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Fig. 1.

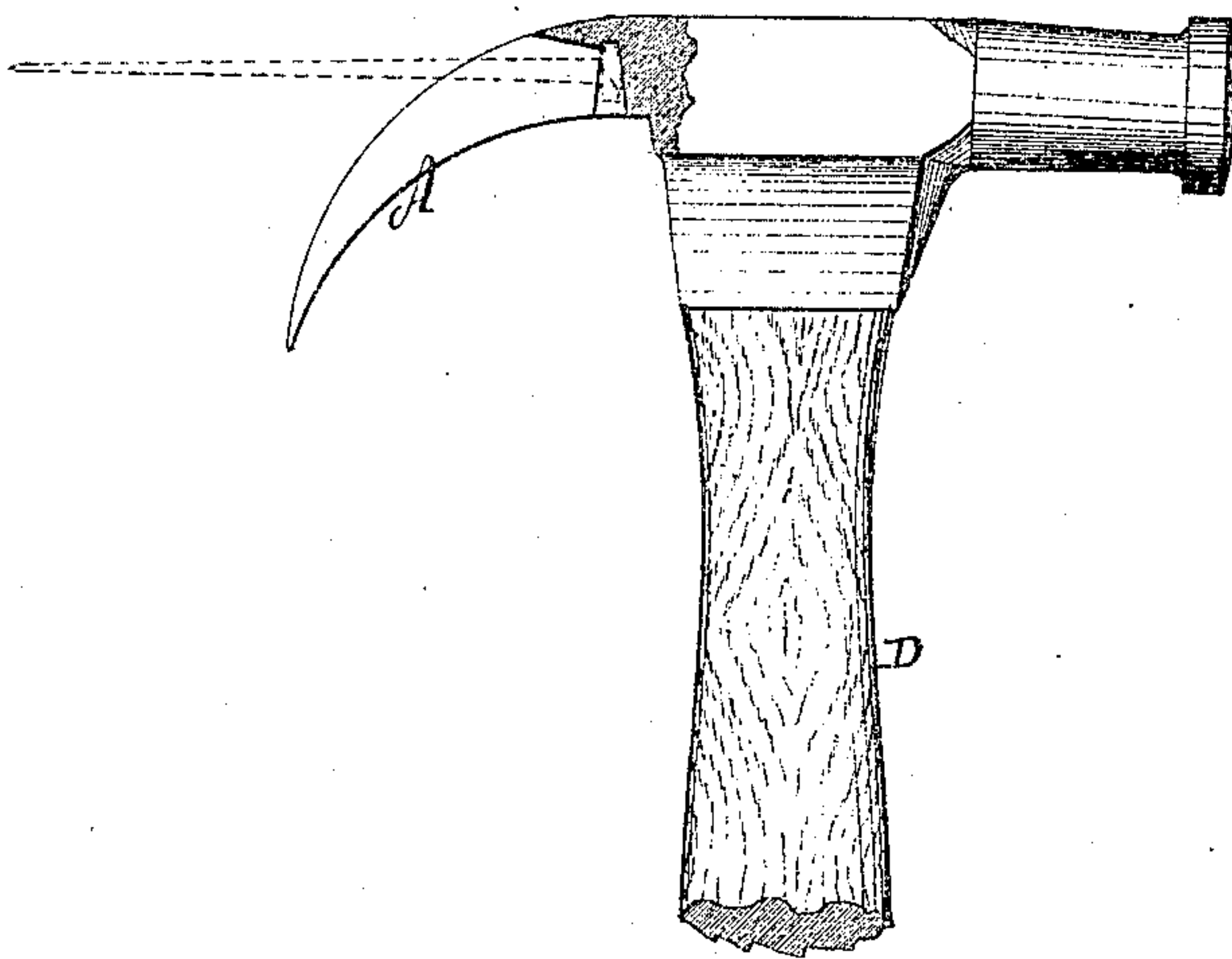
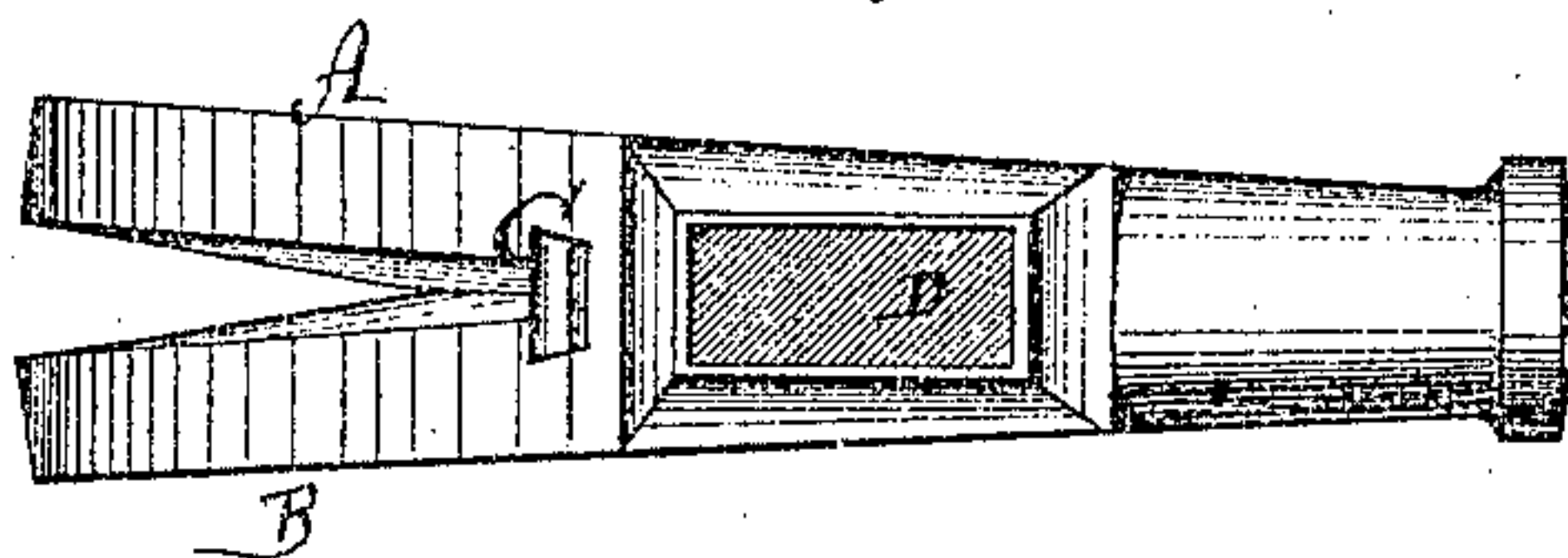


