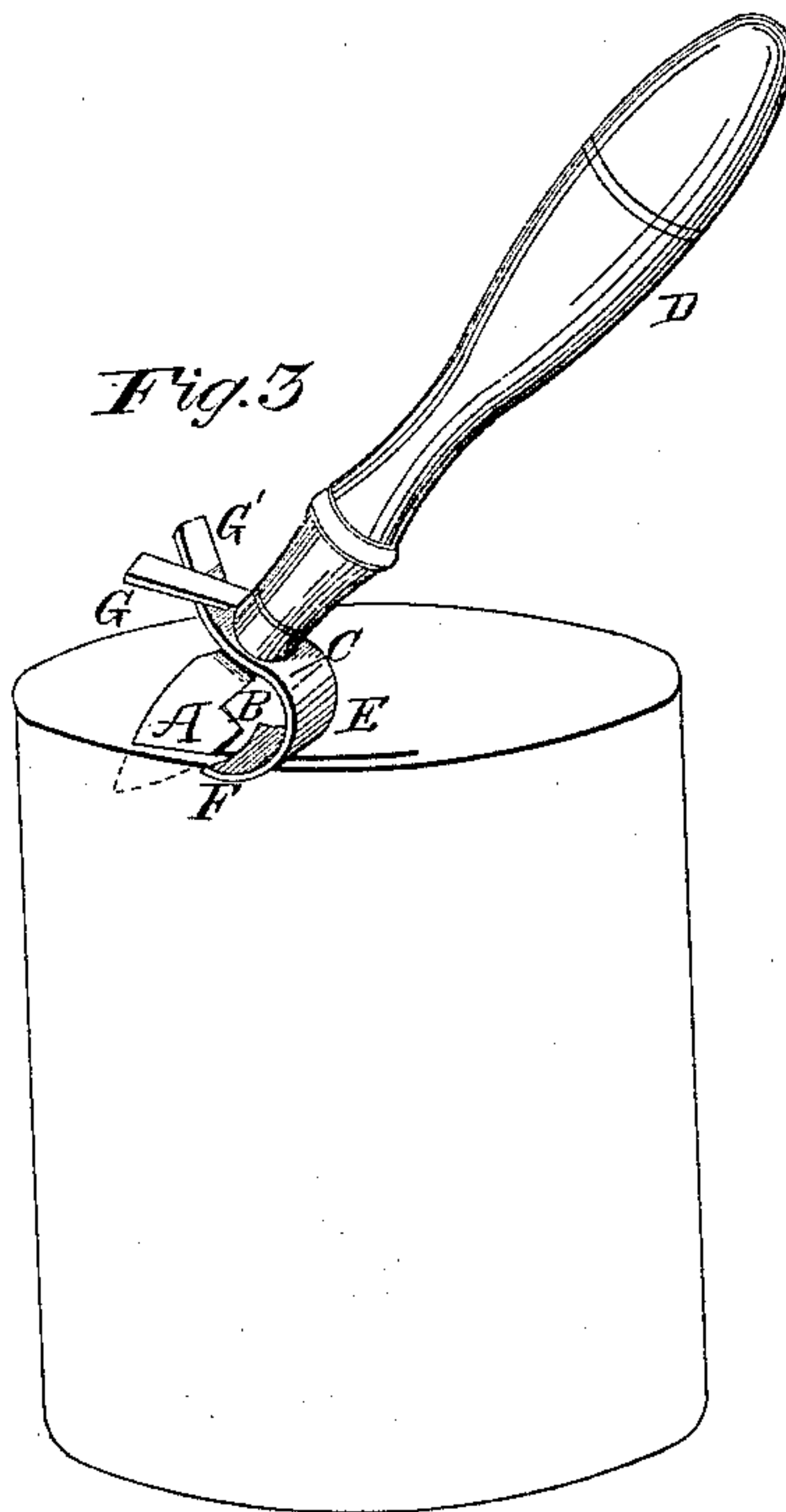
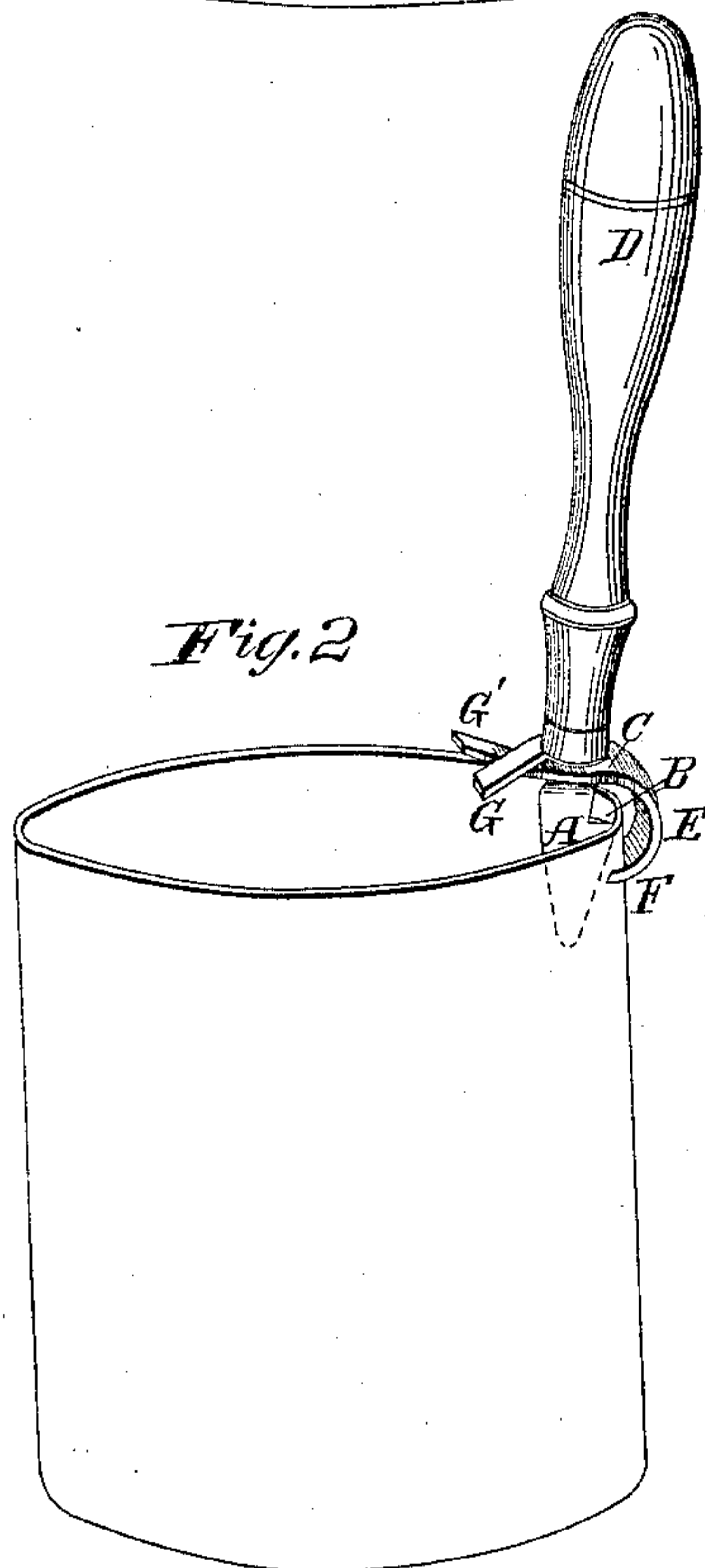
