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Nail Drawer & Hatchet combined

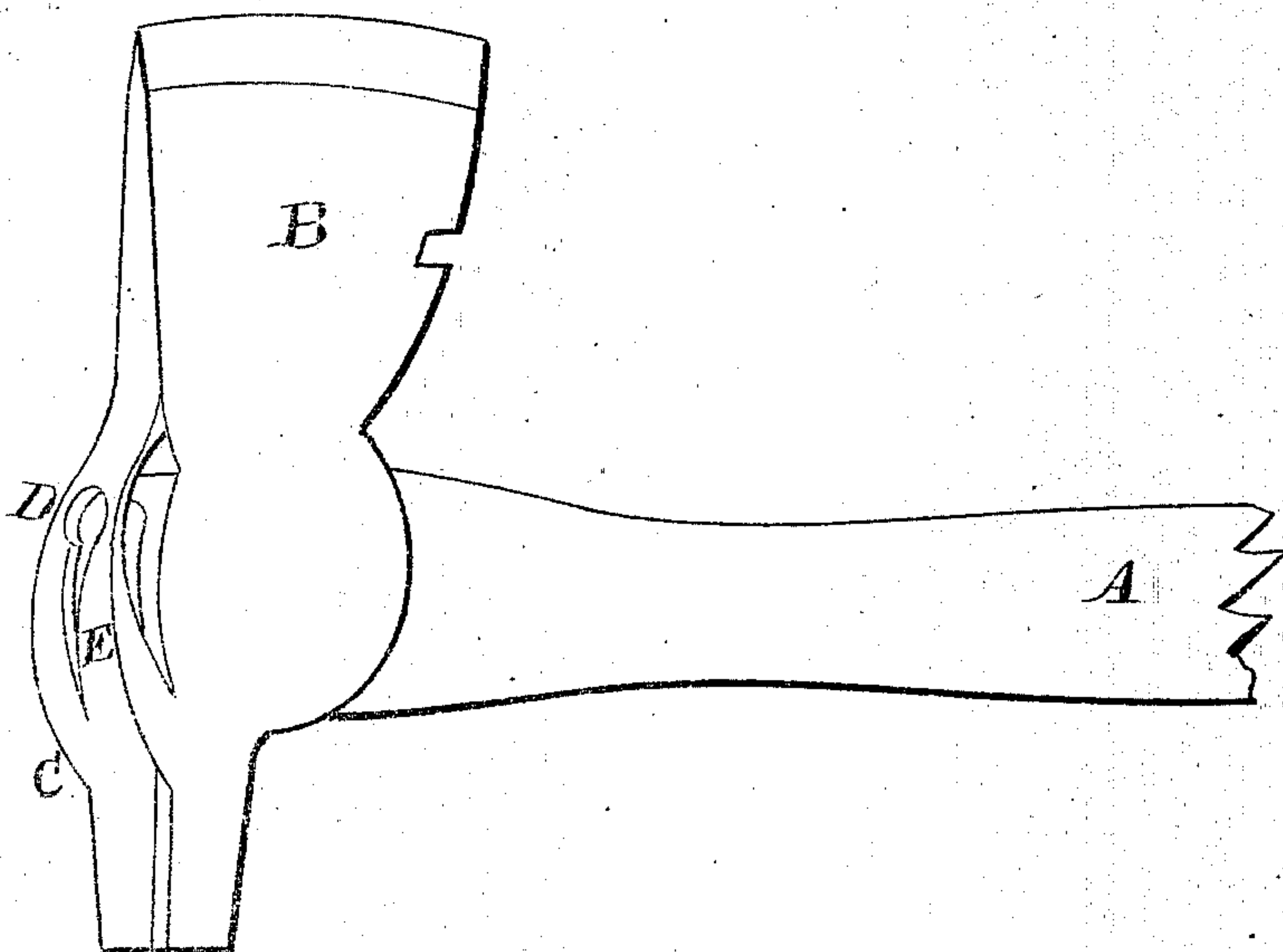
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*Letters Patent No. 71,416, dated November 26, 1867.*

## IMPROVEMENT IN CARPENTERS' HATCHETS.

*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, JOHN T. SHANK, of Martinsburg, Berkeley county, State of Virginia, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Nail-Drawer and Hatchet combined; and I do hereby declare the following to be an exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction of the nail-drawer at the top of the hatchet convex, and having the slot for receiving the head of the nail.

A represents the handle of the hatchet; B, the hatchet; C is the nail-drawer at the top of the hatchet, convex along the top of the hatchet, and lengthwise, and solid with the hatchet, with an aperture, D, to receive the head of a nail, and a slot, E, tapering on the arch of the nail-drawer, from the round aperture D to a point, so that when the head of a nail is passed through the aperture D, the drawer is slipped upon the nail until the nail is held securely by the slot, and by pressing the handle A downward, the nail is quickly and easily withdrawn.

I do not claim a pointed claw at the top of the hatchet; but,

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

The construction of the arched nail-drawer C, with its slot E, at the top of the hatchet B, as herein described, and for the purposes set forth.

JOHN T. SHANK.

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