

W. Blay,
Pick Handle,
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Fig. 1.

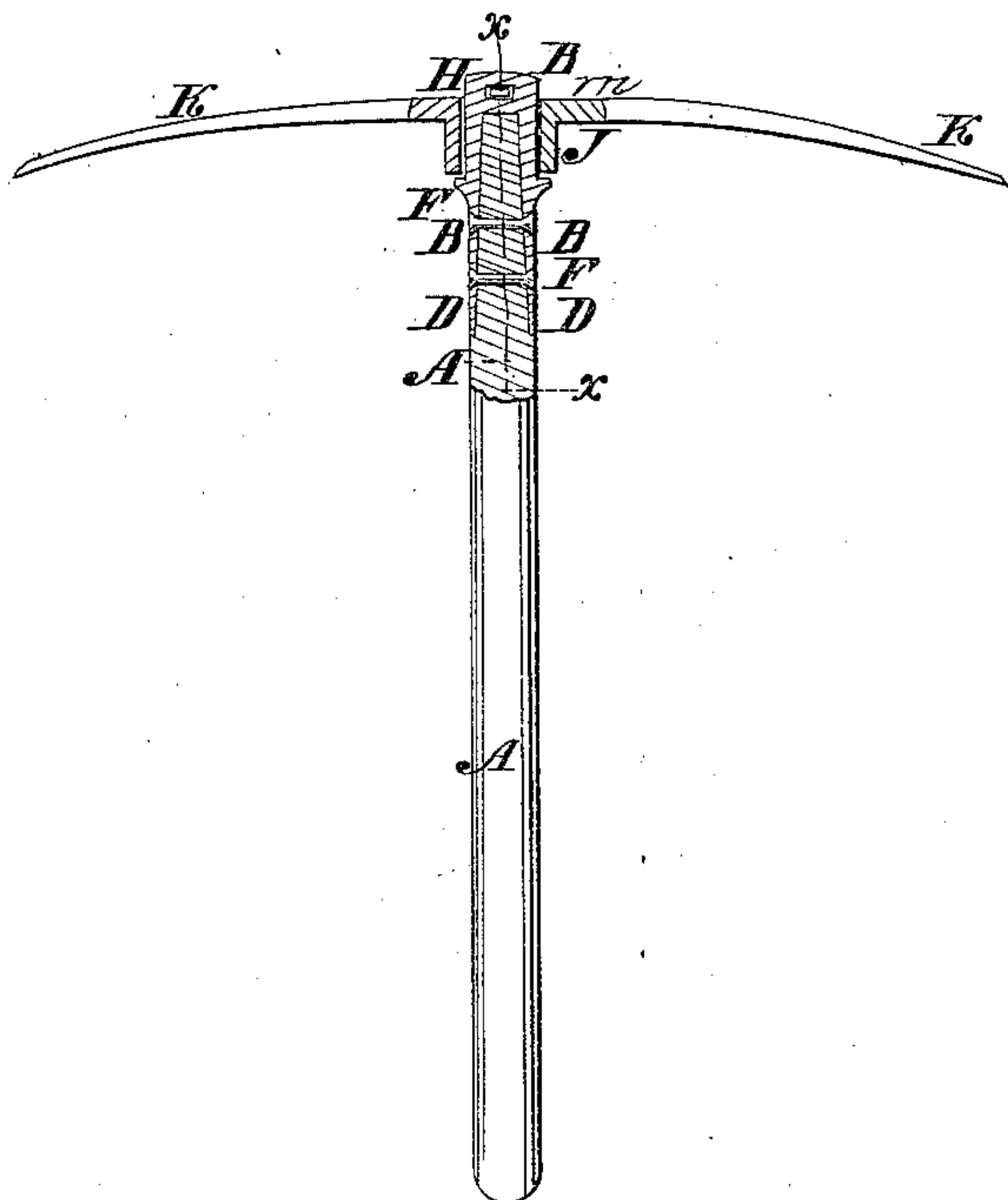
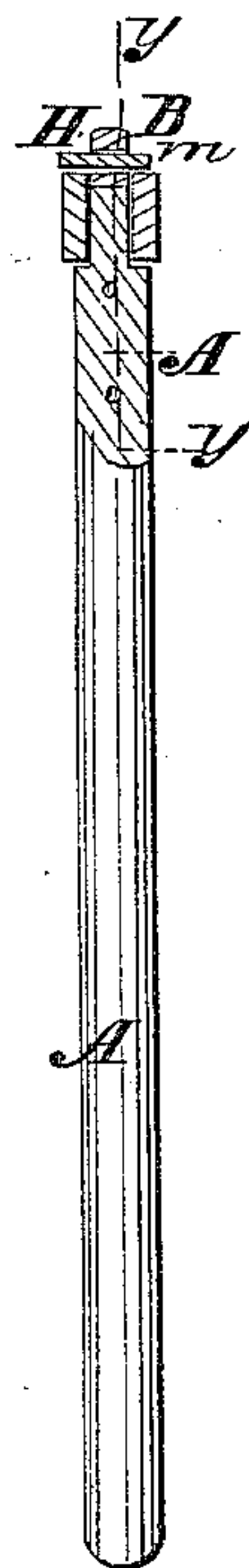


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN PICK-HANDLES.

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, WILLIAM BLAY, of Helena, in the Territory of Montana, have invented a new and improved Mode of Attaching and Securing Handles to Pick-Heads; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my invention consists in providing the pick-head and handle with a metallic strap, so that it will be firm and strong while in use, or easily detached for the purpose of sharpening or resteeing; also, for changing, so that many pick-heads may be used from time to time with a single handle.

A, handle, composed of wood.

B, strap, composed of one piece of metal, passing across the end of handle A, and down the sides to point D, being far enough to permit the securing of strap and handle firmly together by rivets F.

C C, shoulders to strap, on which the under part of the eye of the pick-head rests, as shown at J.

H, hole through the upper end of strap, through which key M is passed, to firmly secure said pick-head to strap when in use.

K, pick-head.

M, key.

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

The metallic strap B, constructed and applied to the pick-handle, as shown, and adapted to be pressed through the eye of the pick, and secured therein by means of a key, *m*, as described and represented.

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