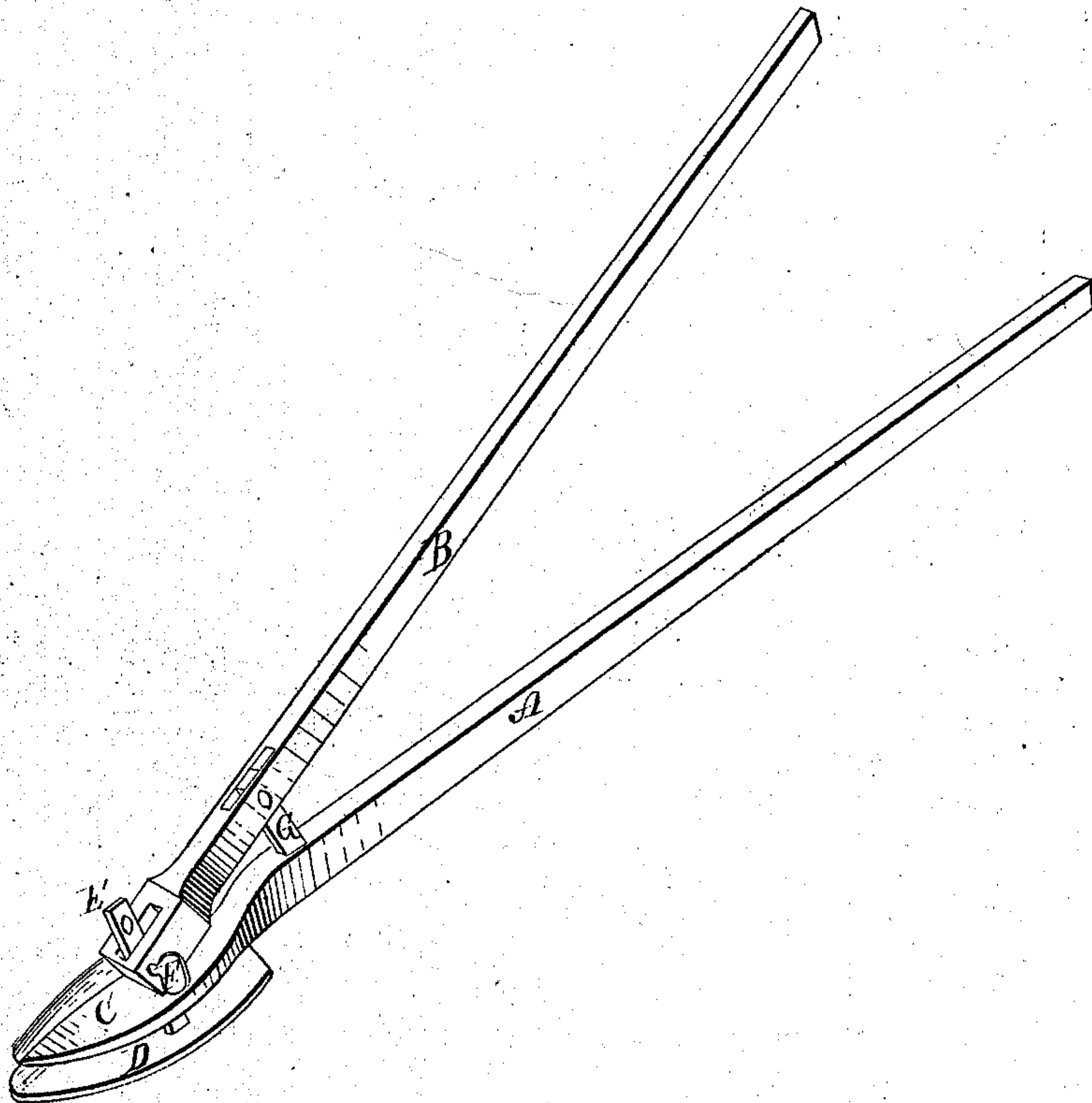


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## IMPROVED BLACKSMITHS' TONGS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 35,260, dated May 13, 1862.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ELIAS REES, of Manassas Station, Prince William county, Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Blacksmiths' Tongs; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

In the annexed drawing, making a part of this specification, A and B represent the two handles of the tongs and C D the jaws. The jaw C forms a part of the handle A.

E represents a graduated bar, which is secured to the jaw D and which passes through the jaw C. This bar also passes through a slot in the end of handle B, and a screw or pin, F, passing through the handle B and bar E, secures them together. By means of the graduated bar E the two jaws may be set nearer together or farther apart.

G represents a standard secured to the

handle A, which passes into a slot in handle B and is pivoted to it. By opening and closing the handles the jaws are brought together or separated in a parallel position.

The bar E may enter the jaw D about its center, and if necessary that portion of the jaw behind the bar may be suited or formed for holding round bars.

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

The employment of the handles A B, the jaws C D, the bar E, screw F, and standard G, arranged and used together in the manner and for the purpose herein set forth and described.

In witness that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of witnesses.

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