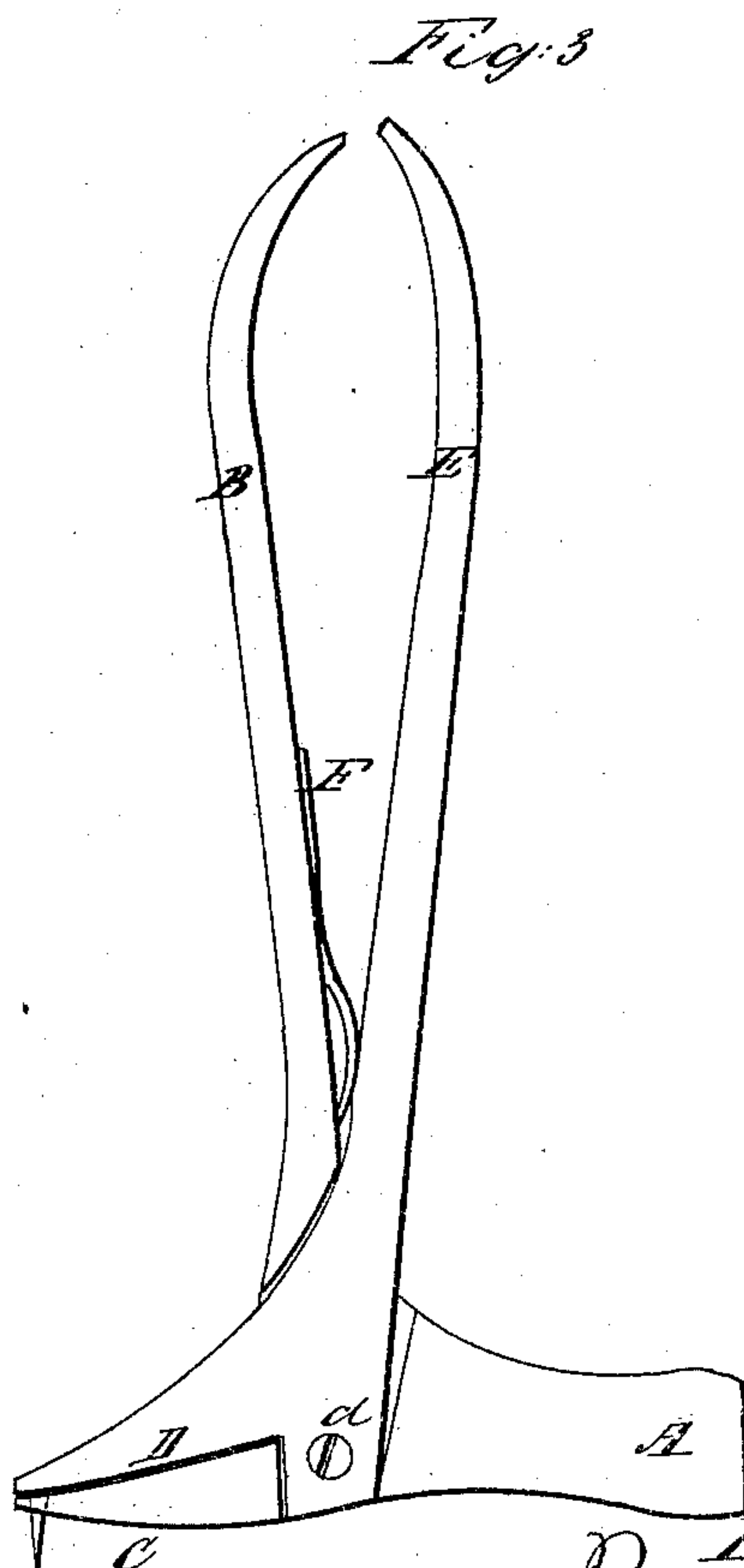
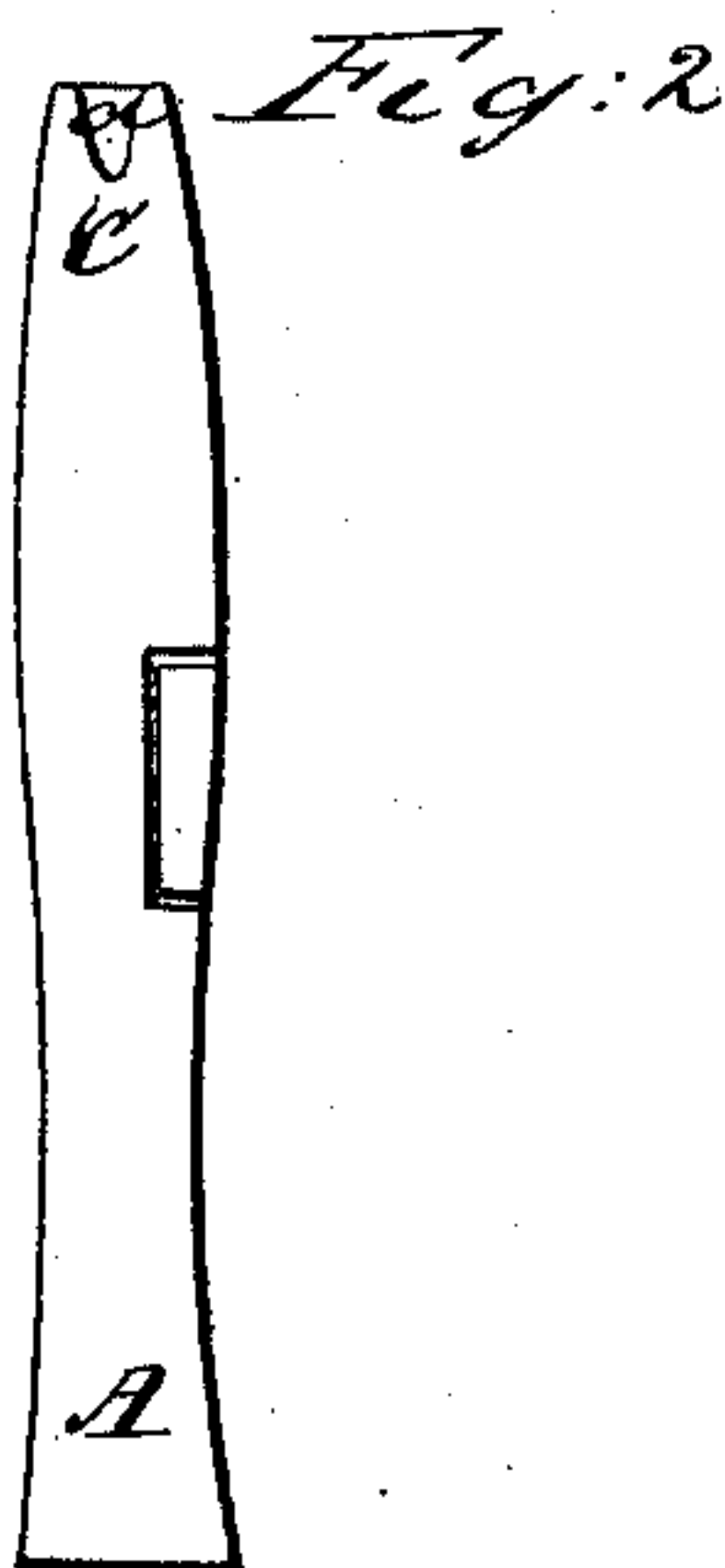