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN NAIL-HAMMERS.

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, EPHRAIM S. MORTON, of Plymouth, in the county of Plymouth and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Nail-Hammers; 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.

This invention relates to a new and useful improvement in nail-hammers, and consists in a slot formed at the base of the claws, and at about right angles therewith, by means of which a nail may be held in the hammer and started in the wood with one hand, thus rendering the hammer very convenient in driving nails in places where but one hand can be used.

In the accompanying drawing—

Figure 1 represents a side view of the hammer, with one claw broken away, to show the slot for the head of the nail and the position of the nail, the latter being seen in dotted lines.

Figure 2 is a view of the inner side of the hammer, showing the outer end of the slot at the base of the claws.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A B represent the claws of the hammer.

C is the slot, which is somewhat tapering in form, extending inward at the base or butt of the claws, in

a direction about at right angles therewith, and about parallel with the handle D. The slot C extends inward far enough to receive the head of the nail, and, being tapering in one or both directions, the head is supported by the slot, and the nail is supported by the angle or slit between the claws, as seen in fig. 1. By this improvement, a nail may be started in the wood and driven in situations where both of the hands of the operator cannot be used.

I do not, broadly, claim an improvement on a hammer for this purpose, as I am aware that it is not new; but I am not aware that the improvement has ever been made in this cheap and effective manner. The slot C adds but a trifle to the cost of the hammer, and allows the nail to be started in any place where it can be driven, whereas any device for the purpose which I have seen adds materially to the cost of the hammer, while its location on the hammer prevents the nail from being started in many situations where it is desirable to drive one.

Having thus described my invention,

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

A nail-hammer, provided with a slot, C, formed at the base of the claw, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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