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WIRE FENCE BARB TOOL.

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Fig. 1.

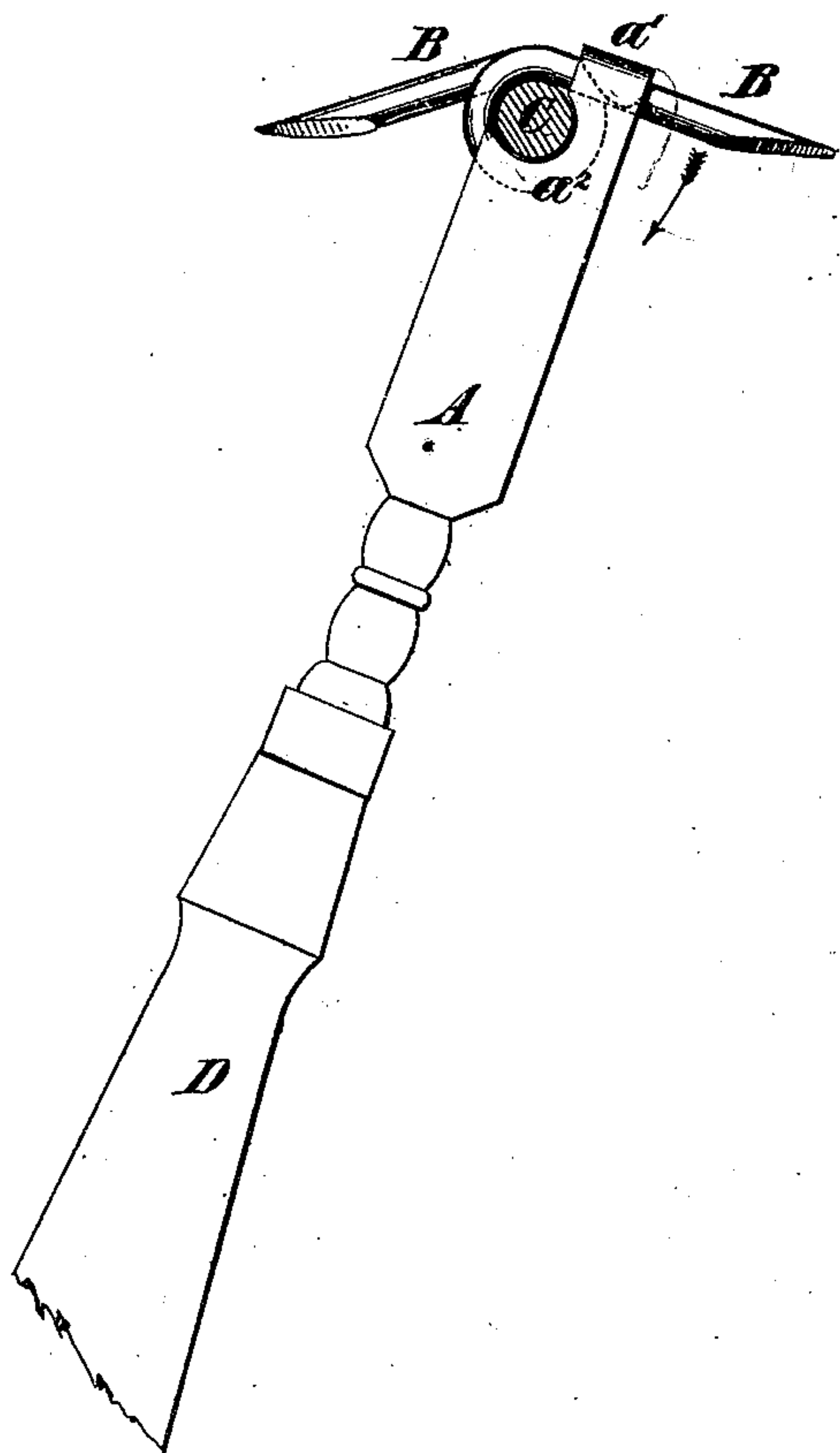
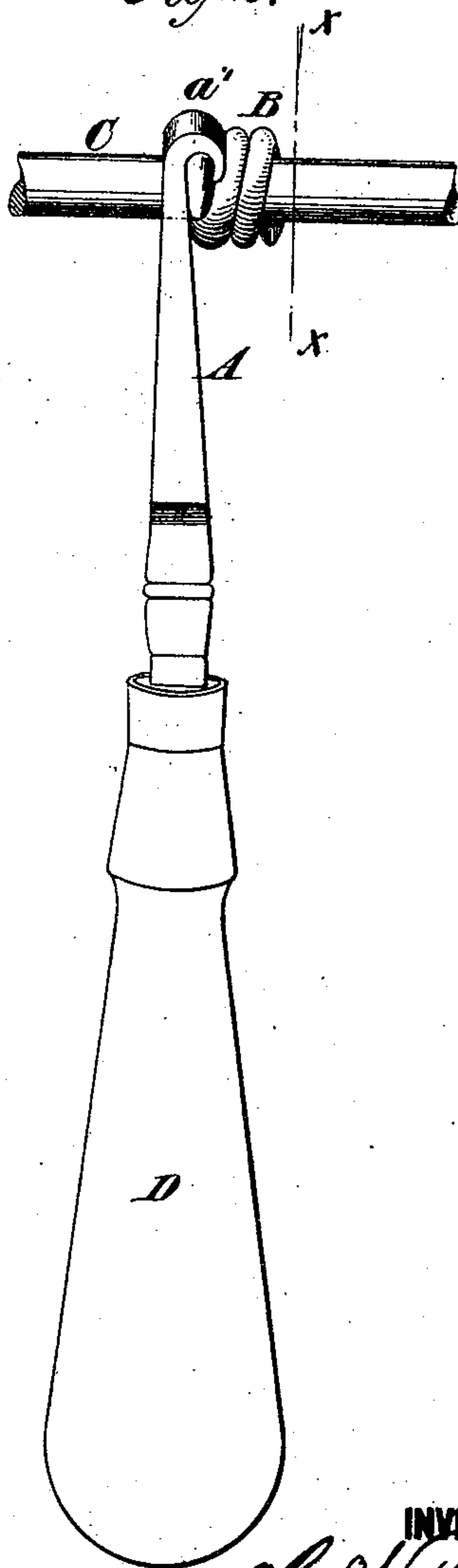


