

F. REESE.
Brooms.

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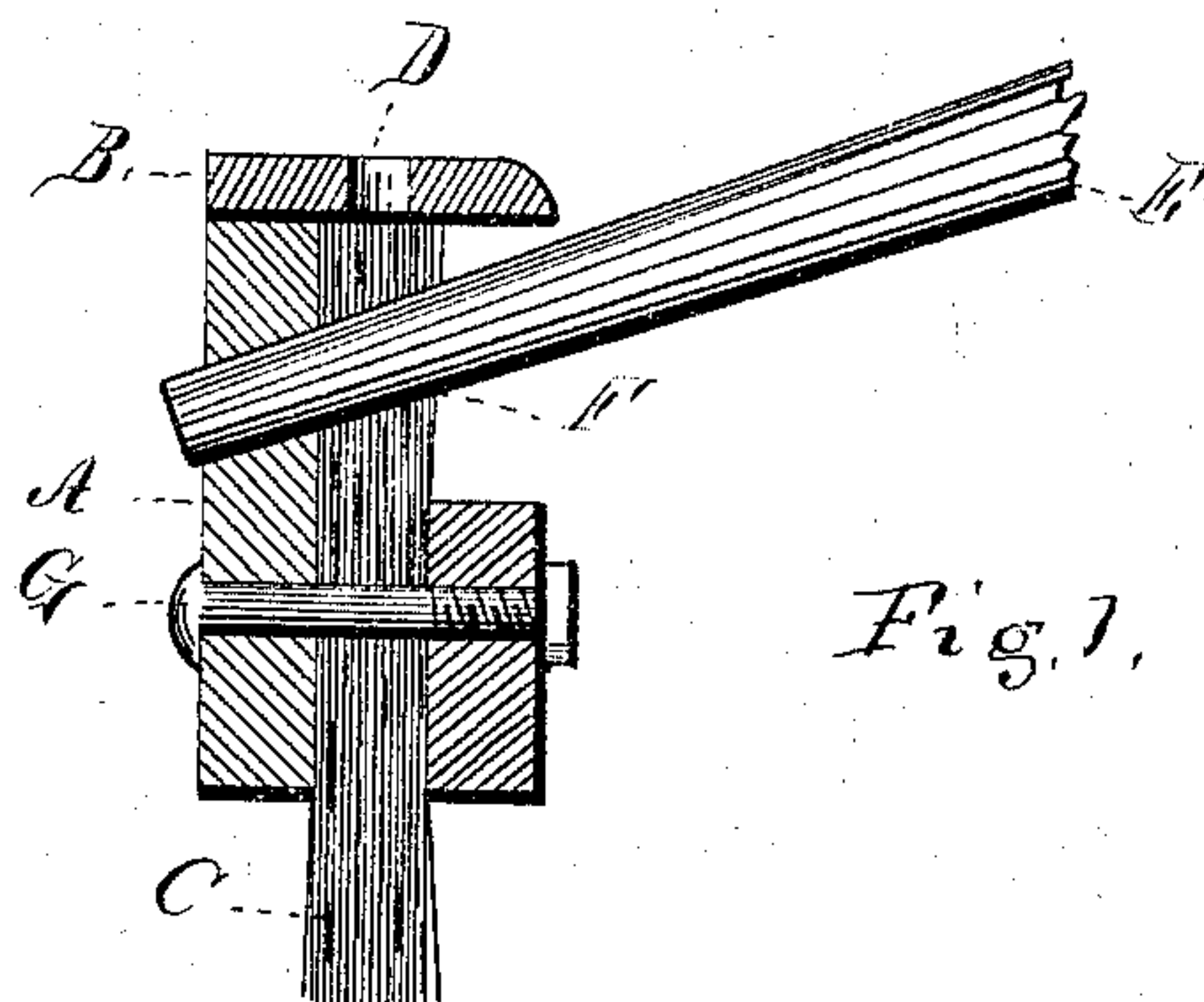


Fig. 1.

