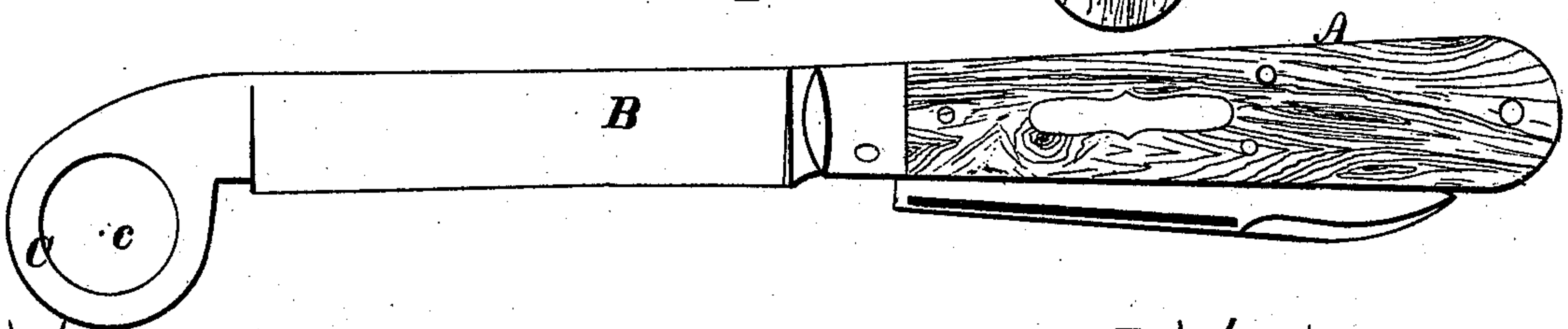
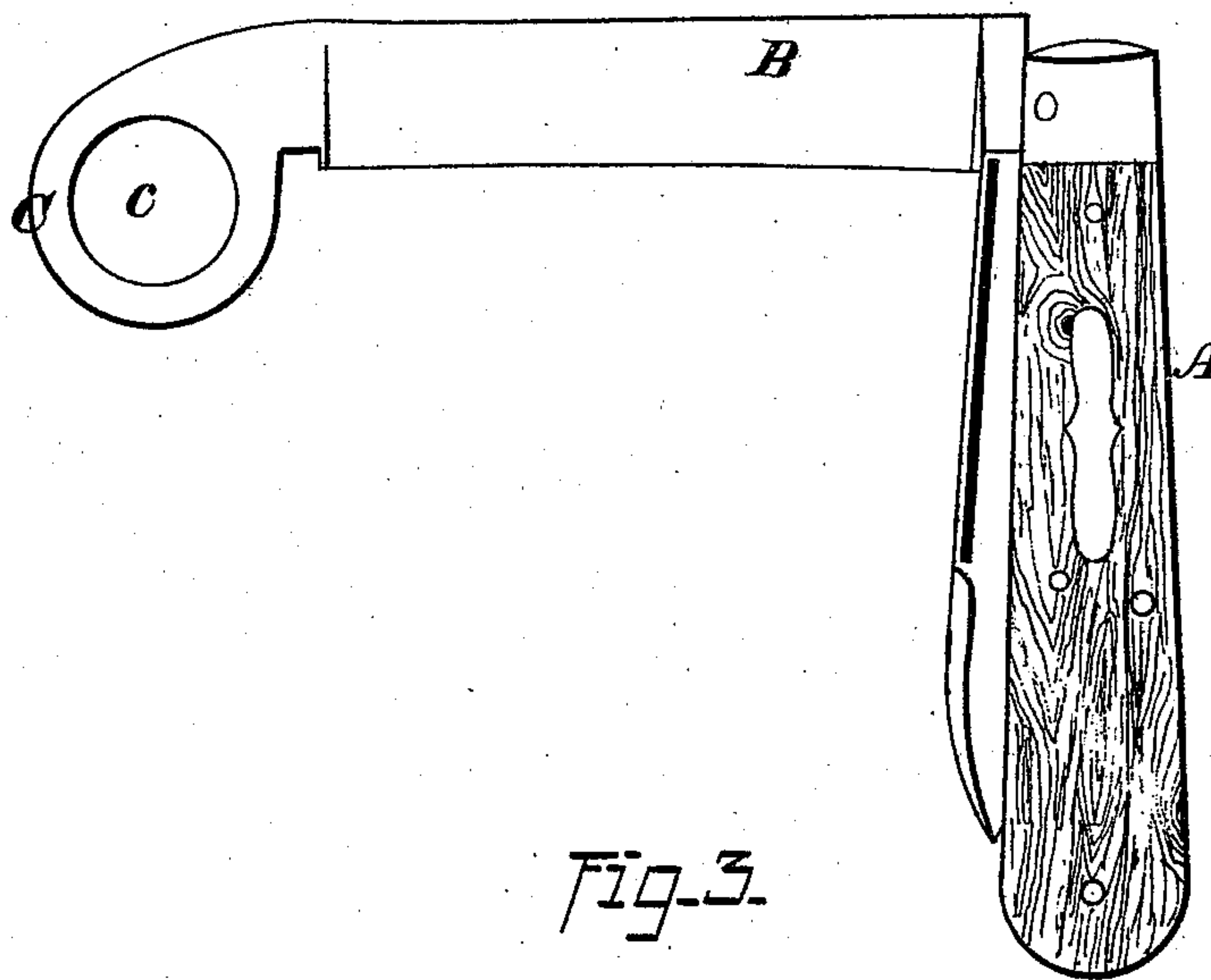
