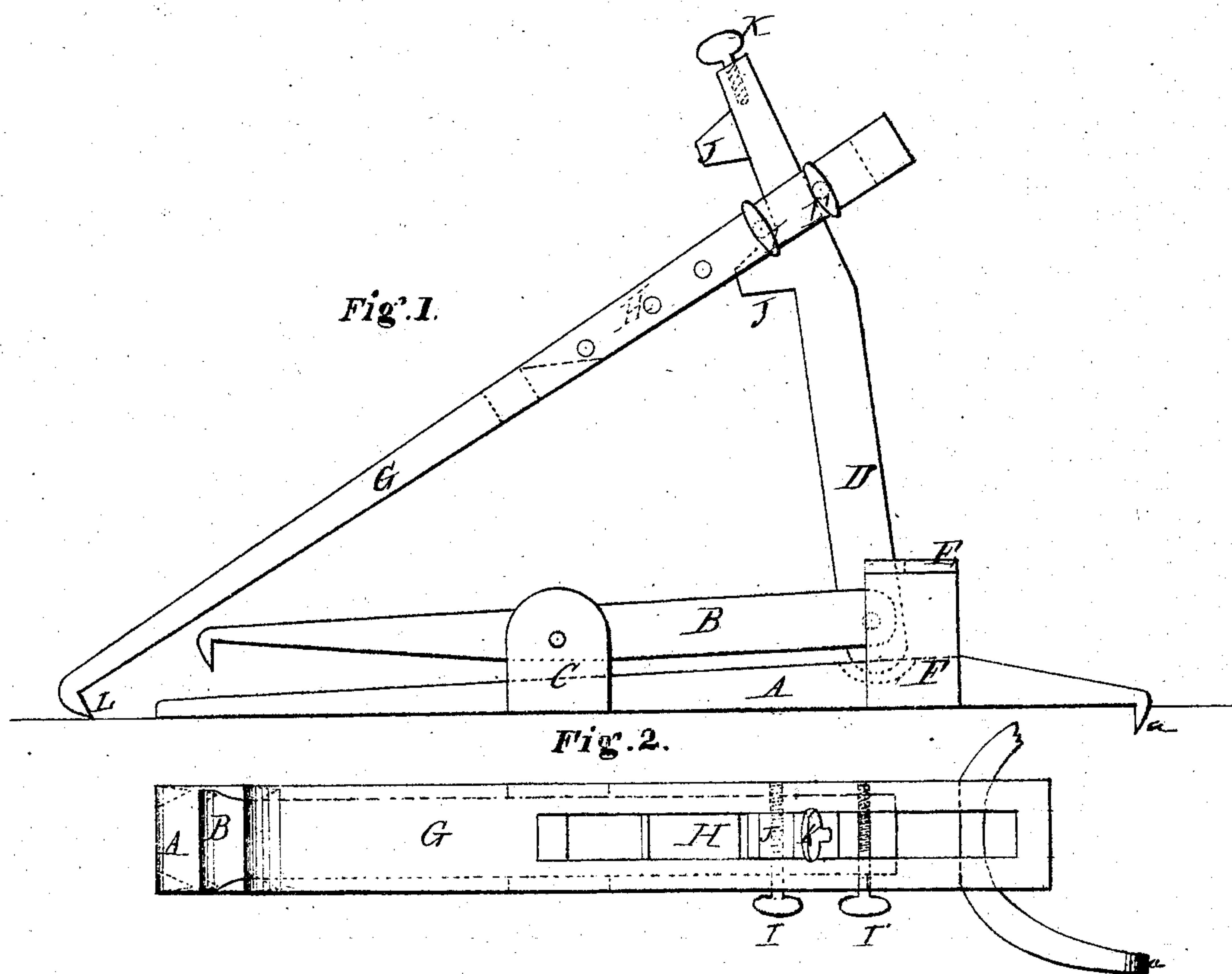


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## IMPROVEMENT IN ROOFING-BRACKETS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 117,624, dated August 1, 1871.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM HANCOCK, of Gosport, in the county of Owen and State of Indiana, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Shingle-Scaffolding; 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 drawing making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawing is a representation of a side elevation of my invention. Fig. 2 is a top or plan view of my invention.

This invention has relation to an improvement in shingle-scaffolding; and it consists in the hereinafter-described novel construction and arrangement of the adjustable bench-beam and supporting-post, for the purpose of rendering the scaffolding more convenient and useful.

In the accompanying drawing illustrating this invention, A represents the bed-piece, the upper end of which fits under the last row of shingles, while the lower end is provided with pointed projections *a*, by means of which it is secured to the roof; B, the toothed shingle-clamp journaled to the brackets C, and slotted at its lower end to receive the post D pivoted therein, and prevented from falling back by the cross-bar E supported on the standards F. G indicates the inclined bench having a longitudinal slot, H, through which pass two transverse thumb-screws, I I', designed to hold the post D which rises between them, being slightly bent forward, as shown, and

provided with the adjusting-teeth or studs J. The bench is adjusted to the inclination of the roof by letting the screw I rest on one or the other of said studs. The upper screw I' rests on the bent back part of the post D as a support. K represents a flat-headed thumb-screw fitted to the top of the post D, and designed to act as a stop to the bench when adjusted to a roof very much inclined. The bench may be lifted off the post by turning the screw in the proper and obvious direction. The lower end of the slot H is beveled to suit the inclination of the post D and allow the latter a firm support against it. L represents pointed studs in the end of the bench, which are to be driven into the boards of the roof above the shingles and after the end of the bed-piece A has been inserted underneath the last row, as before stated.

In shingling a roof it is intended that two of these scaffolds should be used, similarly adjusted at some distance apart, and boards laid on the benches for the use of the workmen.

I claim as my invention—

The post D pivoted to the clamp B, and provided with the studs J and thumb-screw K, in combination with the bench G, thumb-screw I I', and bed-piece A, substantially as specified.

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

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