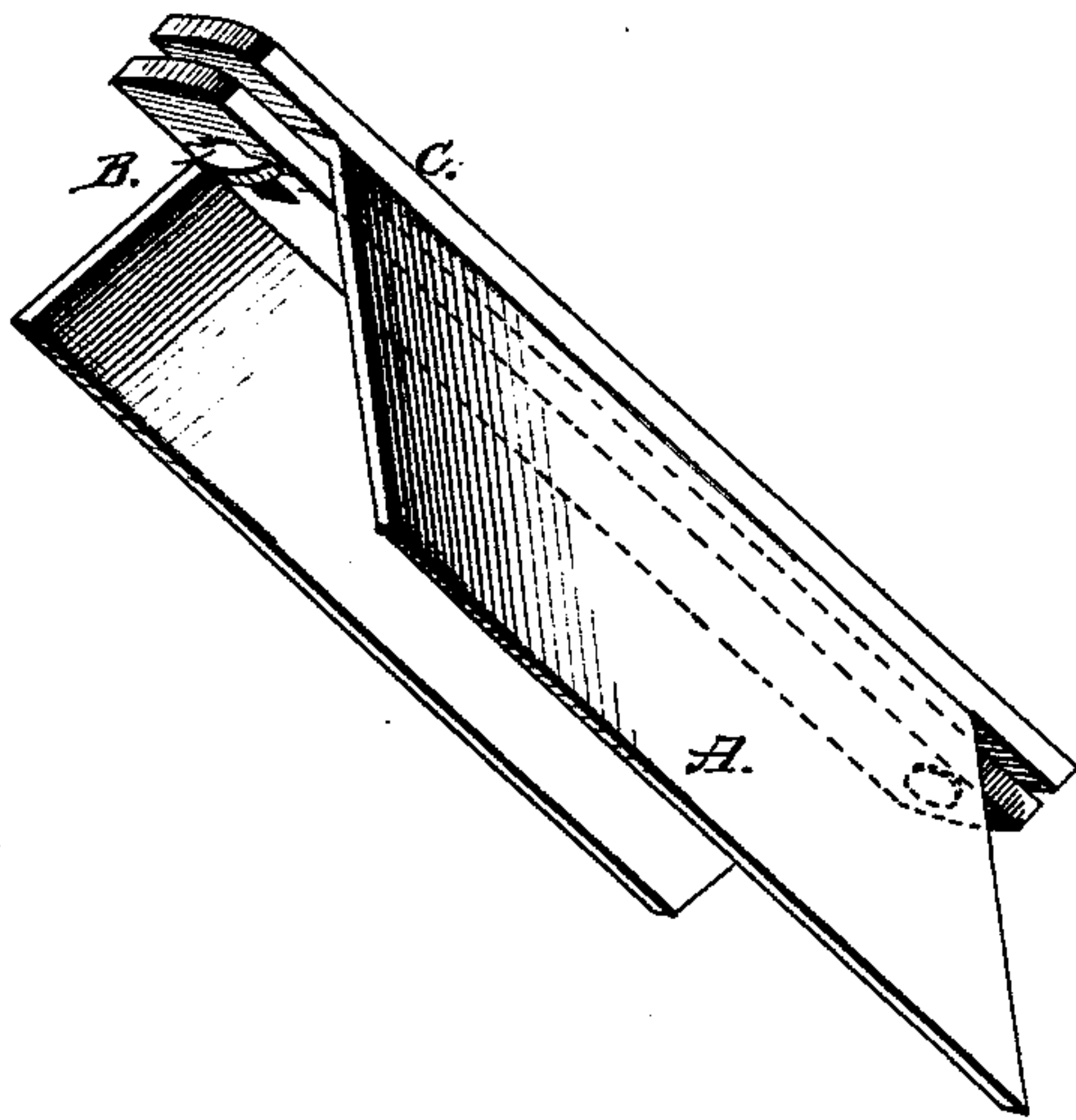


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GRAIN-CAP.

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IMPROVEMENT IN GRAIN-CAPS.

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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, FREEMAN PLUMMER, of the county of Lawrence and State of Illinois, have invented a certain Improvement for Forming and Constructing Grain-Caps for sheltering and shielding shocks and stacks in the field, of which the following is a specification:

First, I form a clamp, made of wood or other material, from bars or rods by attaching the ends of the same together. The bars at one end are so attached as to allow the clamp to be separated at the opposite end, allowing one bar of the clamp to pass under and the other over the gavel, as it is dropped from the machine, after which the clamp is closed over the straw of the middle of the

gavel and fastened, holding the same firmly together. After being thus formed, it is placed over the shock, sheltering it in the same manner as the common cap made of sheaves.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the cap as formed. Letter B represents the clamp; letter A, the gavel as held by the clamp.

I claim—

The combination of the clamp B and the gavel A, to form a hay-cap, substantially as described.

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