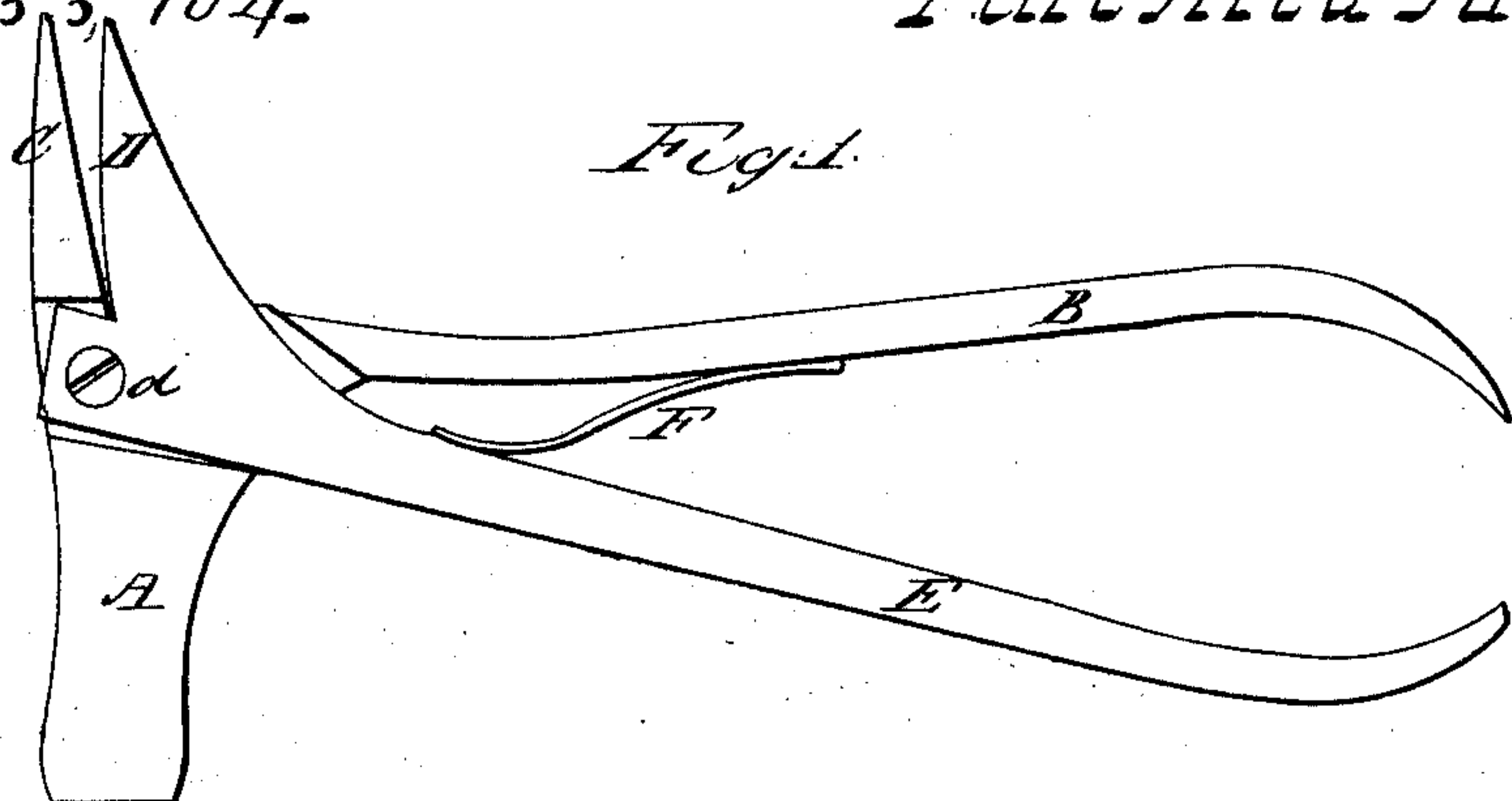


