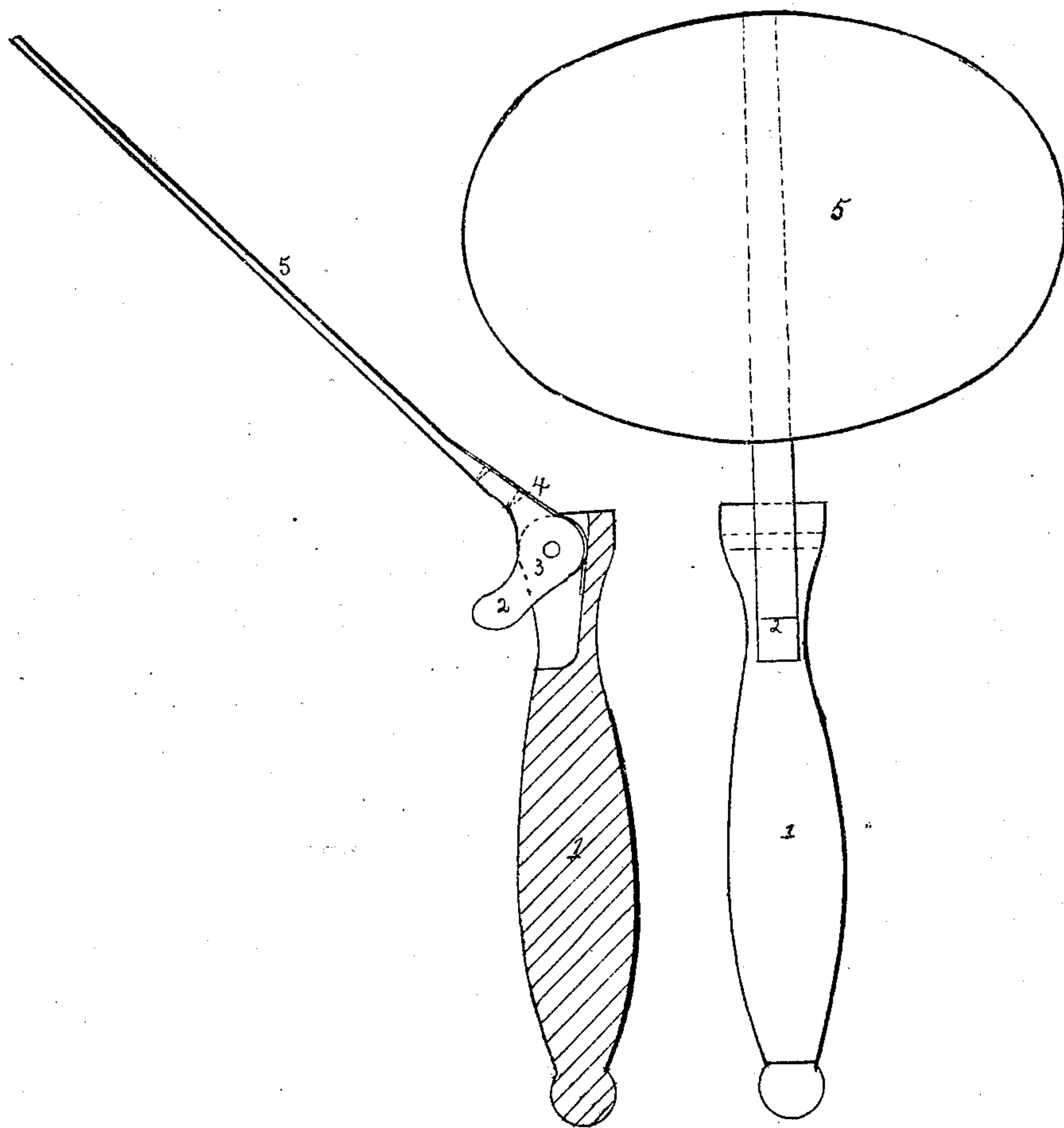


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IMPROVEMENT IN LADIES' FANS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BILLY TODD, of the city of Reading, in the county of Berks and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and Improved Lady's Fan; and I do hereby certify that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents the handle; Fig. 2, thumb-piece; Fig. 3, pivot; Fig. 4, spring; Fig. 5, attachment.

The nature of my invention consists in connecting the fan to its handle by a spring joint or hinge, whereby a ready and easy mode of propulsion is obtained.

In the drawings the parts marked 1, 2, 3, and 5 may be made of wood or any other suitable material. 4 may be made of gum or any other elastic substance which will answer the purpose.

On the lower end of the fan a projection an

inch long is attached, which is called a "thumb-piece" or "trigger," and by placing the thumb on the trigger a little more than the weight of the thumb will bring the fan up with sufficient force. When you hold the fan in your lap or before you an easy movement of the thumb repeated will keep the fan in motion any length of time required without any other exertion.

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

A fan consisting of the handle 1, body 5, and spring-joint 2, 3, and 4, constructed and adapted for operation substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand to the above specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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