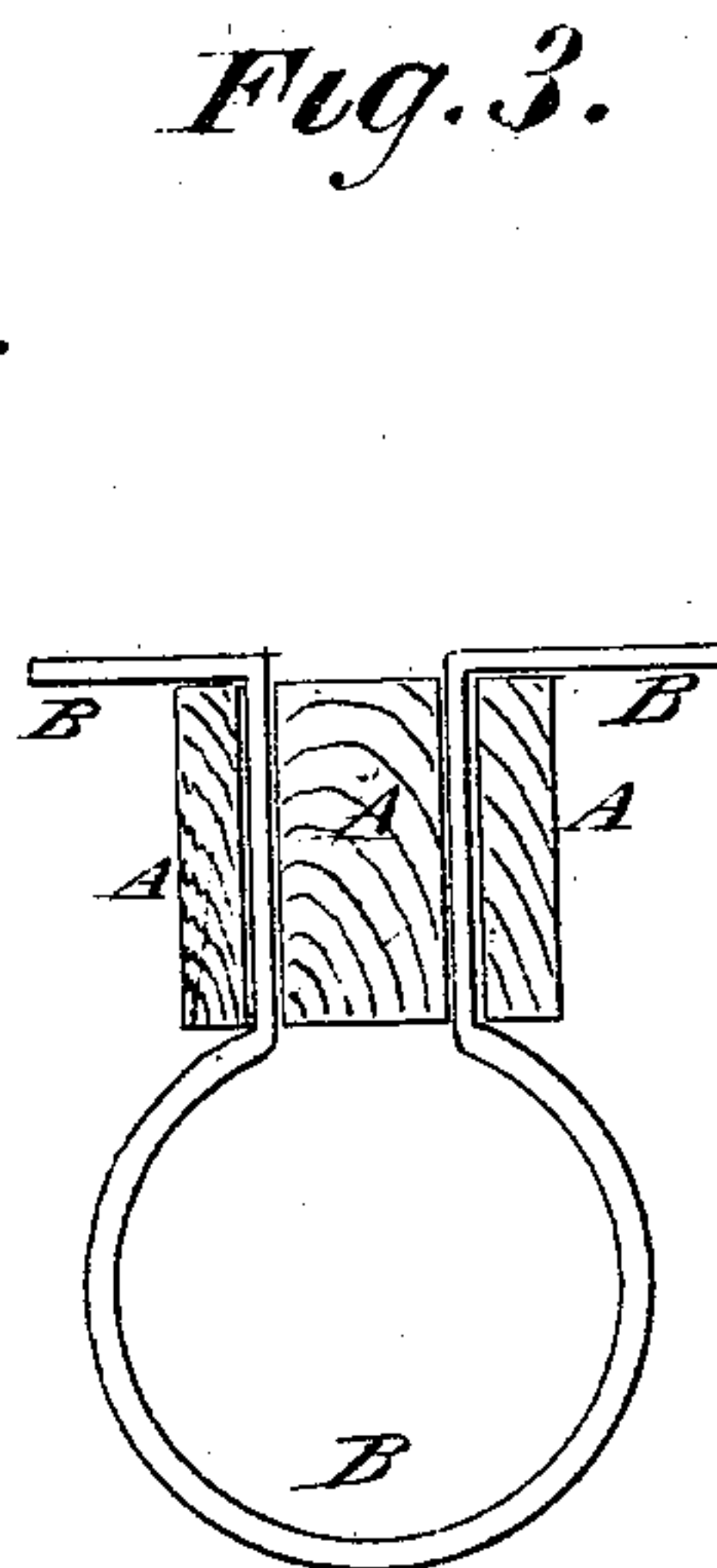
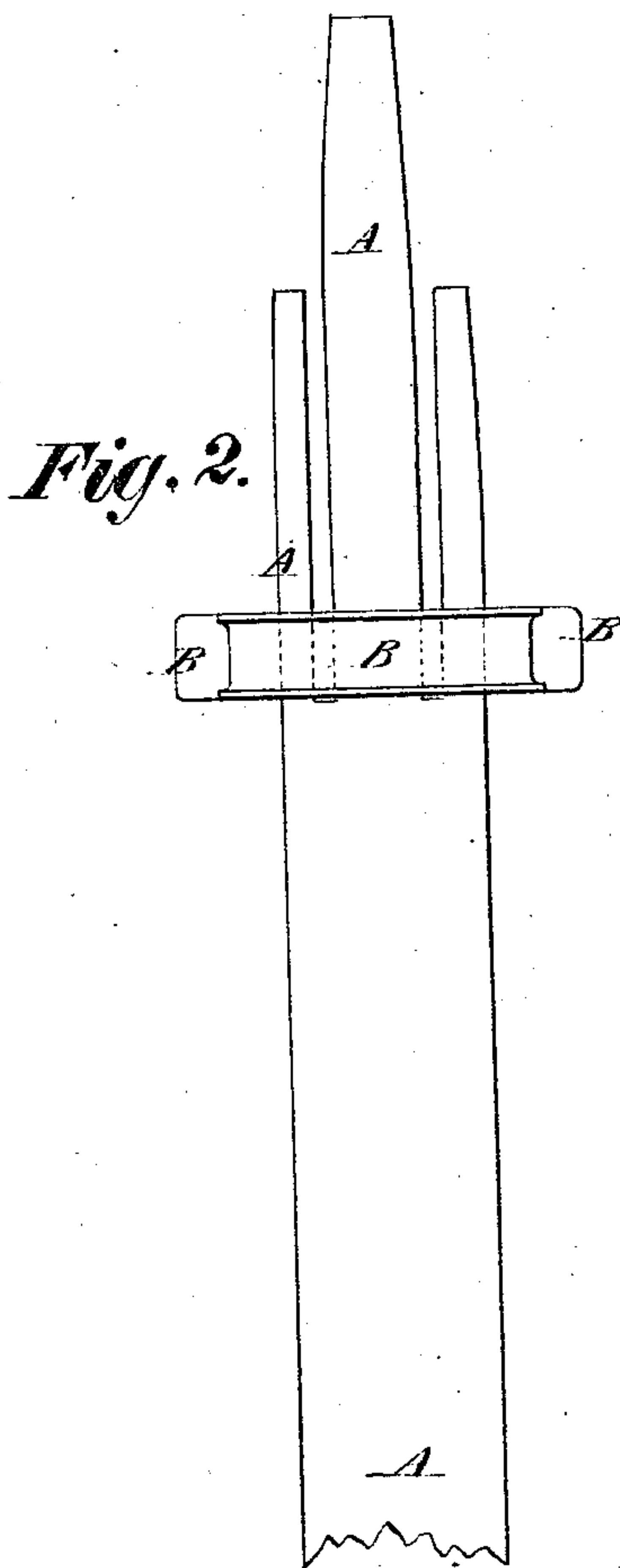
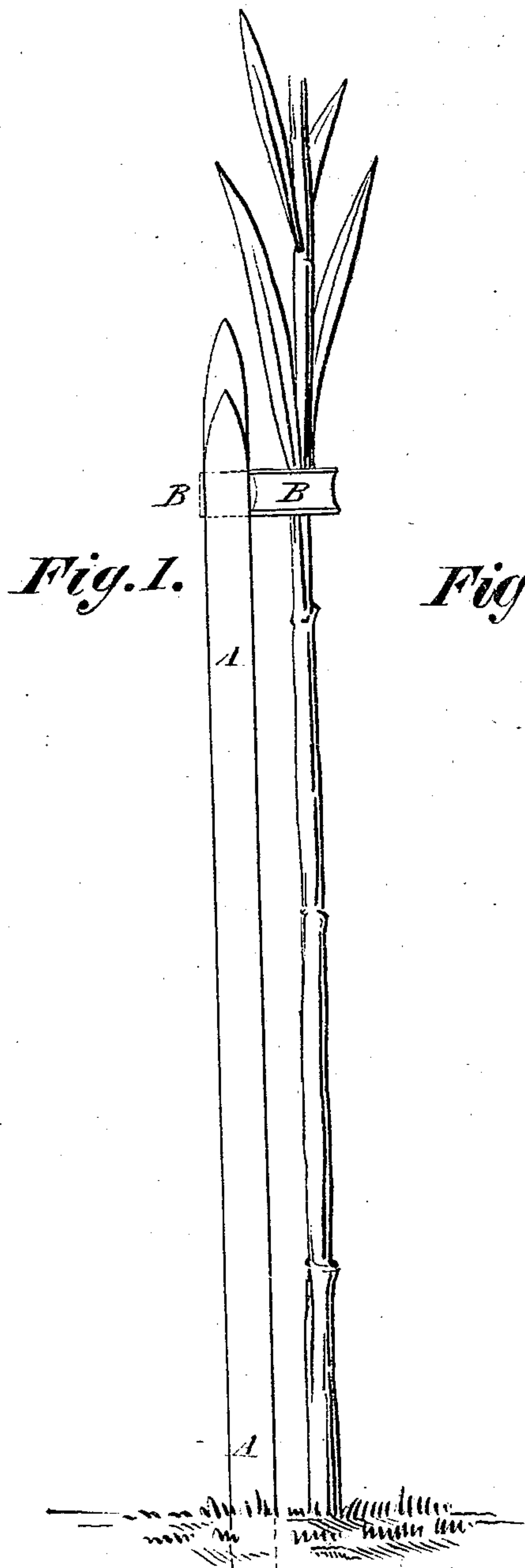


