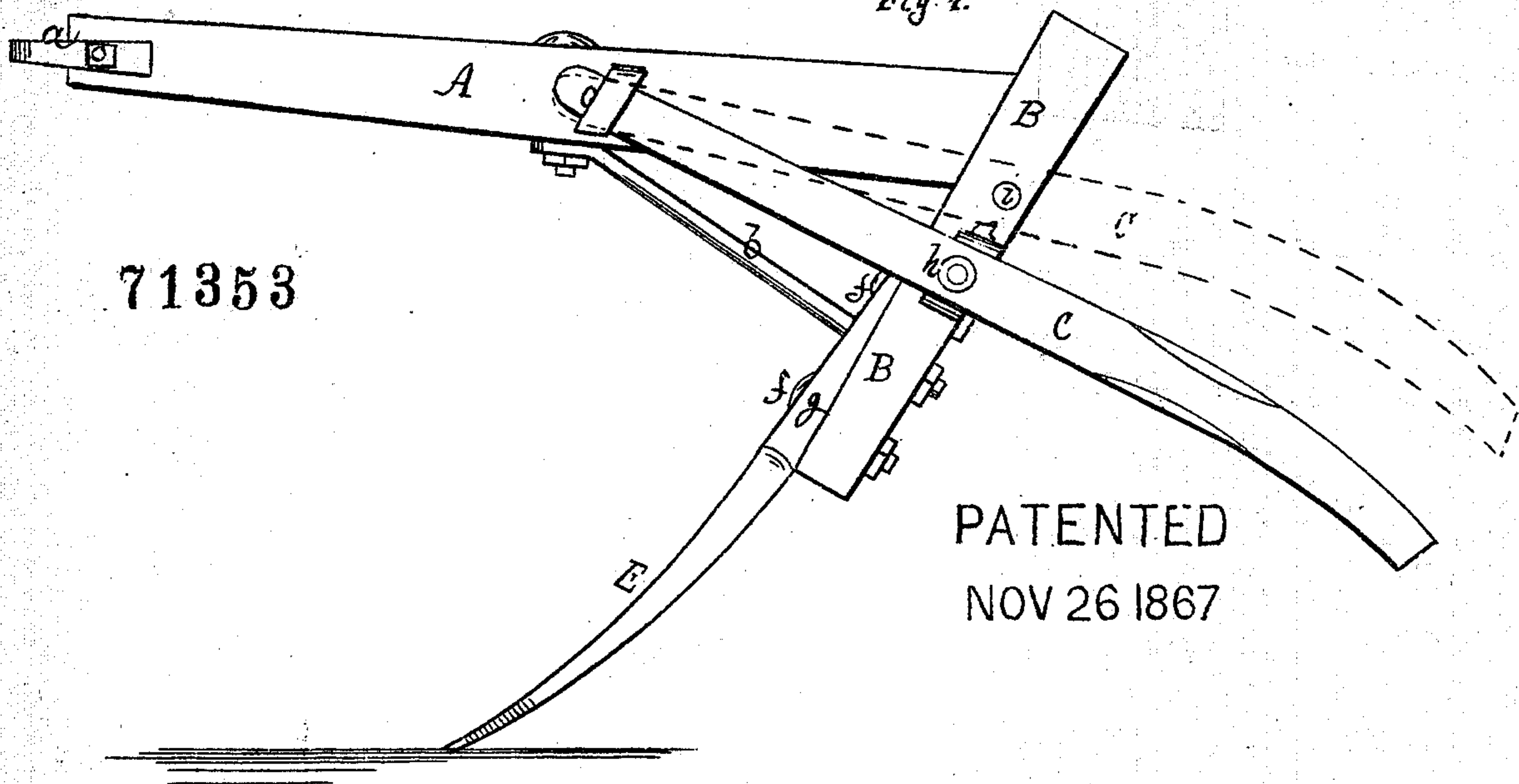


# Peter Yengst's Imp<sup>d</sup> Manure Fork.

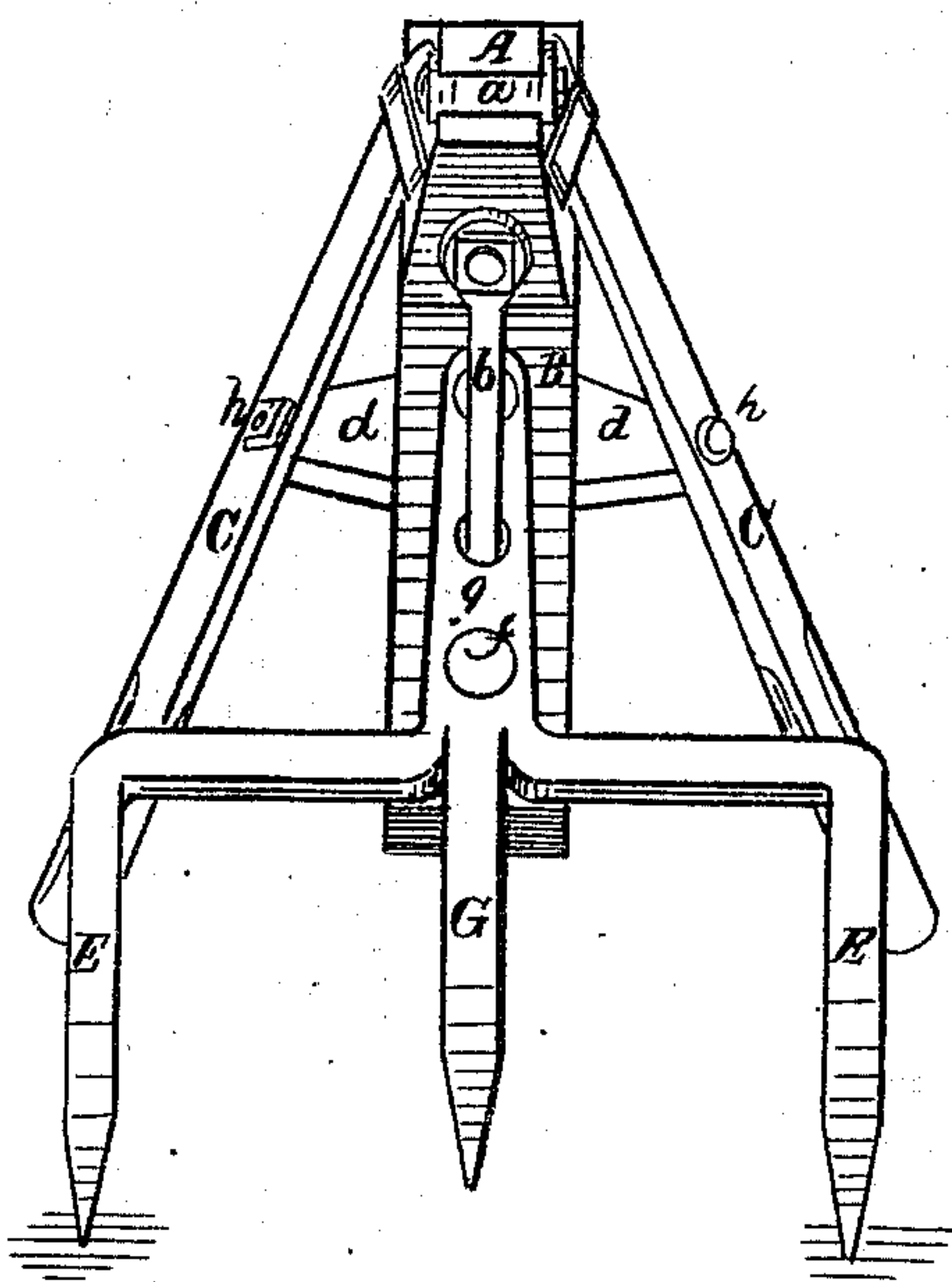
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## IMPROVEMENT IN MANURE-FORK.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

### TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, PETER YENGST, of Union Deposit, in the county of Dauphin, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and improved Manure-Fork; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification—

Figure 1 being a side view of the fork,

Figure 2 a front view of the same.

Like letters designate corresponding parts in all of the figures.

The instrument is composed of a shaft or beam, A, cross-head or standard B, handles C C, and the fork having two outer prongs E E, and middle prong or prongs G, as the essential or principal parts. At the upper or forward end of the shaft or beam is a ring or clevis, a, for lifting or drawing by. The shaft or beam is braced to the cross-head or standard B by a rod, b. The fork is secured to the cross-head or standard by bolts f f, passed through the shank g of the fork. The handles C C are secured to the shaft or beam by loops or stirrups c c, and to the cross-head or standard by a bolt, h, there being blocks d d between them, to keep the handles sufficiently separated. The handles C C are adjusted to different angles, in relation to the shaft or beam, by means of a set of holes, i i, in the cross-head or standard, through any one of which the bolt h may be passed. The middle prong (or prongs) G is made somewhat shorter than the outer prongs E E, so that it may not be so liable to catch into the ground or against any obstruction. The outer prongs are readily seen, and can be guided by the handles. A horse or team drawing upon the shaft or beam A, will fill the fork with manure, and hoist it by a rope to any position for emptying into a cart or other receptacle. The movements of the implement are guided by the handles, both for filling the fork and for emptying it. Their proper position is determined by adjusting to different holes i i to suit the person or place.

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

The improved manure-fork constructed and arranged with the handles C C, adjustable by the blocks d d down and up on the standard B, and with the middle prong G shorter than the outer prongs E E, substantially as and for the purpose herein specified.

The above specification of my improved manure-fork signed by me, this 10th day of April, 1867.

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