## A. B. BATSON. Bit-Gage.

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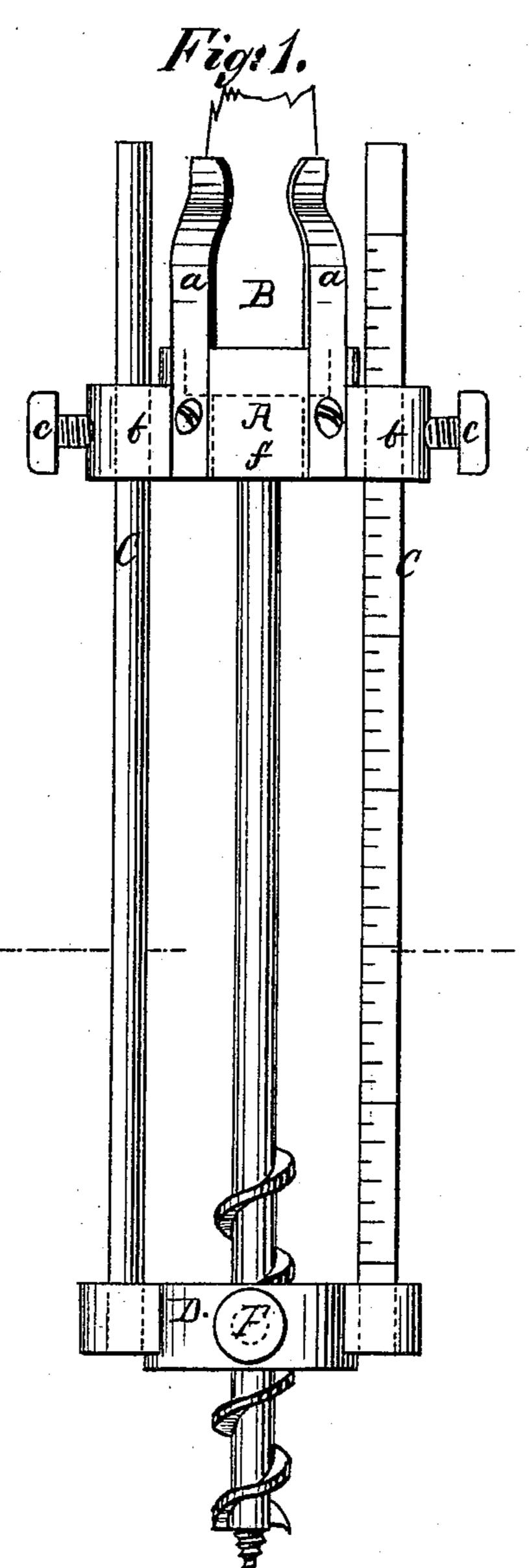
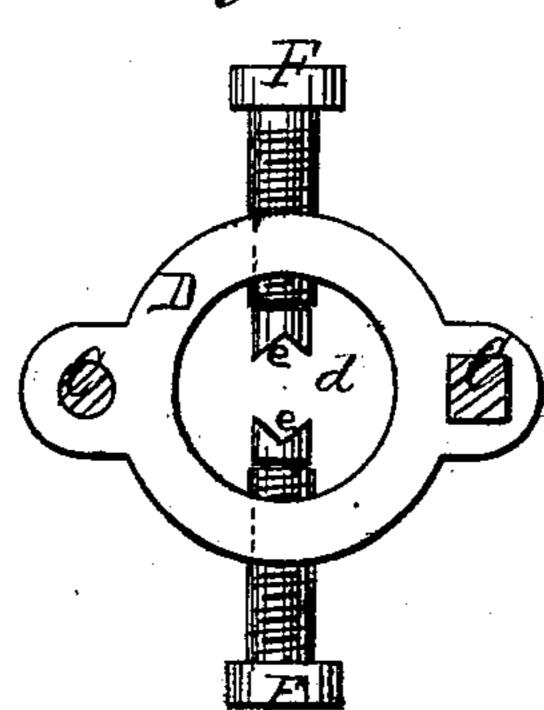


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## IMPROVEMENT IN BIT-GAGES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Alonzo B. Batson, of Newcastle, Henry county, State of Indiana, have invented an Improvement in Bit-Gages, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying draw-

ings, forming part hereof.

My invention consists in a socket or head provided with spring-clasps, into which the brace-head is fitted and held in place, arranged to slide and be adjusted upon side bars provided at their lower end with a foot-piece or guard, through which the bit extends, whereby the foot-piece or guard may be adjusted at any desired distance from the point of the bit, and thus boring to any exact depth desired effected.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my gage, showing it adjusted upon a brace head and bit. Fig. 2 is a plan of the foot-piece or

guard.

A is the socket or head, into which fits the brace-head B, and is provided with the spring-clasps a, arranged to hold the brace-head securely in its seat in the socket. The socket has a central opening, f, through which the bit passes. The socket A is arranged to slide up and down on the side bars C by means of the lugs b, through which the said bars pass, one on either side, and is held adjusted at any desired position on the said bars by means of the set-screws c. Upon the lower end of the

bars C is fixed the foot-piece or guard D, which is preferably made circular, with the central opening d, through which the bit-point extends, as shown. The said guard D is preferably provided with the set-screws F, as shown, carrying on their interior ends the small swivel-mounted jaws e, whereby the bit may be held centrally within the guard, and the gage firmly secured to the bit during the operation of boring, the said jaws e readily engaging with the flange of the bit.

For convenience in adjusting the gage one of the side bars may be marked with a scale

of inches, as shown.

Instead of employing two side bars one may be used, upon which the socket may be arranged to slide and be adjusted, and the footpiece or guard may be made semicircular, if desired, instead of in the form of a continuous circular collar; or the side bars may have slots and slide upon the set-screws c.

What I claim as my invention, and desire

to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination, as a bit-gage, of the sockethead A, with its opening f and spring-clasps a, the lugs b, and set-screws c, the side bars C, and the foot-piece D, as described.

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