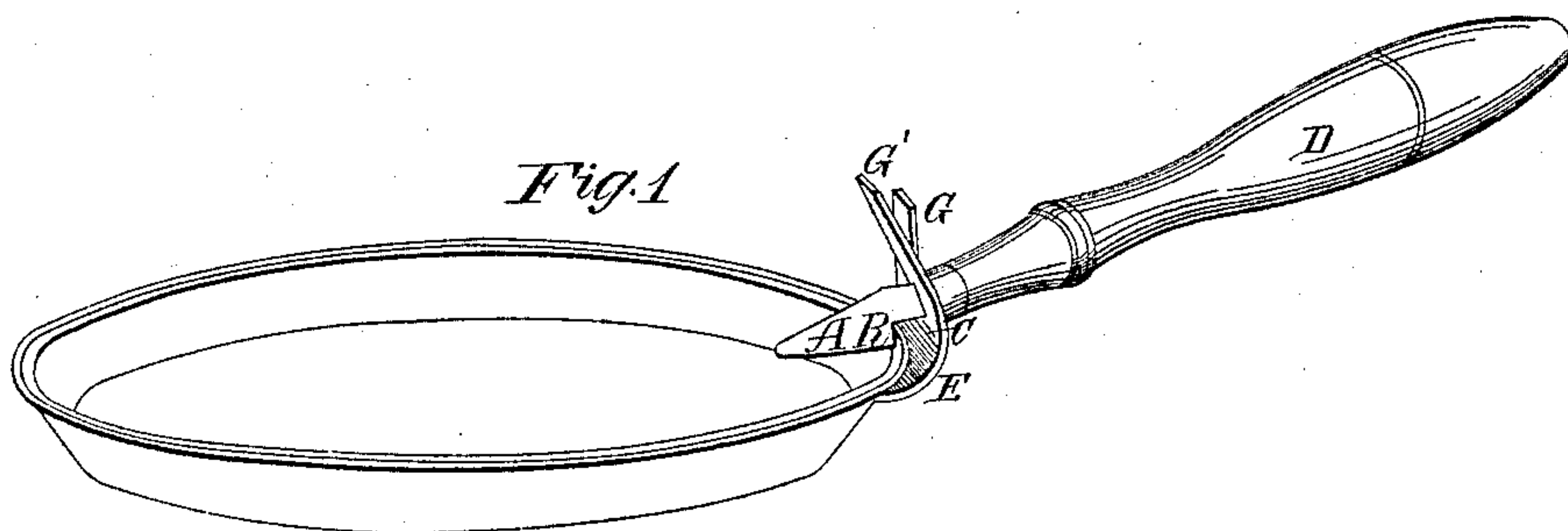


