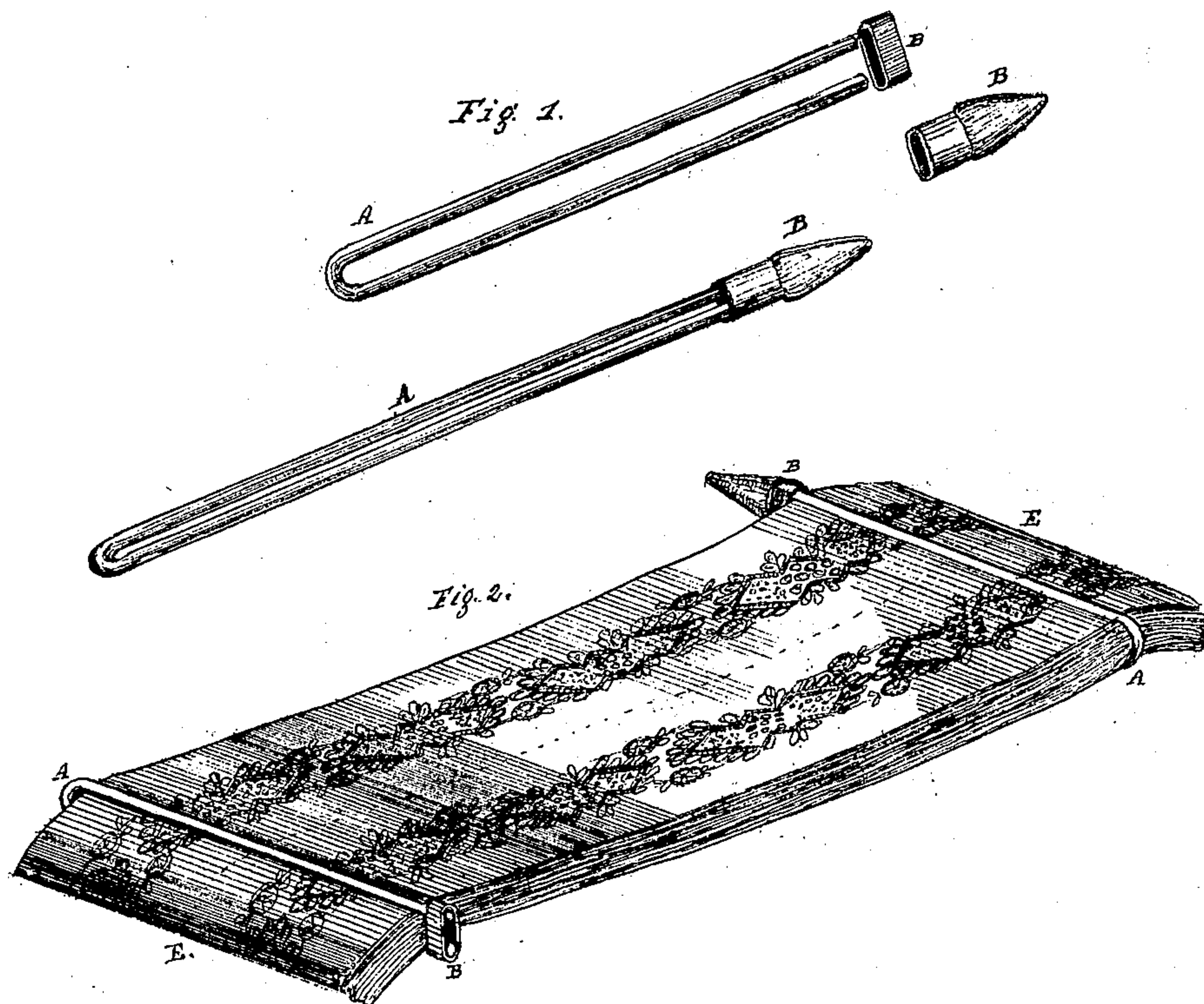


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IMPROVED EMBROIDERY-HOLDER.

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

I, HENRY GUNDAKER, of the city of Lancaster, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a certain Improvement for Holding Pieces of Embroidery and the like in trimming and dry-goods stores, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to devise a means to avoid the tangling disarrangement and injury to piece goods, folded in the manner of embroidery, when handled for examination by customers selecting from a large assortment of patterns, causing so much labor to readjust at the expense of much valuable time, to say nothing of the vexation, and injury done.

The accompanying drawings plainly show my invention and its application.

Figures 1 show the bent wire A, with the cap B detached, and on.

Figure 2, the application of two of these holders on a piece of embroidery, E.

The holder consists simply of a piece of brass or tinned iron wire, A, doubled as shown, the two ends brought together, that is, of equal length, leaving an open loop to embrace the piece of embroidery E, or the like, at two points near the ends of the folds, projecting beyond the width of the goods far enough to allow of a brass cap, B, or its equivalent, to confine the two ends of the wire and goods between the same, as shown.

Thus secured, one hundred pieces can be handled and examined till choice is had as to pattern, width, or quality. When such selection is made, the caps B

are readily removed, as also the wire clamp or holder, the desired quantity measured off, and again as readily secured with the holder and cap.

Experience has proved that paper, elastic, or other loops or appliances fail to accomplish the object, if indeed such have been used.

These clamps cost but a trifle, and can be kept on hand for all widths, and, considering their usefulness and convenience, no one will be without them. Something of the kind has long been wanted, but that something, to be available, was not thought of until lately introduced in my business, after studying for some means to effect this desirable object.

I am aware that the invention is very simple, but the application of such a simple device is believed to be new. Useful it most certainly is.

That bent wires, held together by a cap or otherwise for other purposes, are in use, may be possible, yet I am not aware of such a combination, nor do I claim it in itself; but

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

The combination of a bent wire, A, with its cap B, when the same is applied for holding embroidery, or the like piece-goods, in the manner and for the purpose shown and specified.

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