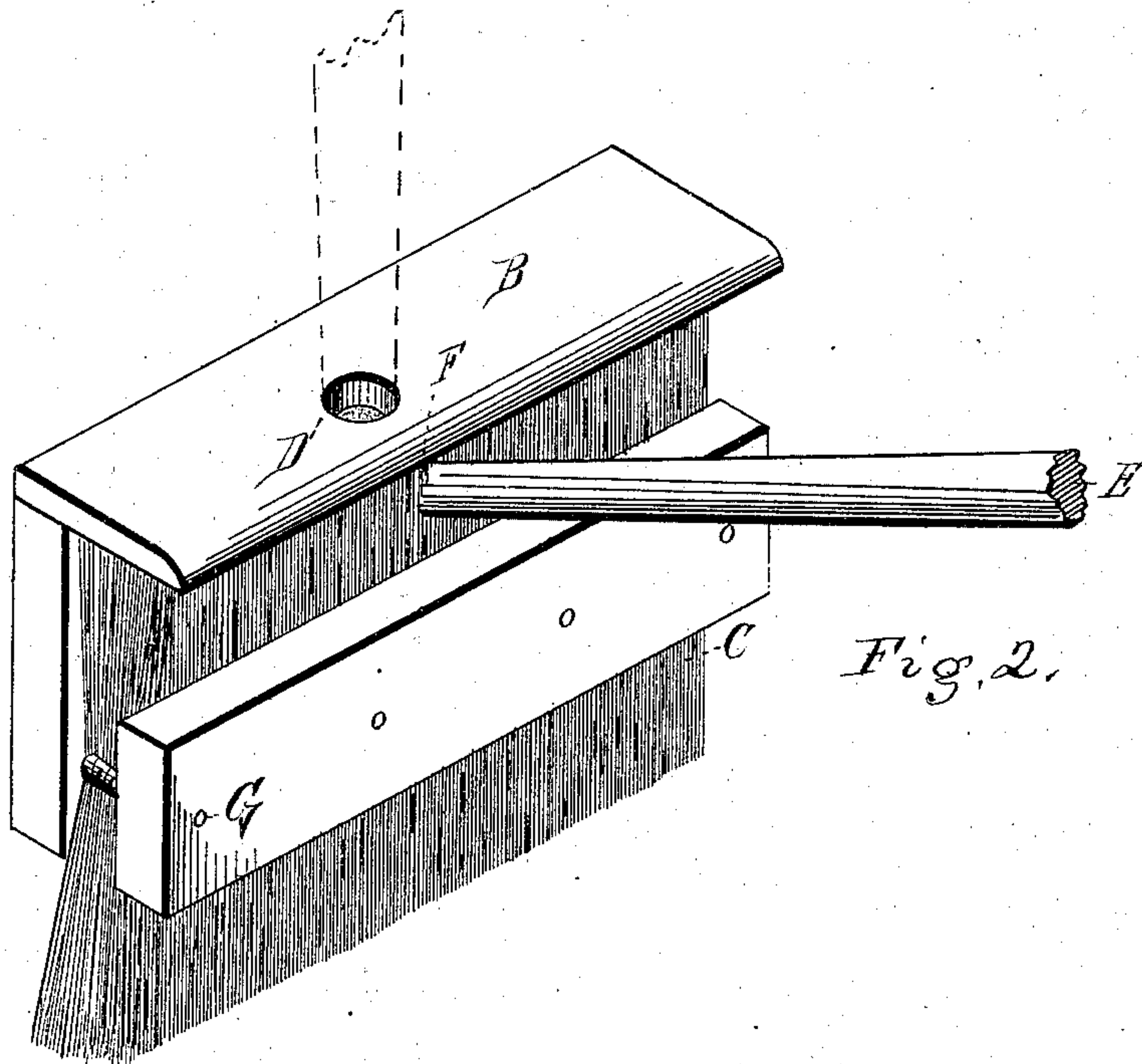


Fig. 2.

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IMPROVEMENT IN BROOMS.

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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, FRANCIS REESE, of Calera, in the county of Shelby and State of Alabama, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Brooms; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawing which forms part of this specification.

My invention relates to brooms.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a view, in section, of my broom; and Fig. 2, a perspective view of the same.

My invention consists as follows: The piece A, made from wood or any suitable firm material, is provided with the cap-piece B, which covers and protects the upper ends of the broom-straws or brushing material C. This cap-piece is provided with the hole D for the accommodation of a handle, E. An oblique opening, D', is also made for the same purpose, passing through the broom-straws C and the piece A.

The broom-straws, after having been suitably prepared, are firmly held in proper posi-

tion between the plates A and F brought together by screws G or their equivalents, the two outer ones, G', serving as supports and retainers for the sides of the broom.

When, by use, that portion of the broom below the plates A and F becomes worn, the straws may be taken out and reversed by loosening the screws G G' and separating the plates A F. Thus is the broom renewed, and when the straws are completely unfit for further use new material may be easily inserted into the old frame.

Thus have I accomplished a cheap and economical broom, and having fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of the plates A F, the cap-piece B, and the binding-screws G G' with the sweeping portion of a broom, substantially as and for the purposes shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 14th day of March, 1873.

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