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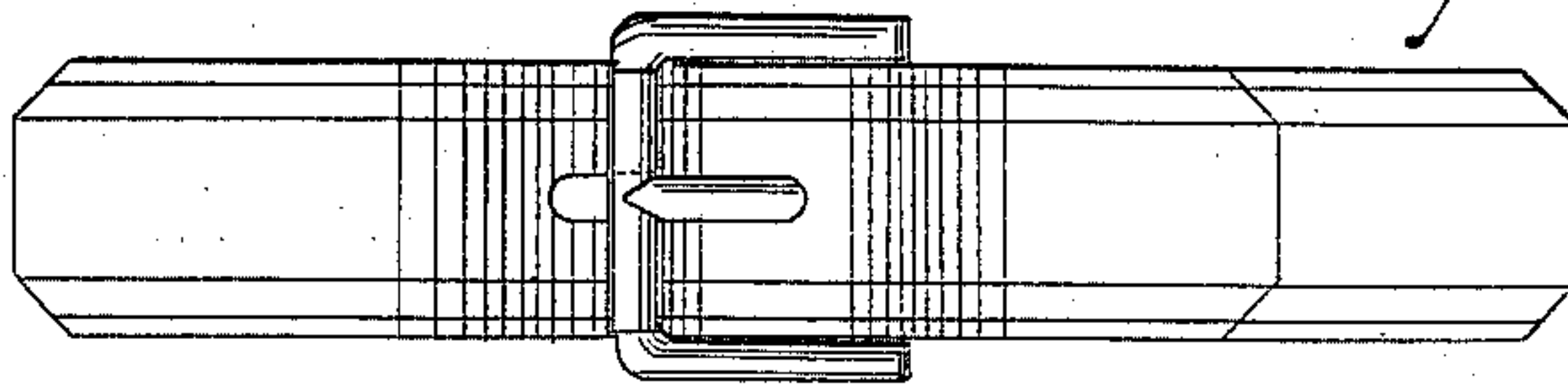
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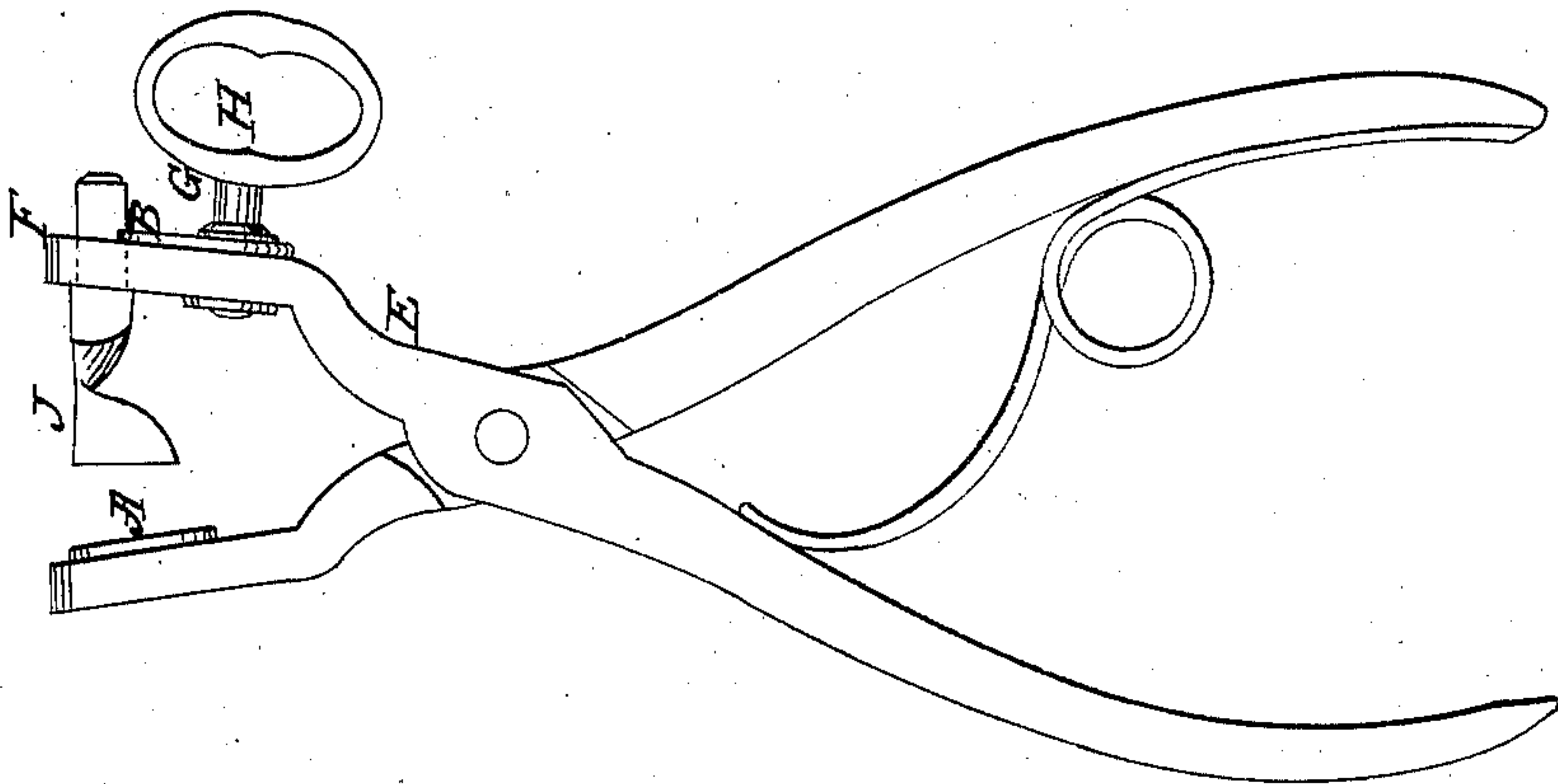
*Fig 3.*



