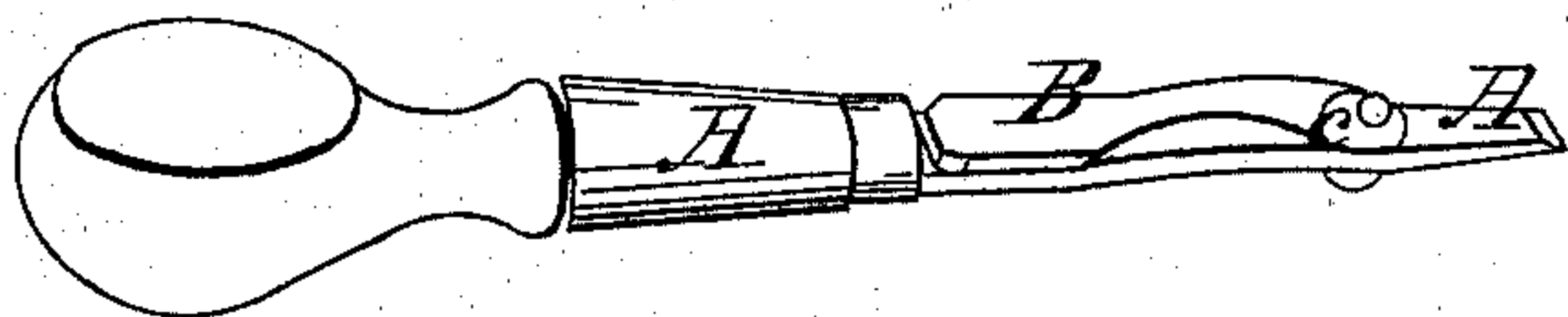
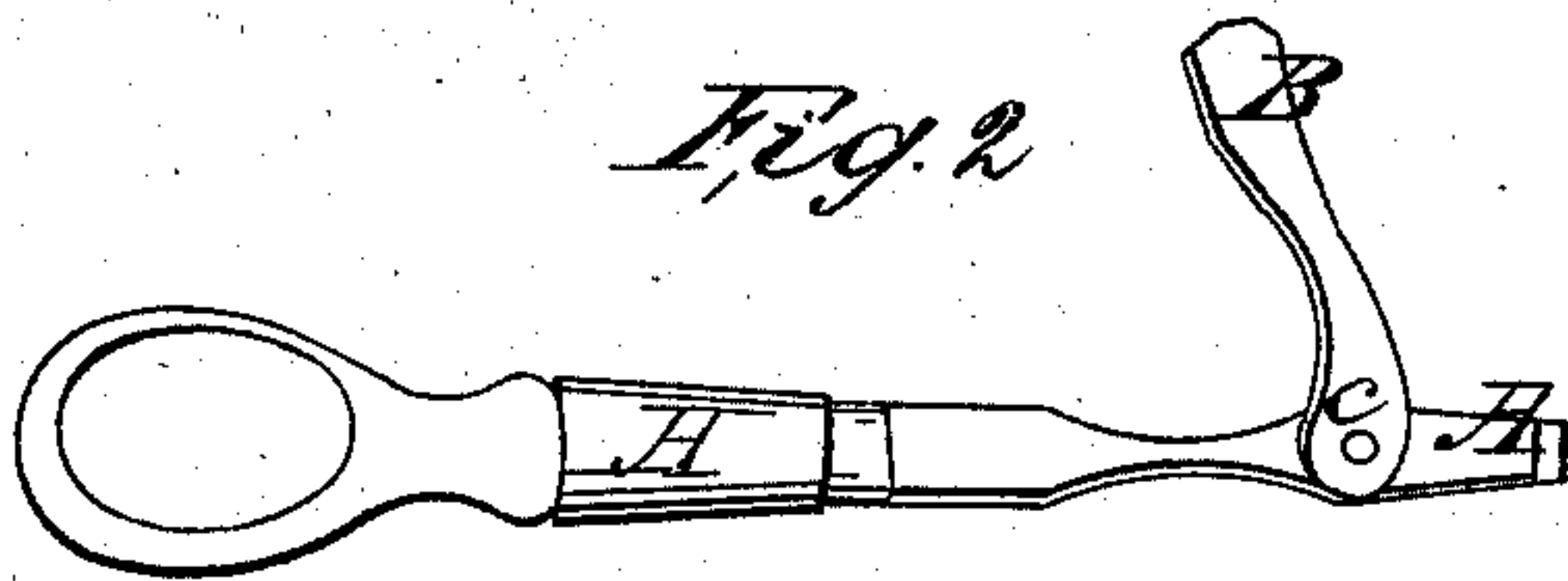


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*Fig. 1*



*Fig. 2*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN SCREW-DRIVERS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 35,337, dated May 20, 1862.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JULIUS THOMPSON, of Taunton, in the county of Bristol and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Screw-Drivers; and I do hereby declare that the following is a clear, full, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the improved instrument with the lever open and ready for use. Fig. 1 is a perspective view showing the instrument with the lever closed.

Like parts in each figure are marked with the same letters.

A is a screw-driver as commonly constructed.

B is a lever, which is attached to the screw-driver by a strong joint, C. The lever B is so constructed that it may be closed upon the screw-driver when not being used, as shown in Fig. 1.

The operation is as follows: In driving a screw or in starting one out it often requires more force than the operator can exert upon the handle of the instrument. In this case the lever should be thrown open, and while the instrument is held firmly in the slot of the screw by one hand the other hand will rotate the screw by means of the lever B, thus driving the screw home with greatly increased force.

I do not claim the screw-driver A, as that is an old device, and in common use; but

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

The combination of the lever B with screw-driver A, substantially as described, and for the purpose specified.

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