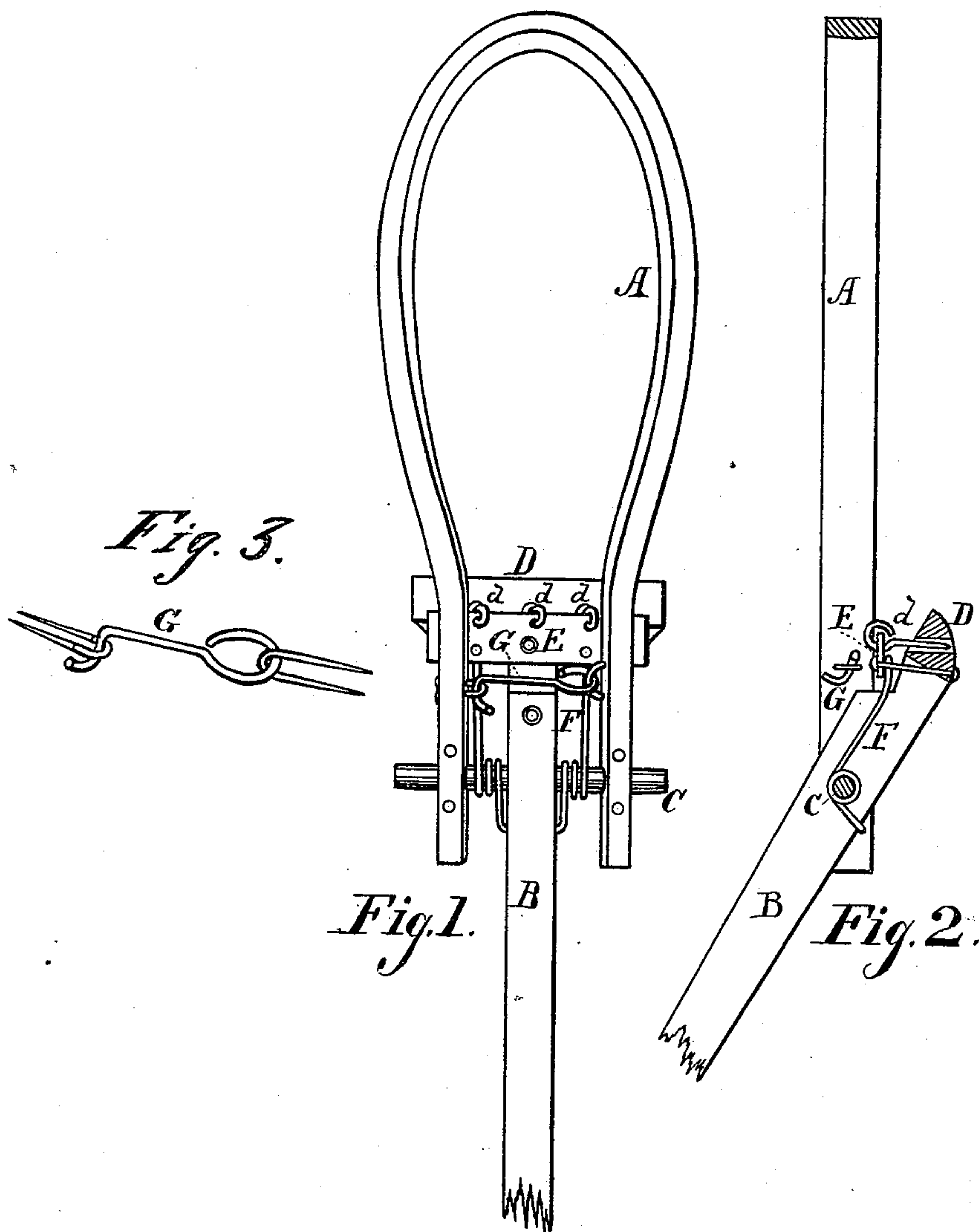


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ANIMAL-POKE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE E. WEBBER, of Hinckley, in the county of Medina and State of Ohio, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Animal-Pokes, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view. Fig. 2 is a vertical section showing the stale - plate E, springs F, and prongs. A detached view of the staples and hook G is shown in Fig. 3.

This improvement relates to animal-pokes; and it consists in the combination, with the bow, of a device for hooking, latching, or securing the ends of the bow together onto the pin passing through the end of the lever, and dispensing with the keys usually employed for that purpose, the object being to supply a ready means of closing and opening the bow, when required, and overcoming the liability of the loss of the keys and the poke dropping off from the neck of the animal, which frequently occurs, thus requiring a safety-fastening.

In the drawings, A is the bow attached to the lever B by the pin C. D is the cross-head on the lever B, being pierced with holes for the spikes *d d* on the plate E to pass through, said plate E being attached to the ends of the springs F.

The description thus far comprises devices already patented.

My improvement consists of staples and a hook or link, G, arranged between the ends of the bow A, whereby they may be held in place on the pin C without the liability of getting loose, and still permit the bow to be opened when required. Said hook or link G is provided at one end with a large eye, and is secured to one arm of the bow by a staple. The other end is bent in the form of a hook with the end bent to one side, so that when it is put in the eye or staple in the opposite end of the bow it will not be shaken out. The large eye on the end of said hook allows it to be twisted, so as to permit the hook to be inserted.

By the use of this device the keys usually used for keeping the bow on the pin C are dispensed with, thus overcoming the danger of the bow becoming loosened and detached from the lever, an annoyance which has heretofore been frequent.

Having described my invention, I claim—

The combination, with the bow A of an animal-poke, of a hook or link, G, having the outward bend on its hook end, and staples, as shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

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