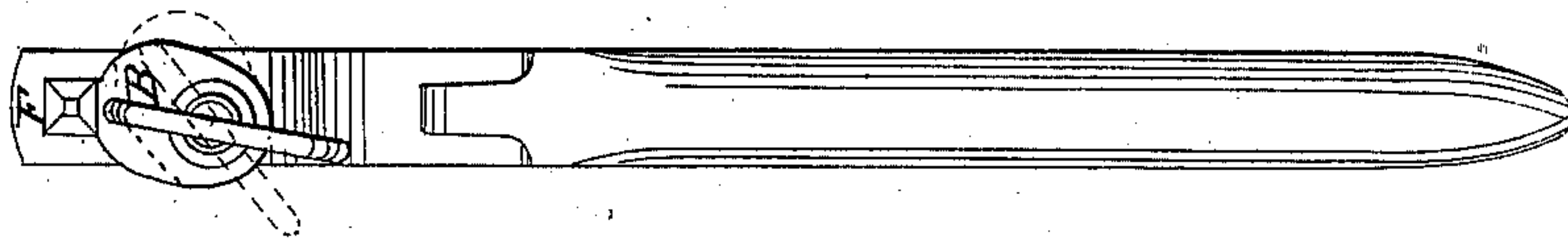
*Fig 4.*



*Fig 1.*



*Fig 2.*



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## IMPROVED TOOL FOR CUTTING HOLES IN CLOTH OR LEATHER FOR BUCKLE-TONGUES.

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

Be it known that I, ALMA BEDFORD, of the city of Coldwater, county of Branch, and State of Michigan, have invented a Tool for Cutting Holes in Leather, to Receive Buckle-Tongues, and composed of a knife and lock, attached to a punch or spring hand-punch; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawing, making part of this specification—

Figure 1 being a perspective view.

Figure 2 being a view of the upper side, with a lock and knife attached, of a spring hand-punch.

Figure 3 being a view of the knife.

Figure 4, a view of a strap ready for stitching, the tool having been used thereon.

Figure 5, a view of the lock.

In constructing my tool for cutting oblong holes in leather or cloth, for receiving the tongues of buckles, I make an instrument, D, in the form of a common spring hand-punch, as shown in fig. 1. The upper short arm E, I provide with a hole, F, and also with a locking-device, G, as shown in figs. 1, 2, and 5, having a shank, C, for pivoting it to the arm E, so as to allow it to be turned, a handle, H, for turning it, and a plate, B, for locking into the shank of the cutting-tool. My cutting-tool J, I construct as clearly shown in fig. 3, and insert it in the hole F, and lock it in place with the plate I, as shown in fig. 1.

In the lower short arm, K, I make a mortise, in which I insert a soft metal or wooden piece, A, for the cutting-tool J to strike against, as shown in fig. 1.

It is obvious that tools of different sizes may be used for cutting different-sized holes. The movement of the locking-device is clearly shown in fig. 1.

In operating my implement, I first insert the sized tool desired to be used, then bend the cloth or leather strap that is to be cut, and place the fold on the block A, when, by pressing the handles together, an oblong hole will be made, through which the tongue of the buckle can be passed, as shown clearly in fig. 4.

In this way, I am able to make a cheap, convenient, and suitable tool for cutting oblong holes in leather or cloth, to receive buckle-tongues.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, is—

A tool for cutting holes in leather or cloth, to receive buckle-tongues, consisting of the cutting-tool J and locking-device G, constructed and arranged to operate substantially as herein described.

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