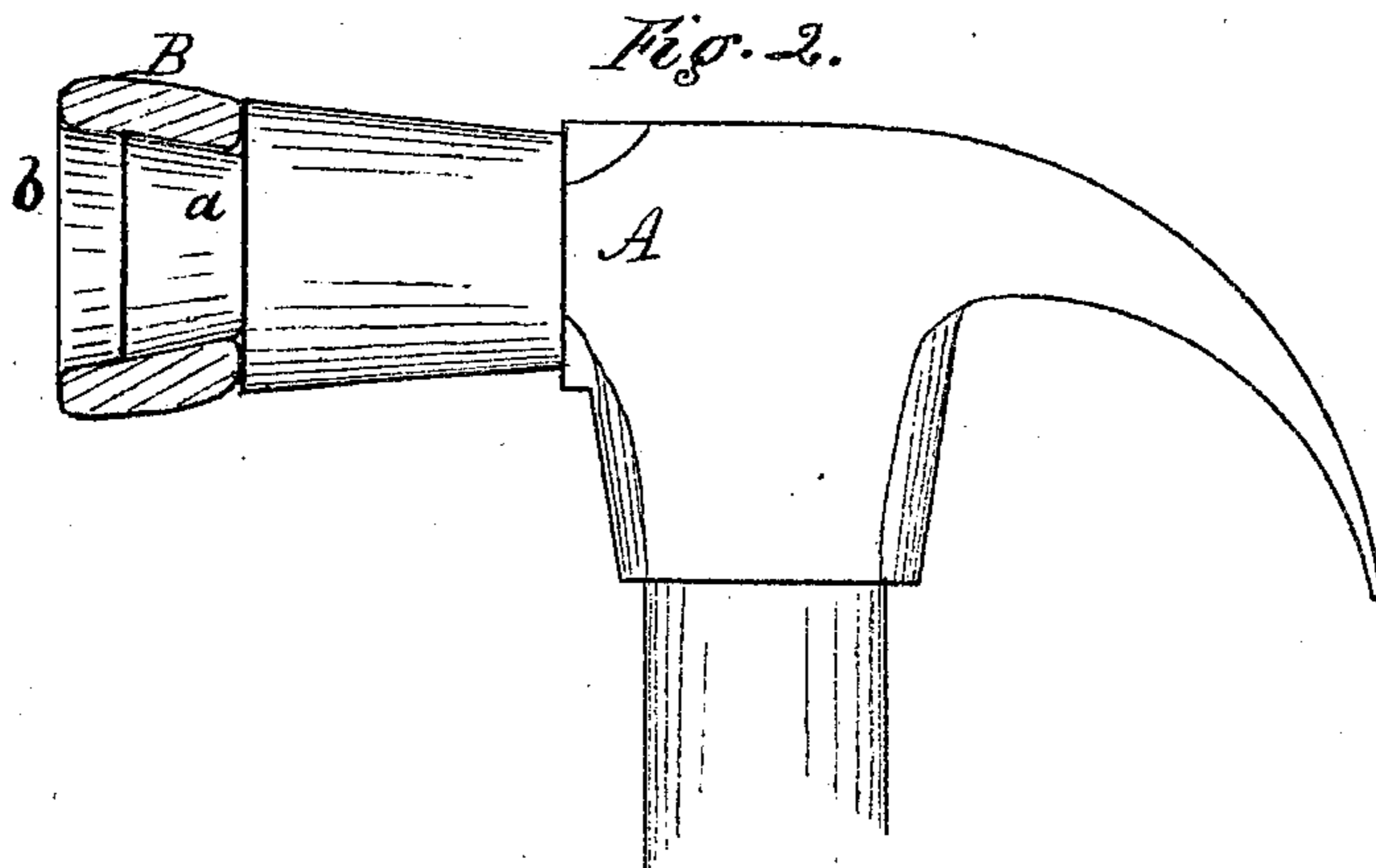
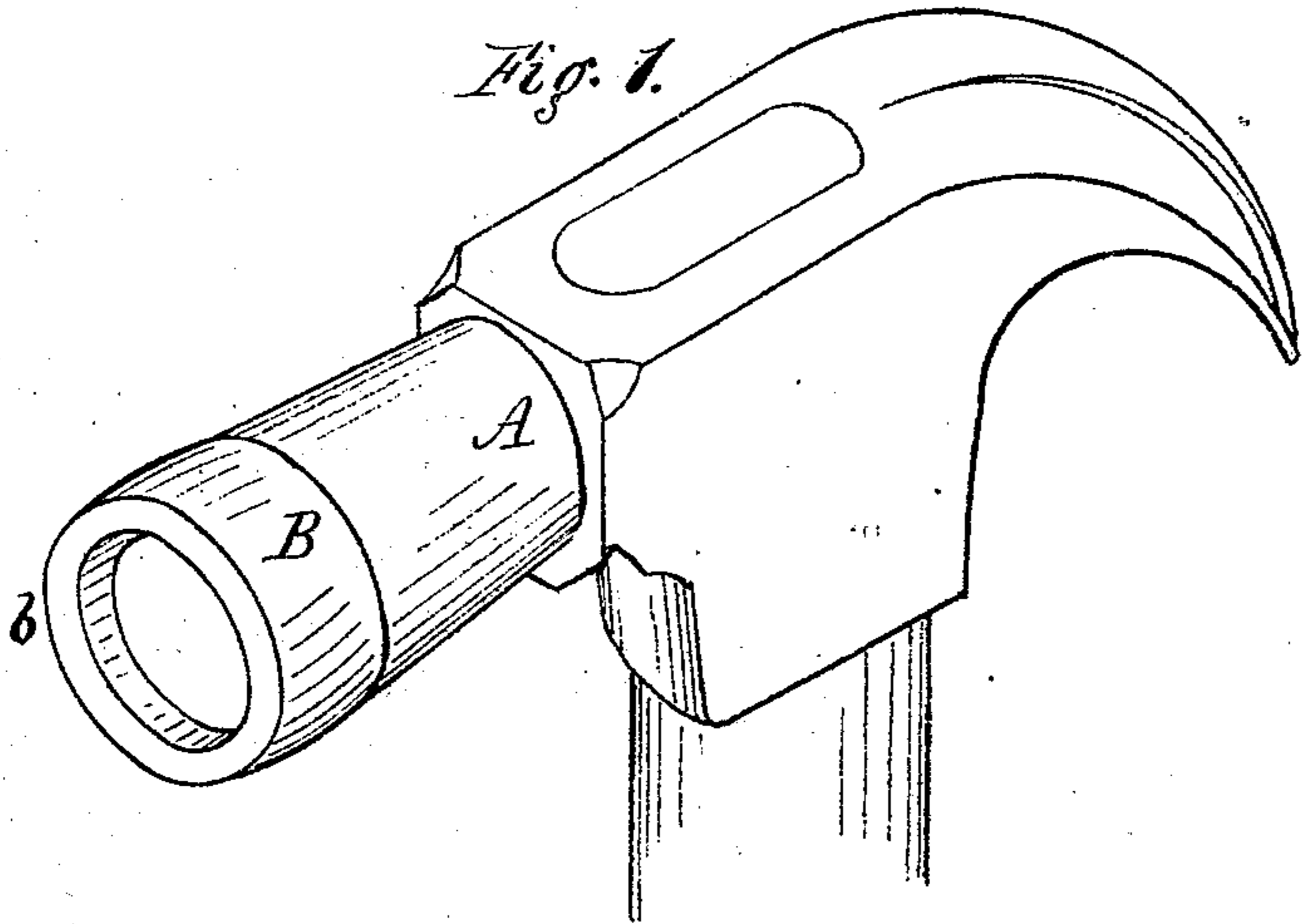


