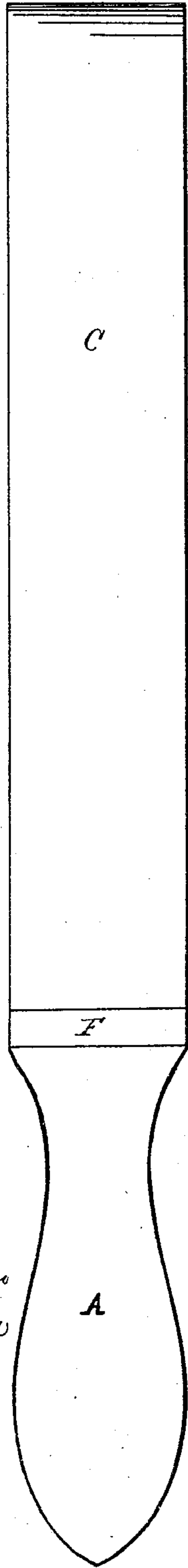


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Fig. 1.



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Fig. 2.

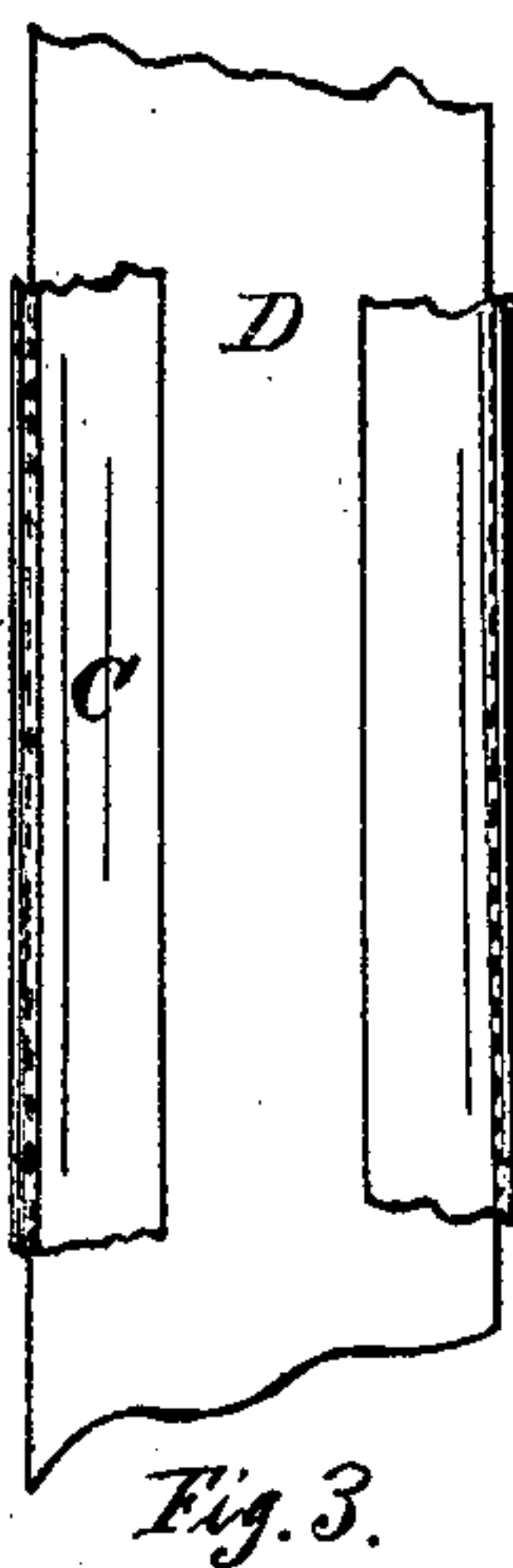
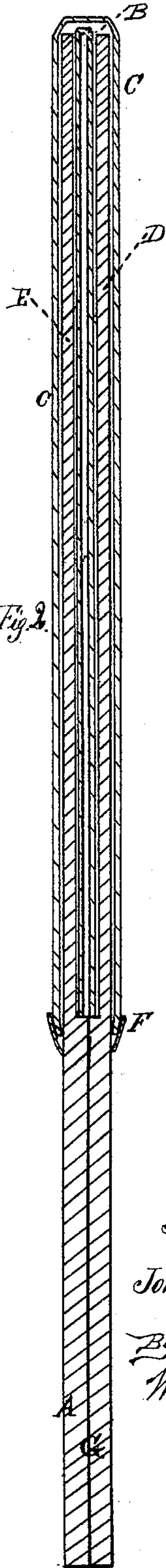


Fig. 3.

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IMPROVEMENT IN RAZOR-STROPS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN B. LUCAS, of Portland, in the county of Cumberland and State of Maine, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Razor-Strops; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, that will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 is a plan. Fig. 2 is a sectional view. Fig. 3 is a detail, showing a part of the leather removed and exposing the wood interior.

Same letters show like parts.

My invention relates to razor-strops; and consists of a strop composed of two thin sheets of wood, which sheets form the handle as well as the other portion of the implement, the portion over which the razor is drawn being covered with leather, as common.

Two thin sheets of wood are formed into proper shape to make a handle, A. The portions to which the razor is applied in sharpening are covered with leather. The two sheets of wood are not themselves united together at the further end B, but are merely enveloped with the leather covering C. This covering is passed over the ends of the two

thin wood sheets at B. The leather covering is wound around each piece of wood D E. The two pieces thus covered lie together and touch, but are not united throughout their entire length, except when glued together to form the handle, as shown, and as held by the leather doubled around their ends at B. The leather is secured at the handle by a leather or metal band, F.

This arrangement makes an elastic, light, and cheap strop. As the strop bends with the pressure of the razor on it, sufficient yielding quality is imparted to the strop.

G shows the line of the union of the two parts in the handle. Fig. 3 shows the leather partly removed from a portion of one of the wood sheets or strips.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

The razor-strop composed of the two thin sheets of wood D E, united to form the handle A, as set forth, said strips being wound with leather, as herein described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing, I have hereunto set my hand this 16th day of April, 1873.

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