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## IMPROVEMENT IN TREE AND PLANT PROTECTORS.

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Specification describing a new and Improved Support for Plants, Shrubs, &c., invented by WILLIAM F. EATON, of Cape Elizabeth, Portland post-office, in the county of Cumberland and State of Maine.

Figure 1 is a side view of my improved device, illustrating its use. Fig. 2 is a front view of the upper part of the same. Fig. 3 is a top view of the same, the upper part of the standard being cut off.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

My invention has for its object to furnish an improved support for plants, shrubs, small trees, &c., which shall be simple in construction, convenient in use, and effective, and which may be made of any desired size; and it consists in the support constructed as hereinafter more fully described.

A is a standard or stake, the lower end of which is sharpened so that it may be readily thrust into the soil. The length and size of the standard A is proportioned in size and length to the size of the plant to be supported. The upper end of the standard A has two longitudinal slots formed in it, dividing it into three prongs. The ends of the side prong are cut off, leaving the central prong the longest. The ends of the three prongs may be sharpened or tapered, if desired. B is a metallic strap, the middle part of which is bent into circular form.

The arms of the strap B are parallel with each other to pass through the slots of the standard A, and their ends are bent outward at right angles to rest against the rear side of the standard A.

In using the support the strap B is passed around the plant, shrub, or tree. The parallel arms of the strap B are then slipped down into the slots of the standard, the upwardly-projecting central prong guiding them readily into place. The edges of the middle or ring part of the strap B are turned or flared outward, as shown in Fig. 1, so that the said edges cannot chafe or rub the said plant, shrub, or tree.

The device may be made small for use with house-plants, or larger for shrubs or small trees, as may be desired.

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

An improved plant-support, composed of the standard A slotted in its upper end to form three prongs, and the metallic strap B, said parts A B being constructed and arranged in connection with each other, substantially as herein shown and described.

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