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN WIRE-FENCE-BARB TOOLS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HOMER W. PRINDLE, of Fort Dodge, Webster county, and State of Iowa, have invented a new and Improved Tool for Forming Fence-Barbs, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a side view of my improved tool, the fence-wire being shown in section through the line X X, Fig. 2; and Fig. 2 is a front view of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of my invention is to furnish an improved tool for forming barbs upon fence-wires, which shall be simple in construction and convenient in use, enabling the barbs to be formed quickly and conveniently, and in such a way that they will remain in place upon the said fence-wires.

My invention consists in the tool for forming barbs upon fence-wires, having its lower end bent over to one side to form a hook, and having a slot or notch formed in its edge, close to its lower end, to adapt it for use, as hereinafter fully described.

In the annexed drawing, A is the body or shank of the tool, the lower end of which is bent to one side to form a hook, a^1 , to hook

over the wire B, of which the barb is to be formed. Upon the edge of the tool A, close to the lower end, is formed a slot or notch, a^2 , to hook upon the fence-wire C, as shown in Fig. 1. The tool A is provided with a handle, D, formed upon or attached to it. In using the tool the piece of wire B, of which the barb is to be formed, is placed across the fence-wire C, and one of its ends is grasped and held by a pair of pliers. The hook a^1 of the tool A is hooked upon the free end of the barb-wire B, and the slot or notch a^2 is placed upon the fence-wire C. The tool A is then drawn around the wire C, as indicated by the arrow in Fig. 1, forming the barb.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The tool A, for forming barbs upon fence-wires, having its lower end bent over the one side to form a hook, a^1 , and having a slot or notch, a^2 , formed in its edge, close to its lower end, to adapt it for use, substantially as herein shown and described.

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