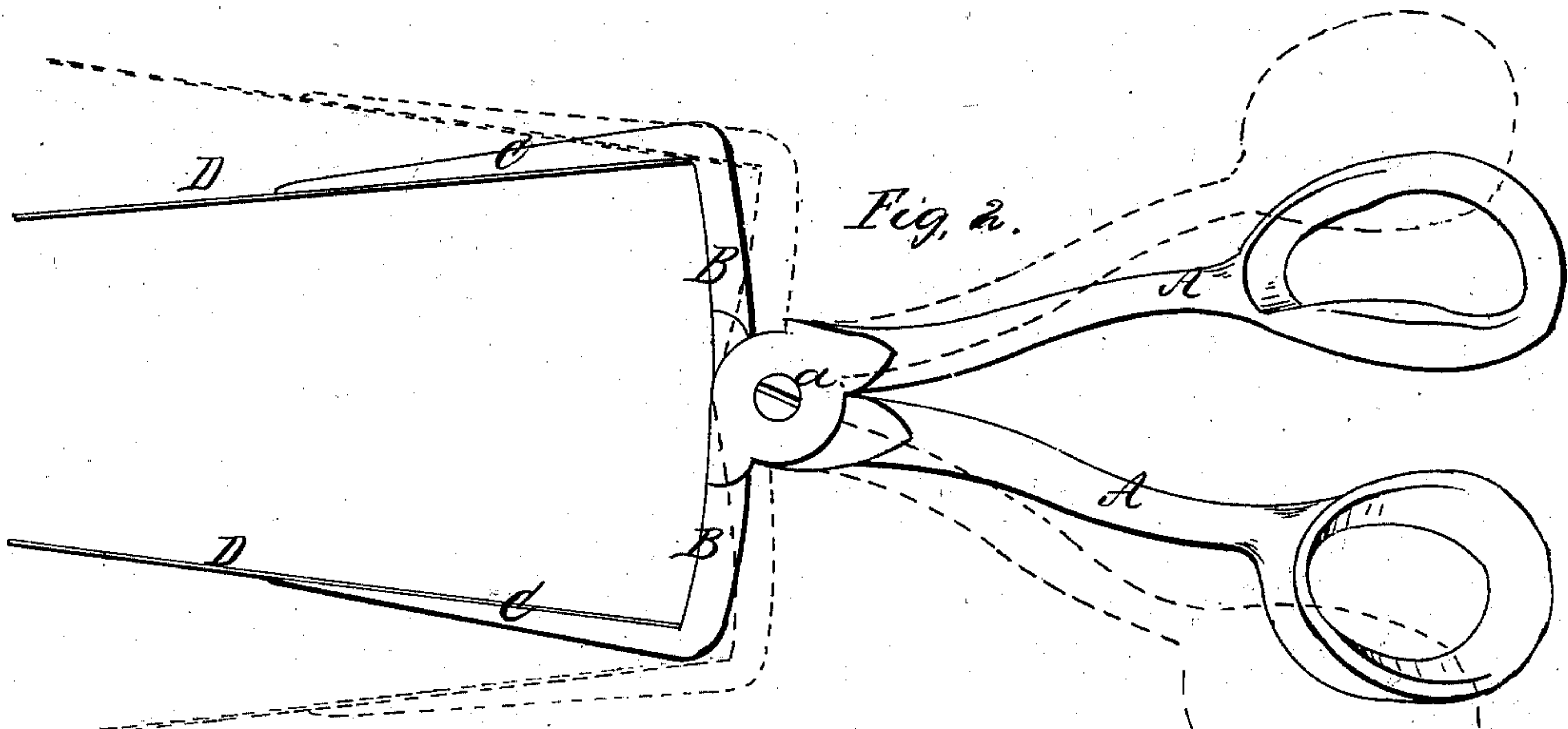
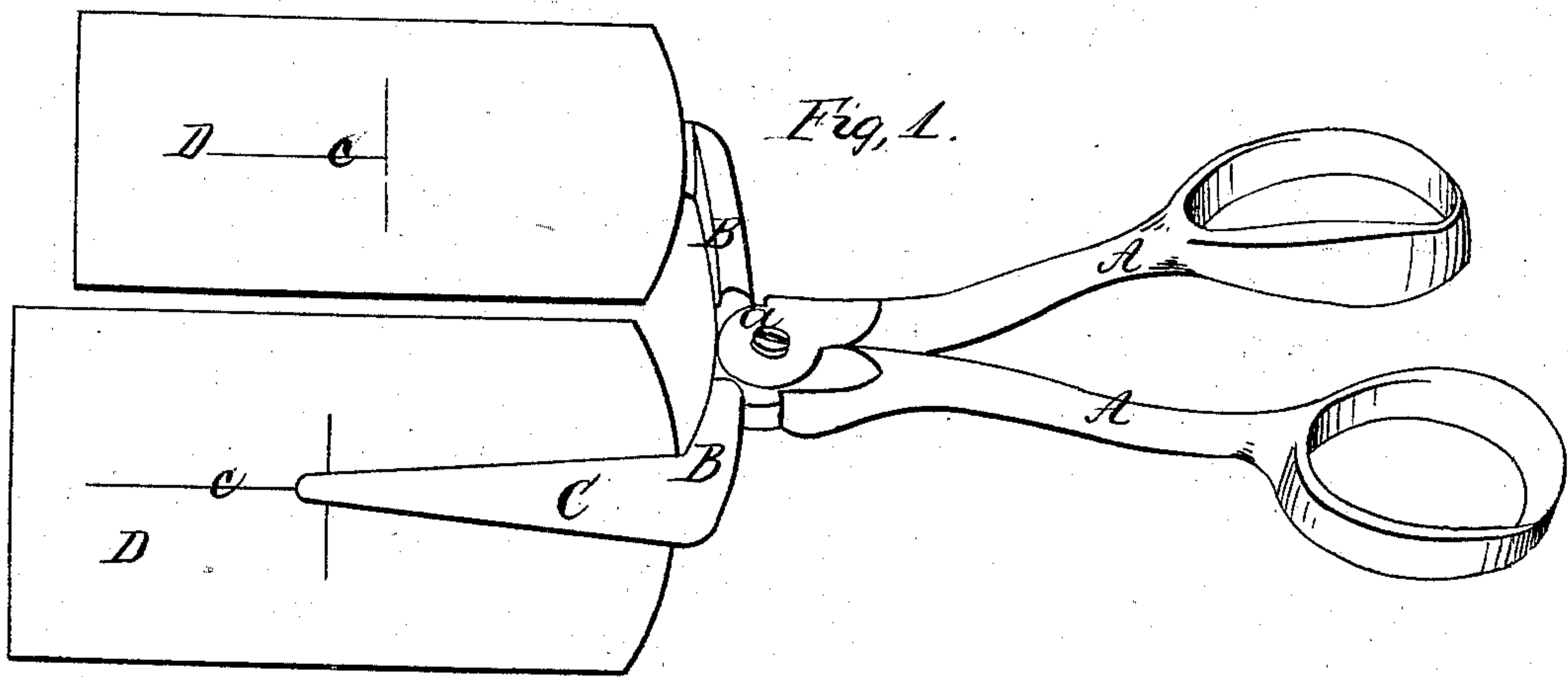


