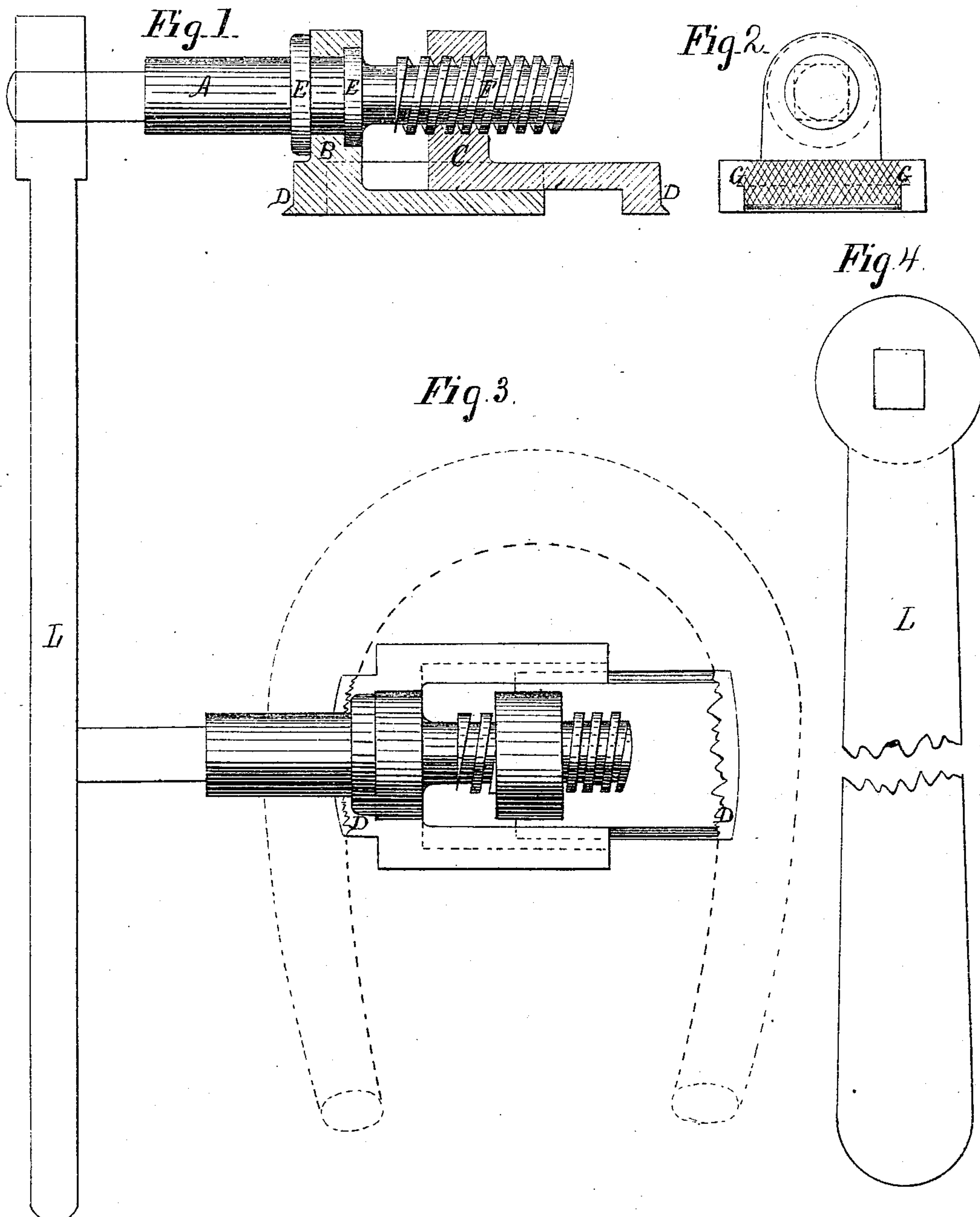


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### SPECIFICATION.

I, HUGH THOMPSON, of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new "Device for the Cure of Contraction of Horses and Mules' Feet," of which the following is a specification; 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, a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a central longitudinal section of my invention for stretching horses' shoes when fastened to the horse's hoof. Fig. 2 represents an end view of the same. Fig. 3 represents a top view of the same, showing the position that it is in when in use. Fig. 4 represents the lever that is used in operating the same.

This invention relates to a device for stretching or expanding the shoe when attached to the hoofs of horses and mules, as it is a well-known fact that, in driving the iron shoe on in the ordinary way, it has a tendency to con-

tract the hoof, and very often results in laming the horse; and this invention is intended to overcome these objections by expanding the shoe after it has been driven to its place on the foot of the horse, as will hereinafter be more fully described.

A represents the spindle, with its screw F and its collars E E, forcing the sliding piece C between the parallel bevels G, sliding backward and forward in the stationary part B by means of the lever L; the slide D D being placed between the shoe.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination and arrangements of the spindle A, stationary collars E E, and screw F, with the sliding part C, stationary parts B, and parallel bevels G, all operating substantially in the manner herein set forth.

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