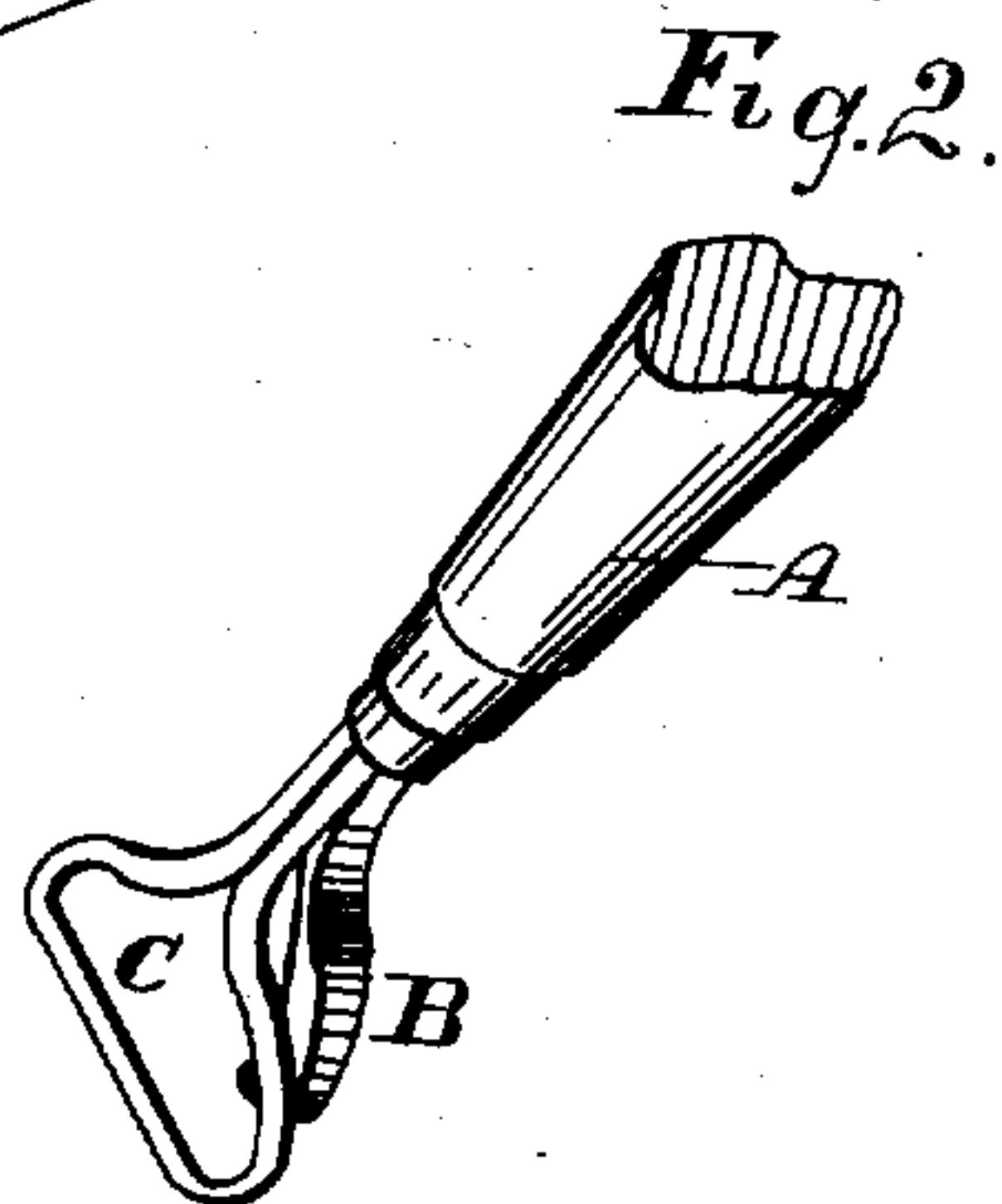
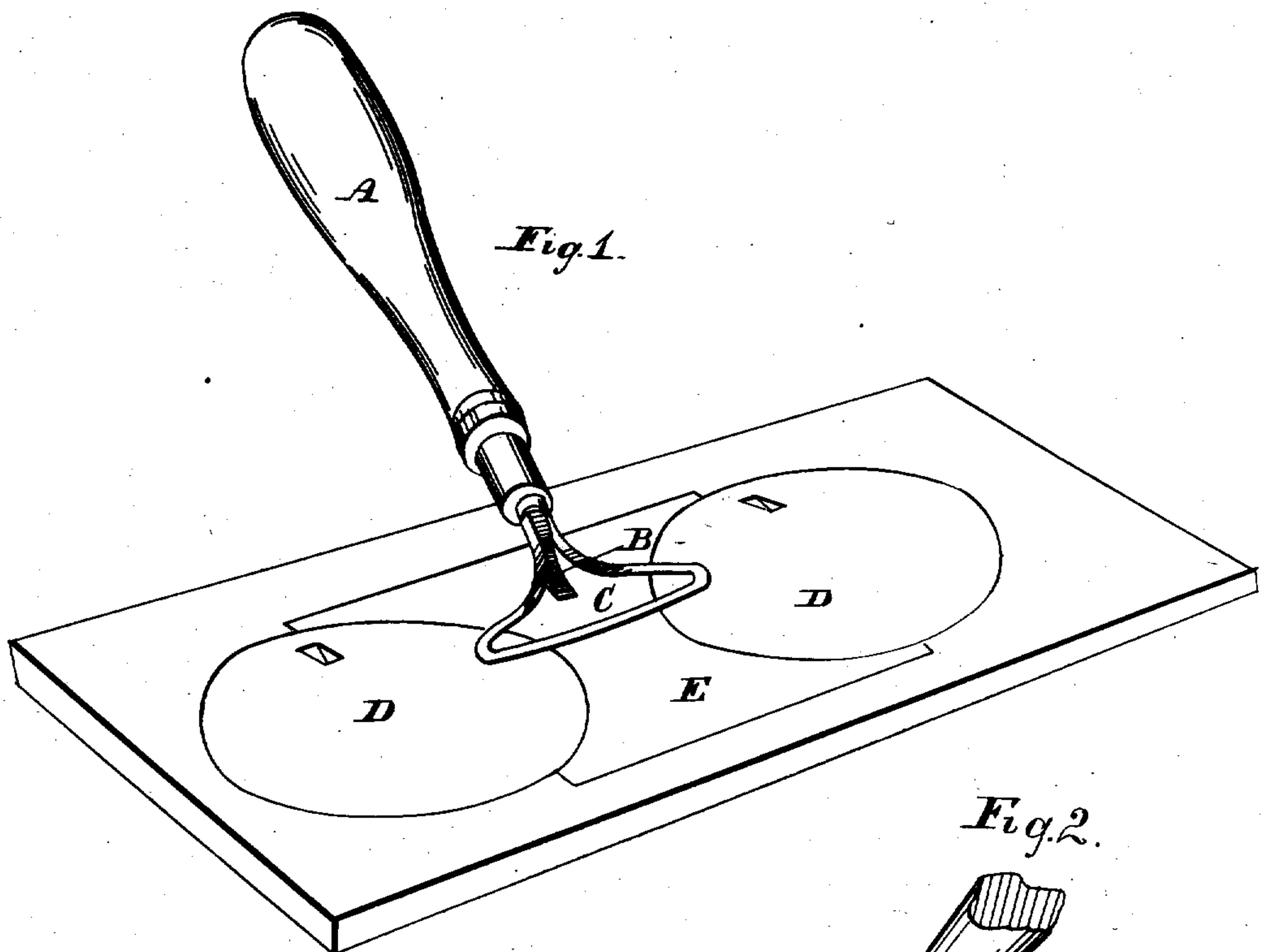


