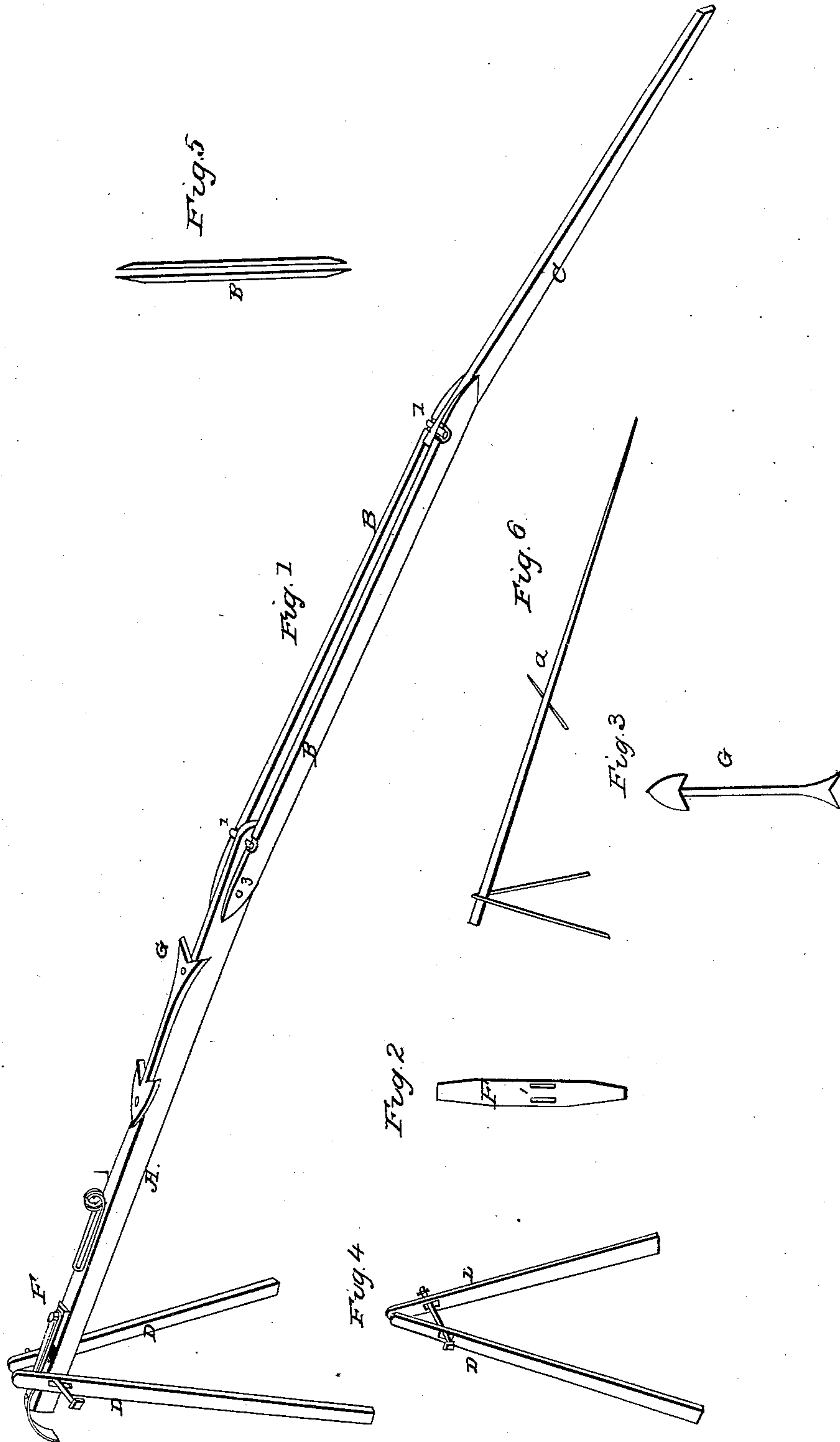


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## IMPROVEMENT IN CORN-HORSES FOR STACKING CORN.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LORING S. BARKER, of Pittsford, in the county of Hillsdale, in the State of Michigan, have invented a new and Improved Mode of Making a Corn-Horse; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my invention consists in so constructing a corn-horse that the legs will not catch on fallen stalks, vines, weeds, or other obstacles as the horse is moved forward between the rows of corn, and that can be folded up convenient to handle and to put away when not in use.

I make my corn-horse of boards about three inches wide and one inch thick.

The part marked B, Figure 1, is made of two boards, four and a half feet long, put together like the handle of a razor, between the ends of which the part A, five and a half feet long, and C, four feet long, are firmly fastened by the pins or bolts 3 3, which form hinges for folding.

The ends of B, Fig. 5, are beveled, so as to slip through the shock of corn without catching. The use of the pins 1 1 is readily seen. The saddle G, Fig. 3, keeps the beginning of the shock from falling, and saves the trouble of pulling out, carrying, and putting in a long pin, as in *a*, Fig. 6, which represents the horse in common use for want of a better one.

When ready to move put the corn-knife in the cap F. (See 1 1, Fig. 2.) With one hand

back of the cap raise the horse, and the legs D D, by reason of the long holes through them, will part at the top and hang loosely on the pin *e*, which is fitted tight in A, and kept in place by a nail.

To set the legs, raise the horse with one hand, and with the other press the top of the legs together over the cap F and let it down.

An india-rubber strap or coiled wire can be put on to hold strings or bark to bind with.

To fold the horse, turn C under and forward in B; then turn B under and forward between the legs, taking care to move C up through B, out of the way of A; let the folded body stand on the back end of A, slip the legs between the cap and the edges of B to the sides of A. Then a light strap buttoned on the nail or screw in the back end of the cap F, put around the horse and buttoned again, will hold all together.

When using the horse hitch one end of the strap to the fore end of the cap.

The above is but one mode of making a folding corn-horse. Other simple modes of applying the idea readily occur to the mind.

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

A folding corn-horse with a saddle or its equivalent, in place of the long pin *a*, Fig. 6, and with movable legs, for the purpose herein described.

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