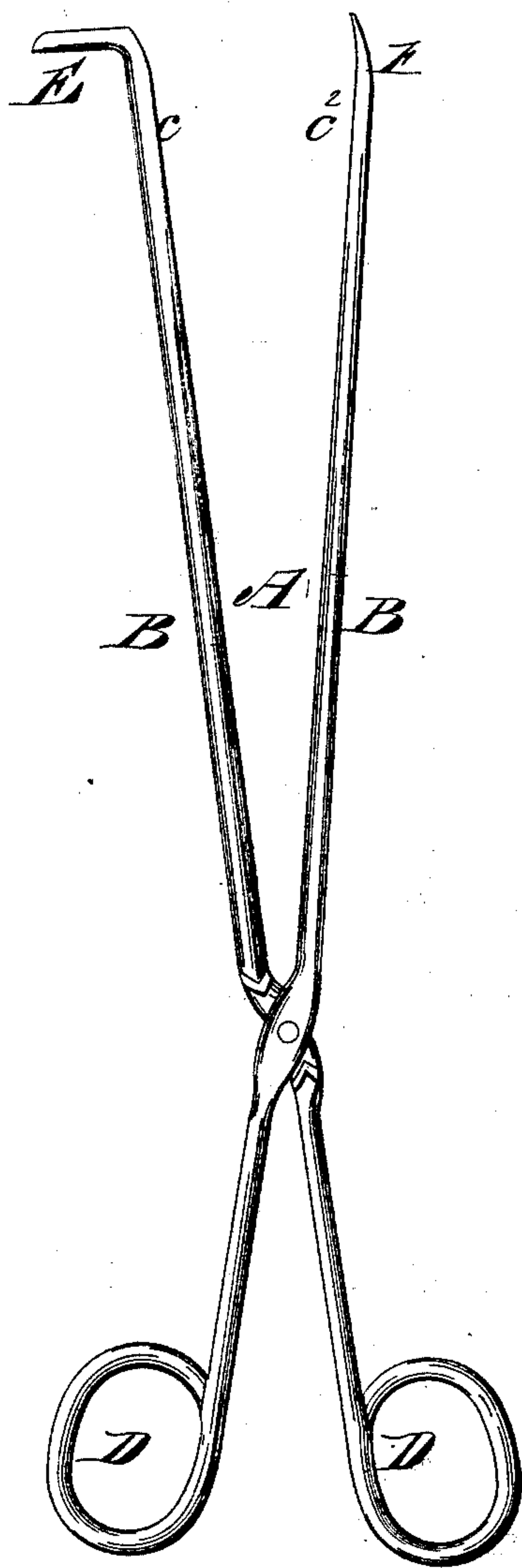


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Combined Fire Tongs, Poker, and Cover Lifter.

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COMBINED TONGS AND POKER.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 57,431, dated August 21, 1866.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SILAS D. YERKES, of Downingtown, Chester county, State of Pennsylvania, have invented an Improved and Combined Fire or Cinder Tongs, Poker, and Stove or Range Cover Lifter; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification.

The present invention relates to a novel construction and formation of a pair of fire or cinder tongs, whereby it can be not only used for the same purpose as the ordinary tongs, but as a poker or implement for raking a fire in a grate, stove, furnace, or other heating apparatus, and also for lifting the covers from the top of a stove, range, &c., as will be obvious from the following detail description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying plate of drawings, in which the figure represents a side view of the combined tongs, poker, and stove or range cover lifter.

A in the drawing represents a pair of tongs, the two arms B B of which, in lieu of being pivoted together at or near the ends of its jaws C C², as heretofore, are swiveled in a manner similar to a pair of scissors or shears, and have eyes D D to receive the fingers or thumb of the hands, for convenience in using them with one hand only.

One jaw, C, is bent over and outward at its end at a right angle to the length of its arm, so as to form a poker suitable for the rak-

ing down of a fire within a stove, range, furnace, or other apparatus in which coal is burned, while the other jaw, C², is flattened and slightly bent or curved at its end F to form an end suitable for being used for the purpose of the ordinary cover-lifters for stoves, ranges, &c., the two jaws being so flattened or otherwise suitably formed upon their sides that when the jaws are brought together and are in contact it will enable them to serve as "fire" or "cinder" tongs, so called.

Although I have described two articles—as, for instance, a poker and cover-lifter—as combined with a pair of tongs, it is obvious that either may be dispensed with, whether the poker or cover-lifter, and the other only combined with the tongs, the operation and use of both articles being independent of each other, and therefore I do not intend to limit myself to the three as combined together in one and the same implement.

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A combined fire or cinder tongs, poker, and stove or range cover lifter, substantially as herein described.

2. A combined cinder or fire tongs and poker, substantially as described.

3. A combined cinder or fire tongs and stove or range cover lifter, substantially as described.

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