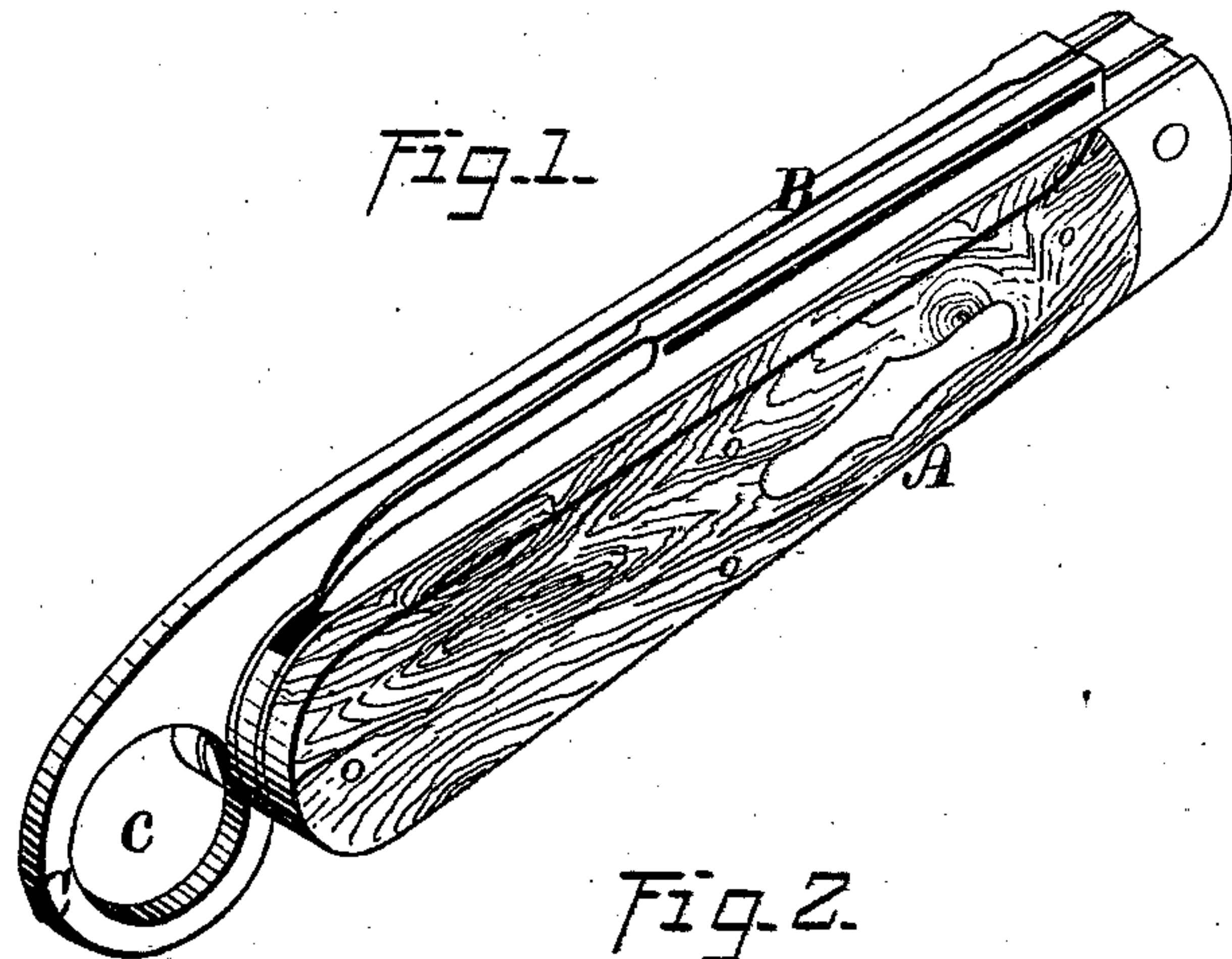


