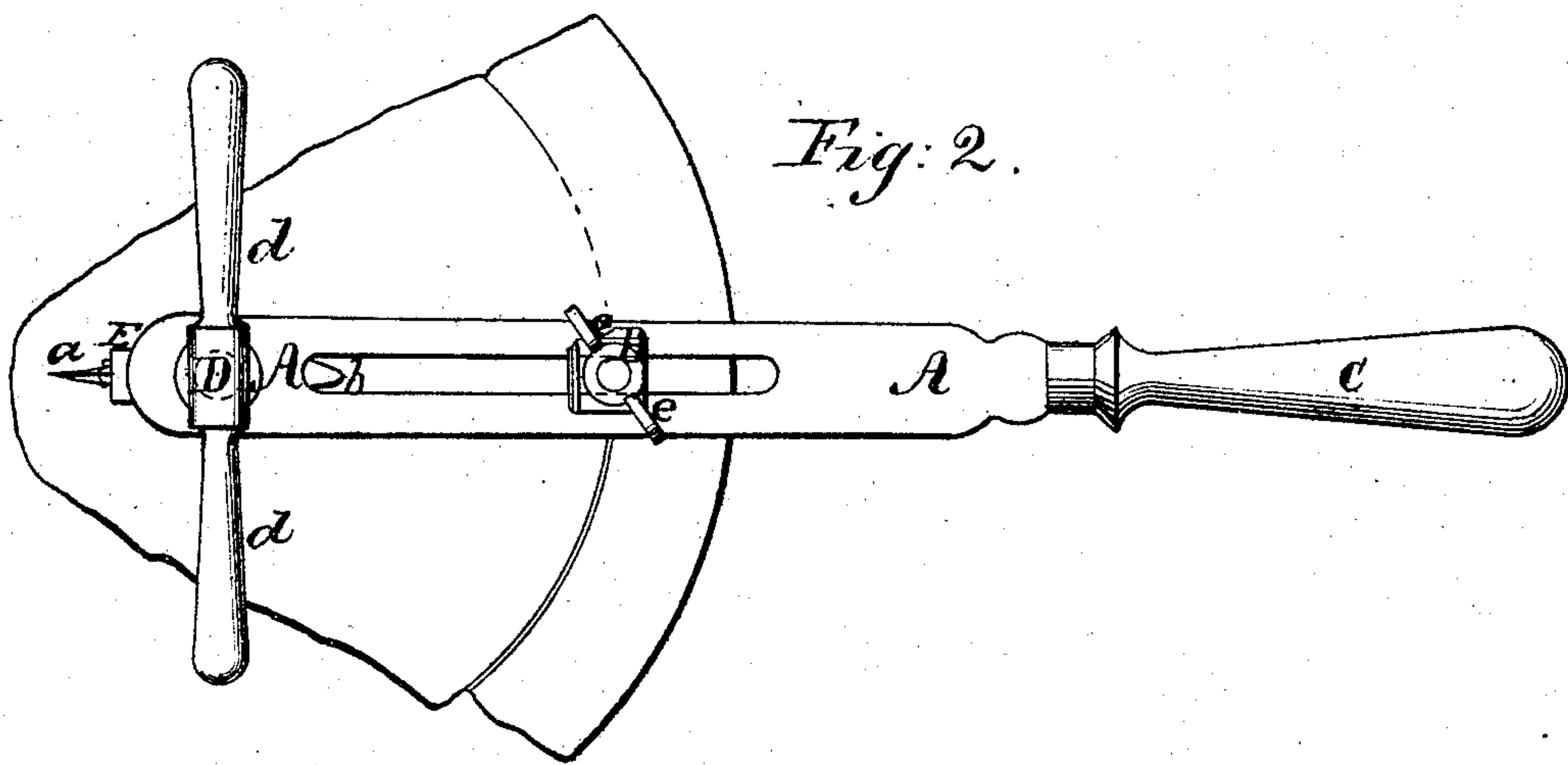
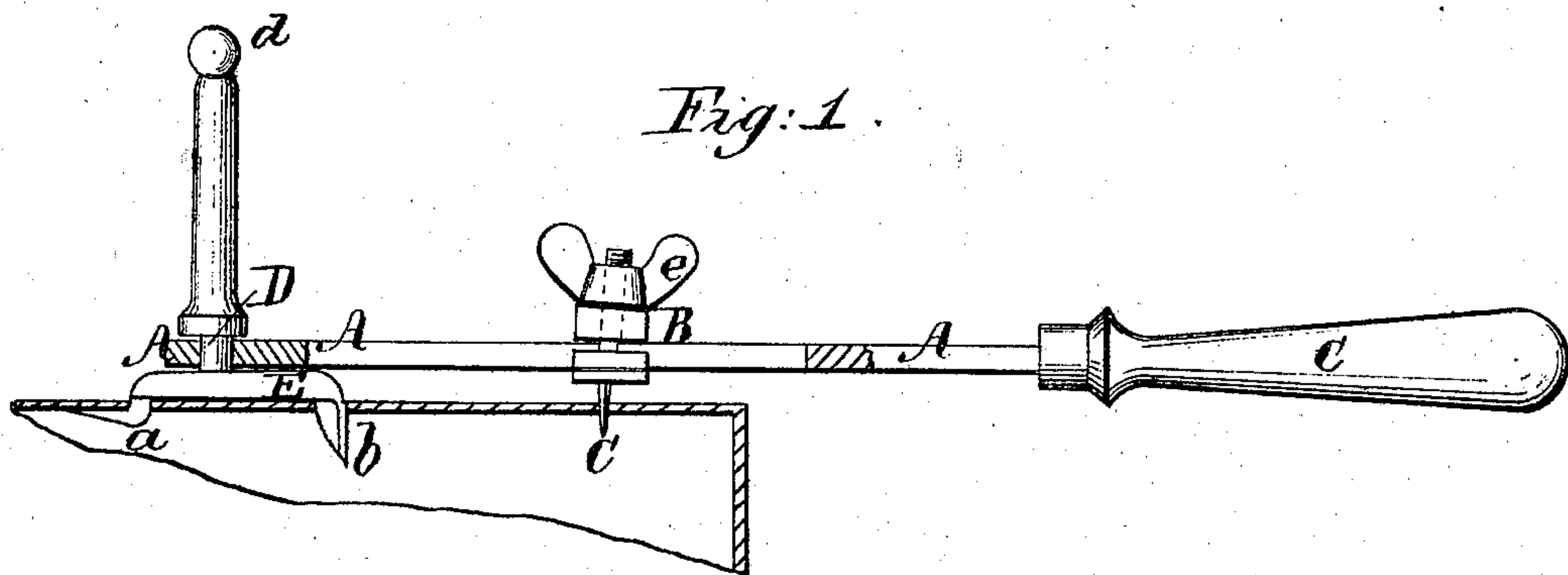


