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BAYONETS.

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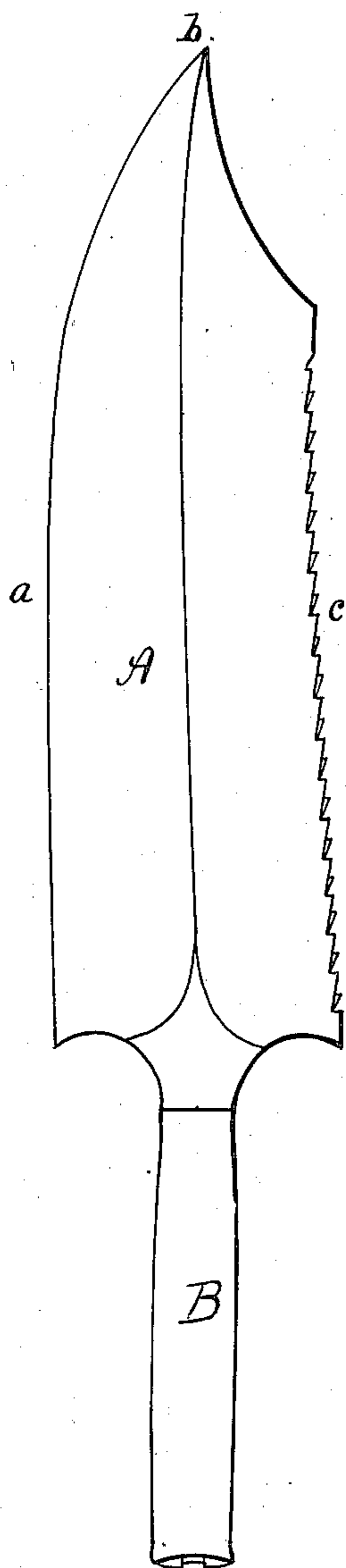


Fig 1

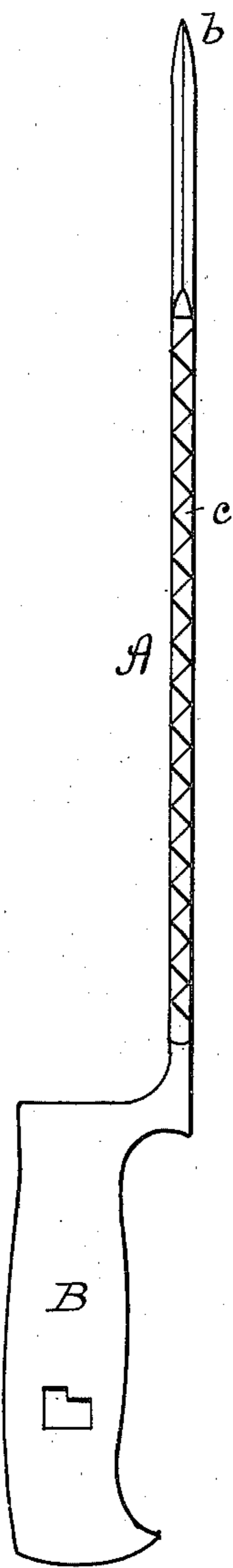


Fig 2

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IMPROVEMENT IN BAYONETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDMUND RICE, brevet lieutenant-colonel, United States Army, have invented an Improved Bayonet, of which the following is a specification:

My invention consists of an improved bayonet, having a blade shaped like that of a bowie-knife, only much wider.

Heretofore bayonets have been made with long angular or sword or trowel shaped blades.

The advantage of the bowie-knife shape is that it is excellent in cutting and thrusting, and is equally as well adapted to throwing up intrenchments as the trowel-bayonet, while it is far superior to it in cutting brush and tent-pins.

On the back of the bayonet saw-teeth may be placed.

The accompanying drawings fully illustrate my invention.

A is the blade with the cutting-edge *a*, the

point *b*, and saw-teeth *c*. B is the socket that passes over the muzzle of the gun.

A sword-bayonet handle has some advantages over every other handle on a bayonet of this kind, as it is better to gripe in cutting brush.

I do not claim as new a bayonet made with a wide tapering blade analogous to a gardener's or mason's trowel; nor do I claim as new a bayonet provided with saw-teeth, both of these inventions having been patented; but

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

A bayonet of sufficient width to serve as an intrenching-tool, one edge of which is provided with a cutting-edge and the other with saw-teeth, substantially as, in the manner, and for the purpose set forth.

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