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HECTOR M. STOCUM, of Painted Post, in the county of Steuben and State of New York, have invented a certain Improvement in Nail-Hammers, of which the following is a specification:

This invention consists in combining with the head of an ordinary hammer a ring of rubber or other flexible material in such a manner that while the face of the hammer is left exposed to receive the concussion the ring will project beyond the face to prevent bruising or marring by the force of the blow.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a perspective view; Fig. 2, a section of the head of the hammer.

A represents a hammer of ordinary form. Its head or face is made notched, beveled, or dove-tailed, as shown at *a*, and on this is stretched the cap or ring B. This cap is preferably made of rubber, but may be made of any other soft material which will answer the purpose. Its rim projects beyond the face of the hammer, as shown at *b*, so as to leave the face exposed to receive the concussion in driving, but at the same time to break the force of the blow in striking the wood-work and thus prevent bruising.

This hammer is specially adapted for driving tacks, brads, and any kind of finishing nails into

wood-work that has been or is to be nicely finished; for instance, furniture, doors, and casings; in fact, any kind of wood-work.

Much difficulty has been heretofore experienced from the use of a bare hammer, as an accidental slip or an over stroke in driving would cause the hammer to sink into the wood, and the latter would then have to be planed or cut down and sand-papered, and even then the appearance would not be so good as before, and when papered, oiled, or varnished would show an uneven surface. My invention remedies this difficulty, for while the driving-head remains open to receive the concussion the projecting rim of the packing forms a pad to prevent injury by a mis-stroke.

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

The cap B, combined with the head of the hammer A, substantially as herein shown and described, for the purpose set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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