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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM C. MCGILL, of Cincinnati, Hamilton county, Ohio, have invented a new and useful Household Implement; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification.

My invention relates to an instrument adapted for the several uses of opening and lifting cans and other vessels, and which in its most complete form can also be used for sharpening knives.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the implement as employed for lifting a pan or plate.

Figure 2 shows the same as employed for lifting a can.

Figure 3 shows the application of the implement as a can-opener.

A is a lance-formed knife or blade, having a jag or barb, B, crossed by a hilt, C, and mounted in a handle, D. One end of the hilt C is curved forward and upward so as to form a rolling fulcrum, E, and jaw F, and its other end is formed into two plates or prongs, G G', of steel, which, being crossed in the manner shown, form a convenient knife-sharpener. When the instrument is employed to lift a pie-pan, as shown in fig. 1, the blade A cuts its way downward through the crust without bruising the same, and the portion F, pressing against the under side, serves, in conjunction with the barb B, to firmly gripe the pan. For lifting a can or bucket the instrument is placed point downward, so as for the barb B and jaw F to gripe the rim of the vessel, as seen in fig. 2. In the operation of can-opening the point of the knife is forcibly entered, and the handle being then depressed, the portion F discharges the function of a rolling fulcrum, enabling a depression of the handle to rip up the can, as shown in fig. 3. The end G G' of the hilt may be used as the fulcrum when desired, and may be forked in the manner represented to form a knife-sharpener, or be left plain.

I claim herein as new, and of my invention—

1. The curved cross-plate or hilt E, in combination with the knife A and handle D, made and constructed substantially as and for the purpose of a can-opener and plate or pan-lifter, as herein set forth.

2. The crossed steel plates G G', in combination with knife A, hilt E, and handle D, the whole forming a combined can-opener, plate-lifter, and knife-sharpener, as herein stated.

In testimony of which invention I hereunto set my hand.

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