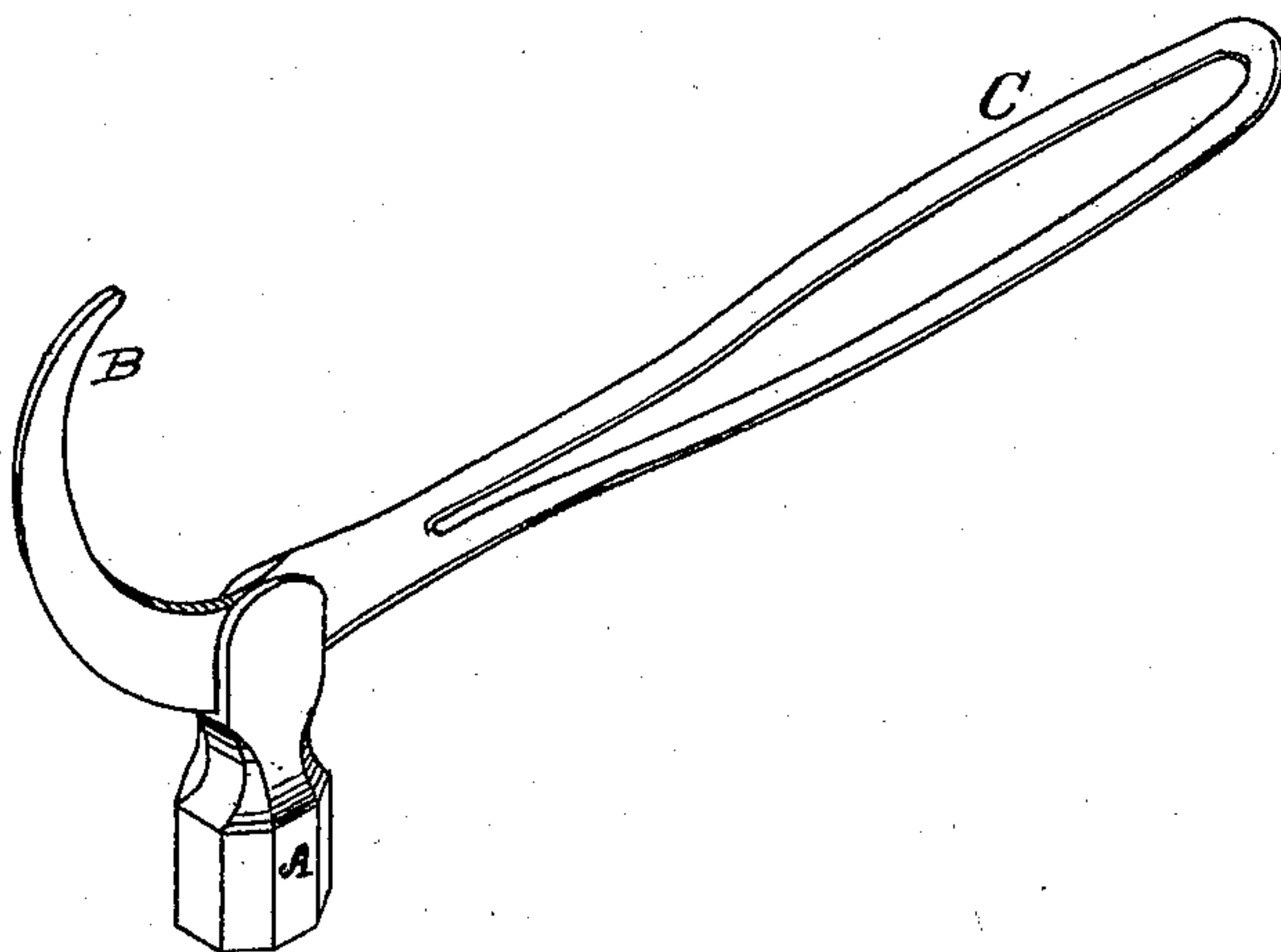


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## IMPROVEMENT IN HOOF-CLEANERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES BLAKESLEE, of New Britain, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and Improved Implement for Cleaning Horses' Feet, of which the following is a specification:

This improved tool has a flat thin hook projecting from a solid block and united to a handle, all as hereafter shown and described.

The accompanying drawing is a perspective view of an implement for cleaning horses' feet, which embodies my invention.

A designates a block, which may be made of any suitable design, and B designates the hooked extension thereof. The part B is a flat thin blade tapering toward its end. To the parts A B there is attached, in any proper manner, the handle C, which may be either metal or wood, the one in the drawing being of iron, and cast in one and the same piece with the parts A B.

In use the handle is grasped and the hooked blade B is run around under the shoe or other crevice in the feet to clean them out or loosen dirt, stones, or ice that may be collected therein, after which the implement is turned over, so that the handle makes one-half of a revolution, and the face of the block A then presents itself in convenient position for use to rap the shoe or hoof and jar off the dirt, &c.

What I claim as my invention is—

The implement for cleaning horses' feet, herein described, consisting of the hooked blade B, extending from the block A, and both arranged upon the same end of a common handle, all substantially as described.

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