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**IMPROVEMENT IN CAN-OPENERS.**

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 M. BLEAKLEY, of Verplank, in the county of Westchester, and State of New York, have invented a new and improved Device for Opening Cans; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a side view, partly in section, of my improved can-opener.

Figure 2 is a plan or top view of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to a new device for opening sheet-metal cans of all sizes, and consists of a double-pointed swivel-bar, secured in the end of a lever that carries the adjustable cutter.

The two points of the swivel-bar are forced through the cover of the can, and serve to hold the can fixed, while lever is revolved to cut a circular hole.

A, in the drawing, represents a slotted lever or bar, carrying a slide, B, on which a cutter, C, is fixed.

The end of the lever is fitted on a bar, D, which

carries a head, E, that has projecting points *a b* at both ends.

The lever has a handle, *c*, at its outer, and the bar D, a handle, *d*, at the upper end.

The lever can be freely revolved on the bar D, and the cutter C can be adjusted a suitable distance from said bar, and be fixed by a suitable screw, *e*.

The device is applied by forcing the points *a b* into the can, and by holding the handle *d* with one hand, while the lever A, whose cutter C is forced through the top of the can, is revolved by means of the other hand, to cut a circular hole.

The head E may be arranged removable, to admit others whose points are more or less far apart.

Having thus described my invention,

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

The can-opener, consisting of the bar D, swivelled in the end of the slotted lever A, and provided with the handle *d*, and the head E, having the points *a b*, all arranged as described, for the purpose specified.

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