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## IMPROVED TACK-HAMMER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALVIN POND, of Southington, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Tack-Hammers; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a side view; Fig. 2, an end view; and in Fig. 3, the hammer as in the act of sticking a tack.

My invention relates to an improvement in hammers, whereby a tack may be set and driven, avoiding the necessity of setting the tacks with the fingers previous to driving; and to enable others to construct and use my hammer, I will proceed to describe the same as illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

A is the hammer, having one part, B, of the handle formed thereon, and a jaw, C, formed with a claw or notch, *a*. (See Fig. 2.) D is a jaw corresponding to the jaw C, pivoted to the hammer at *d*, and having the part E of the handle formed thereon. A spring, F, between the two handles serves to hold open the two jaws C and D. This completes the construction of my hammer.

Its operation is as follows: The tack to be driven is placed in the notch *a*, the head held between the two jaws, as seen in Fig. 3. Thus held, by resting the head of the hammer on the floor the tack may be pressed in close up to the wall, and then the jaws removed from the tack. It may be driven by a blow from the head A in the usual manner. Thus it will be seen that a tack may be set and driven where it would be next to impossible to do so with a common hammer; and though designed particularly for a carpet-hammer, yet it may with equal facility be used for other purposes.

The notched end of the jaw C may be used for drawing tacks, or a claw may be formed upon the end of one of the handles.

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

The hammer herein described, consisting of the head A, constructed with a notched jaw, C, and having a corresponding jaw, D, attached thereto, provided with their respective handles and constructed to operate substantially in the manner herein set forth.

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