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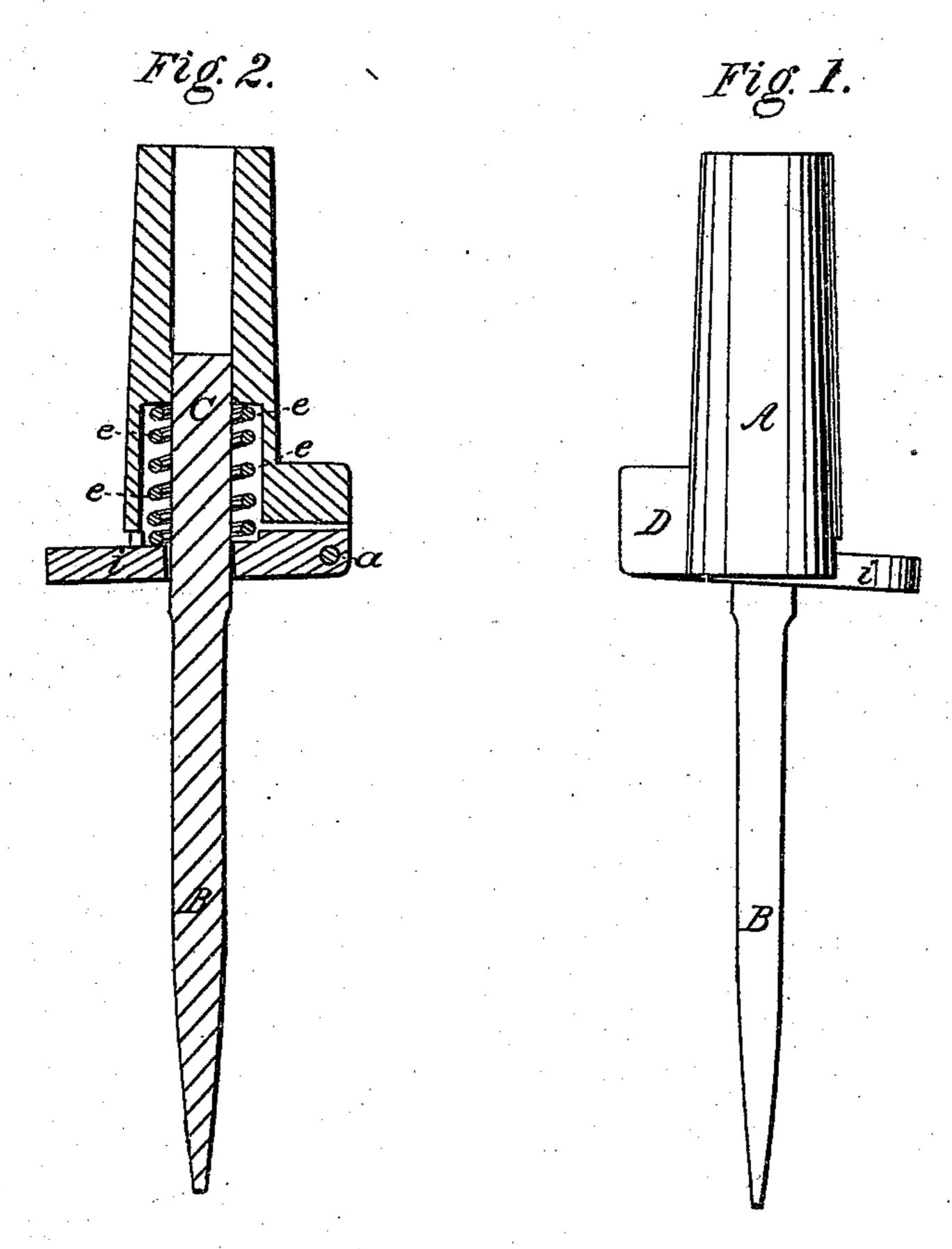
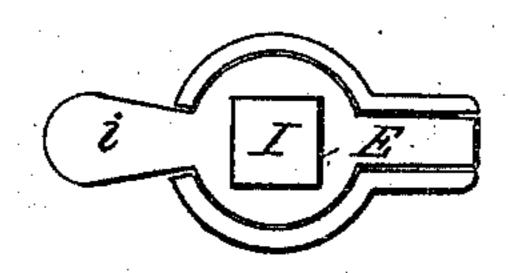


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Letters Patent No. 87,715, dated March 9, 1869.

IMPROVEMENT IN BIT-STOCK.

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 H. SIBLE, of Harrisburg, in the county of Dauphin, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Devices for Holding Bits and other tools, or like purposes; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a perspective view of my device.

Figure 2 is a longitudinal section of the same.

Figure 3 is an end view of the stock, or handle, showing the position and form of the gripe E.

My invention relates to handles for holding bits and

other tools; and

It consists in the combination of a coiled spring, adjusted in the handle itself, with a hinged clamp, so arranged that the clamp shall be pressed against the tool in its socket, and hold the same securely.

Letter A represents the stock, or handle of the tool-

holder.

Letter B is the shaft of the tool.

C, the shank of the same.

Letter D represents an ear or lug projecting from and forming part of the stock A, connected by pin a with gripe E.

Letters e represent a metallic coil-spring, adjusted within stock A, as shown in fig. 2 of the drawings.

Letter I represents a slot in gripe E, for the reception of the shank C.

Letter i represents a finger, a projection of gripe E.

My device is operated as follows:

When the operator desires to insert the shank C of any tool into the tool-holder, he grasps the stock A with his left hand, and with the thumb of the same hand presses upon finger i until the gripe E is forced to a horizontal position within the upper rim of the stock, which operation causes the under surface of the gripe to press upon the metal coil-spring e, forcing it downward. He then, with his right hand, inserts the shank of the tool he desires to use into slot I, and then removes his thumb from finger i, which operation relieves the spring e, and allows it to press upward against the gripe, thereby clamping the shank of the tool with sufficient power to hold it securely.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure

by Letters Patent, is—

The hinged gripe E, in combination with the spring e and socket A, constructed, arranged, and operating substantially as and for the purposes herein specified.

In testimony that I claim the above, I have hereunto subscribed my name, in the presence of two witnesses.

WILLIAM H. SIBLE.

Witnesses:

ROBT. SNODGRASS, J. F. CLARK.