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CURRY-COMB.

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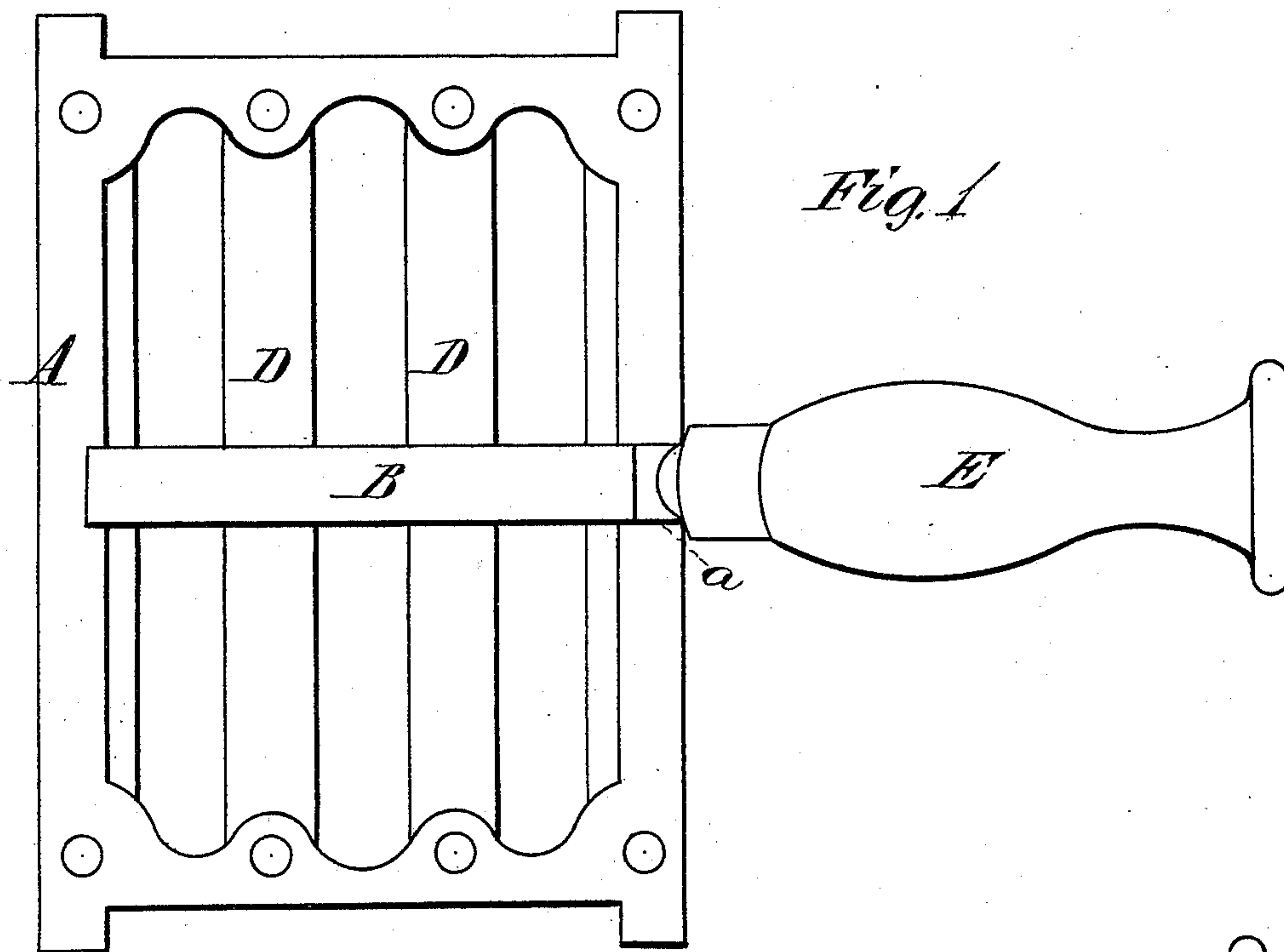