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IMPROVED BUTTER-TONGS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, J. S. CLARK, of Auburn, in the county of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Butter-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 drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved butter-tongs, and Fig. 2 represents an edge view of the pads, which are shown in two different positions, one in black and the other in red lines.

To enable those skilled in the art to which my invention belongs to make and use the same, I will proceed to describe it.

In the drawings, A A represent the handles, which resemble the corresponding parts of a common pair of shears. The parts A A are pivoted together at *a*. Their lower ends then turn at nearly right angles, as seen at B B, and extend a short distance, when they turn again, as seen at C C. The inside of the parts marked B and C are flattened to receive the thin metal plates or pads D D, which are fastened to the inside of the pointed ends C, which incline in a little when the handles A are closed, as shown in black lines in the drawings.

The pads or plates D are struck up, as seen at *c*, which causes slight projections upon the inside of the plates or pads, which are forced into the lumps of butter when the tongs are used, thus enabling the butter to be lifted from

one place to another without injury or liability to slip. The projections shown in the drawings are in the form of a cross; but any other design may be used.

The appearance of the butter after it has been handled with the tongs is the same as before, with the exception of an additional impression upon the sides. These pads or plates D can be easily inserted between the different lumps of butter, so that any particular lump can be removed from a lot, and that, too, without injury to its appearance. The points of the pads or plates D might be made to curve in a little for the purpose of holding the butter from slipping; but I prefer to use projections, as above set forth.

With these tongs butter can be easily and quickly handled, even in very warm weather, a convenience which is of much importance to those dealing in butter.

Having described my improved butter-tongs, what I claim therein as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination of the parts marked A, B, C, and D, constructed and arranged in relation to each other substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

2. In combination with the plates or pads D of the butter-tongs, as described, the indentations or ridges *c*, formed in or upon said plates, as and for the purposes set forth.

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