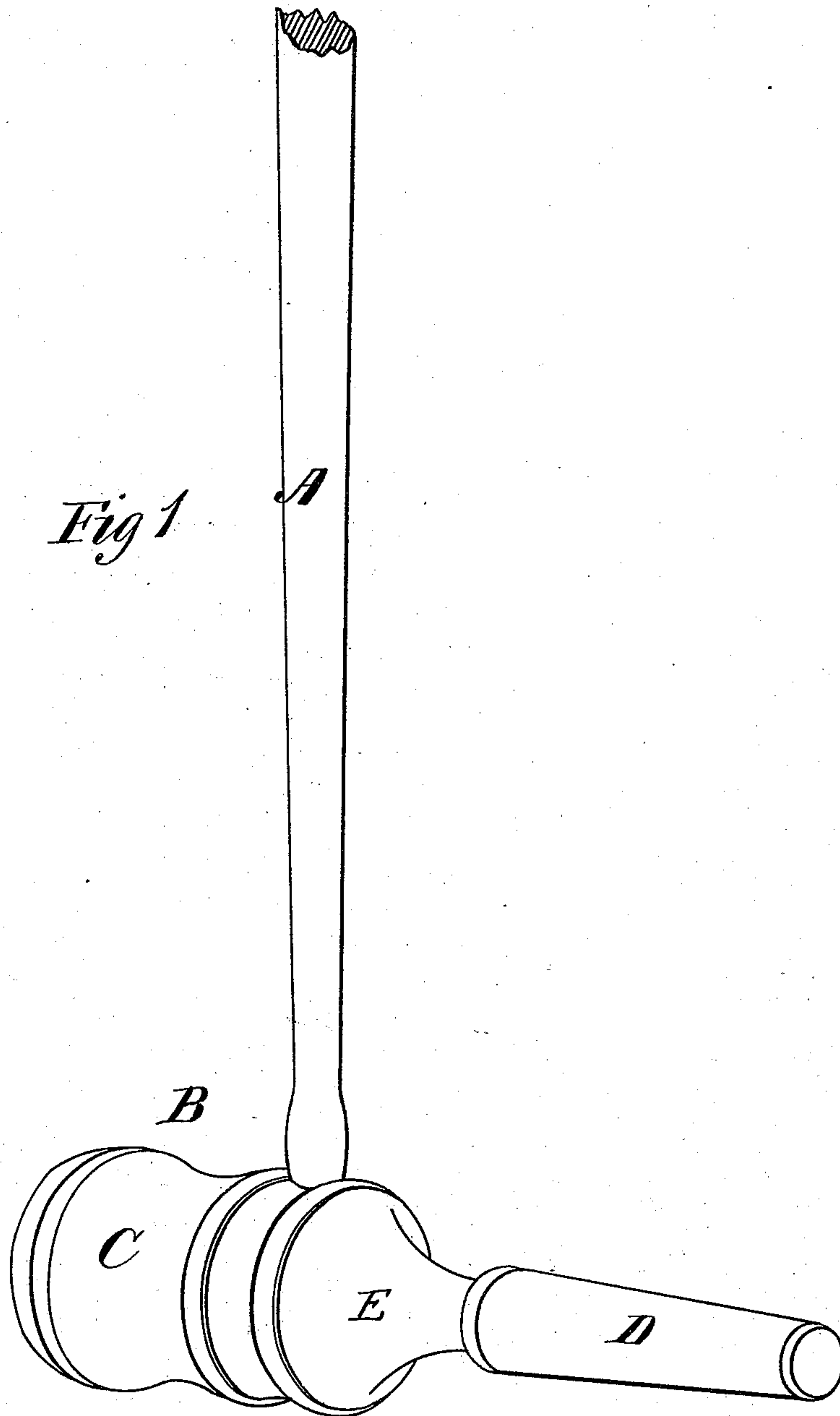


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CROQUET-MALLET.

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WITNESSES

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## IMPROVEMENT IN CROQUET-MALLETS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SILAS E. BAUDER, of Birmingham, in the county of Erie and State of Ohio, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Croquet-Mallets; 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 drawing, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

The figure of the drawing is a representation of a perspective view of my mallet.

This invention has relation to croquet-mallets; and it consists in making one end of the mallet long, cylindrical, or nearly so, and of small diameter, said end being connected with the body of the mallet by a concave shoulder or offset, as hereinafter fully shown and described.

The object of this invention is to provide a mallet which will be useful in striking a ball through an arch, or when it is partly wired or close to a stake, and for other purposes, which cannot be readily effected with the ordinary mallet having the double expanded head.

In the accompanying drawing, the letter A designates the handle of the mallet. B represents the head, one end C of which may be of ordinary size and form. The other end D, however, is designed to be made longer, cylindrical, or nearly so, and of smaller diameter, slightly tapering, as indicated, and connected to the butt-end by an offset or concave shoulder, E, the size and weight of this slen-

der end being so related to the large end and the position of the handle that the head will be properly balanced, and the mallet easy to wield in the hand.

This instrument will be found especially useful in striking a ball which has passed under an arch and lies but a few inches from it. Such a ball cannot be struck to advantage with an ordinary mallet, nor with a mallet with a thick end having the form of a frustum of a cone, which would be apt to glance or knock down the wire or stake, so a good shot can be made with the long end of this, when a ball is partly wired, or lies near or close to a stake; and when the foot is upon the ball it is of service in making the stroke, at the same time the full advantage of the large or butt end of the mallet-head is preserved.

I am aware of the frustum-shaped mallet of E. A. Ross, patented March 4, 1873, and I do not claim such invention.

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

The croquet-mallet, having its head constructed with a butt-end, C, and a long, slender, tapering end, D, balancing said butt-end, and connected thereto by concave offset or shoulder E, 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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