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LIFTER FOR STOVE-COVERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BRADDOCK R. HATHAWAY, of Mormon Island, in the county of Sacramento and State of California, have
5 invented a new and Improved Cover-Lifter for Stoves; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this
10 specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a stove top, with the bridge plate and circular covers of a stove. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the lifter, with a portion of its handle broken off.
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Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both figures.

This invention is an improvement in lifters for removing or replacing stove top covers, and the bridge plates on the stove top, by which improvement the covers may be moved, either one at a time or both together, or the bridge plate and one or both covers may be moved together.
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This invention is a new and improved tool for moving the circular covers which are used on stove tops; and if desirable the bridge plate on which one half of the covers rest may be moved from the stove top, or
25 placed on the top either when hot or cold.

The object of the invention is to facilitate the removal of these plates when they are hot, and to furnish a tool which will be convenient to use, and with which two or three
30 plates may be safely moved from the stove or placed on the stove at the same time.

My invention consists in the employment of a curved tongue, and a lifting prong combined, and attached to a suitable handle
40 in such a manner that the tongue will serve in conjunction with the prong to lift the bridge plate and two circular covers together, or singly, if desired, as will be hereinafter described and represented.

45 In the drawings, A is the handle of the

improved lifter, and B, C, are the lifting parts which are suitably secured to the end of this handle, or, if desirable, the handle and its lifters may be made of cast-iron and the whole may be cast in one piece. The
50 prong B is a curved piece of metal projecting out from the end of the handle, and curved downward, as represented in both figures of the drawings. The end or point of this prong B, is beveled, so that it will
55 enter the depressions which are cast in the plates D, E, D, and so that either one of these plates may be lifted by the prong without the other with the same facility as with the ordinary lifters. Over the prong B, projects
60 out a curved wire tongue C, which is a strong wire rod bent as shown in the drawings, and the two ends are brought together and secured in the socket in the handle. This tongue is only wide enough to project a
65 short distance over the edge of each cover D, when the tongue B, is placed in the recess in the bridge plate E; and this tongue projects out some distance over the end of prong B.

To use this little tool for lifting the two
70 plates D, D, and the bridge plate E, the prong is placed in the depression in the bridge plate and with the tongue pressing hard on the two covers D, D, the three plates may be lifted off and laid away carefully, or
75 it will be seen that a much firmer hold can be had on the plates if removed one at a time than with the lifters hitherto used.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as a new and improved article of
80 manufacture, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

The lifter for stove plates, herein described, consisting of a curved prong B, and tongue C, combined and secured into the
85 end of a suitable handle as set forth.

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