Fig. 1

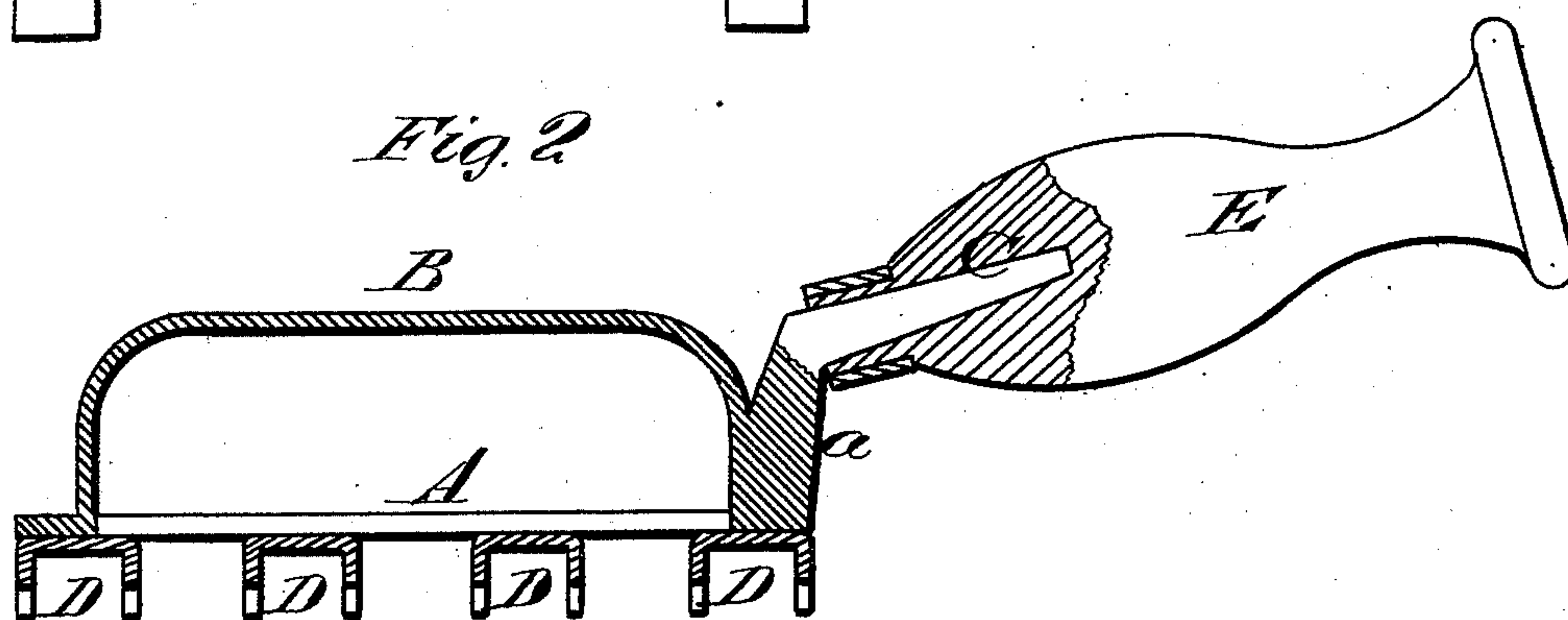


Fig. 2

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IMPROVEMENT IN CURRY-COMBS.

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CASE B.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. HOTCHKISS, of Bridgeport, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Curry-Combs; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawing is a representation of a plan view of my curry-comb, and Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical sectional view thereof.

The object of my invention is to improve curry-combs which are made of metal, by constructing the frame or back, the raised bail or handle, the thumb-rest, and the tang all entire or of one piece, whereby strength, durability, and cheapness are obtained, as will be obvious from the following description.

In the annexed drawings, A designates a rectangular frame or back, constructed with extended knockers on its corners. B designates a bail or handle, which is bow-shaped, and designed, when used, to be grasped in the hand. At one end of the handle B is a thumb-rest, *a*, which is prolonged to form a tang, C. This thumb-rest *a* is formed nearly on a vertical line with the side wall of the frame, as shown, and serves the operator as a good purchase, while it also serves as a support for the side of the frame. All of these parts are formed entire, of malleable iron, at one process

of casting. The end bars of frame A are perforated to receive the rivets which secure the comb-plates D to the frame A.

The curry-comb above described can be used by grasping the handle B, or by grasping a wooden handle, E, into which the tang C is driven. When the handle B is held the rest *a* will afford a good purchase for the thumb, and allow the curry-comb to be conveniently used.

It will readily be observed that my grasping-handle is arranged on the same line as the wooden one, and not at a right angle therewith, as has heretofore been usual in such devices.

I am aware that a raised handle and a grasping-handle are not my invention, even when united upon the back of a comb, for such handles are shown in patents, and have been used prior to the date of my invention; but

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A curry-comb having frame A, handle B, thumb-rest *a*, and tang C formed of one piece, said thumb-rest being nearly on a vertical line with the wall of the frame, and said handle B being on the same line with tang C, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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