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## IMPROVEMENT IN COMBINED POCKET AND DRAW KNIVES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN W. PEIRCE, of New Bedford, in the county of Bristol and in the State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Clasp-Knife and Draw-Knife; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved tool shut together for carriage in the pocket. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same arranged for use as a draw-knife, and Fig. 3 is a like view of said tool arranged for use as an ordinary knife.

Letters of like name and kind refer to like parts in each of the figures.

The design of my invention is to arrange within a small compass, and in a convenient form, a tool which may be used for a draw-knife, and for all purposes required of an ordinary pocket or clasp knife; and to this end it consists, as a new article of manufacture, in a clasp-knife having one or more blades, one of which latter is provided at its outer end with suitable means whereby said end may be conveniently grasped by its user, substantially as and for the purpose hereinafter specified.

In the annexed drawings, A represents the handle of an ordinary clasp-knife, within which are pivoted one or more blades, B, that are capable of being closed, as shown in Fig. 1, or of being partly or entirely opened, as seen in Figs. 2 and 3, and in either position are locked in place by means of a back-spring, all in the usual manner. Upon the outer end of one of the blades B is formed a ring, C, within which

is an opening, *c*, of sufficient size to admit the finger of a man.

The tool is now complete, and is capable of use as an ordinary clasp-knife, in which event the blade is opened to the position shown by Fig. 3; or it may be used for a draw-knife by turning said blade to the position shown by Fig. 2, in which latter event the handle is grasped by one hand of the user, and one of the fingers of his opposite hand is inserted within the ring, when it will be found that in most cases said tool will answer every purpose for which a draw-knife is intended.

Although the ring C is, preferably, employed, any other construction of the end of the blade B which will enable said end to be grasped by the hand will serve the same purpose.

When the blade B is closed the ring C will extend beyond the butt of the handle, and afford a convenient means whereby the tool may be suspended from the person of its user, so as to leave his hands free, should occasion require.

Having thus fully set forth the nature and merits of my invention, what I claim as new is—

As a new article of manufacture, a clasp-knife having one or more blades, one of which, C, is provided upon its outer end with a ring, *c*, or any equivalent means, whereby said end may be grasped by its user, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 9th day of February, 1876.

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