

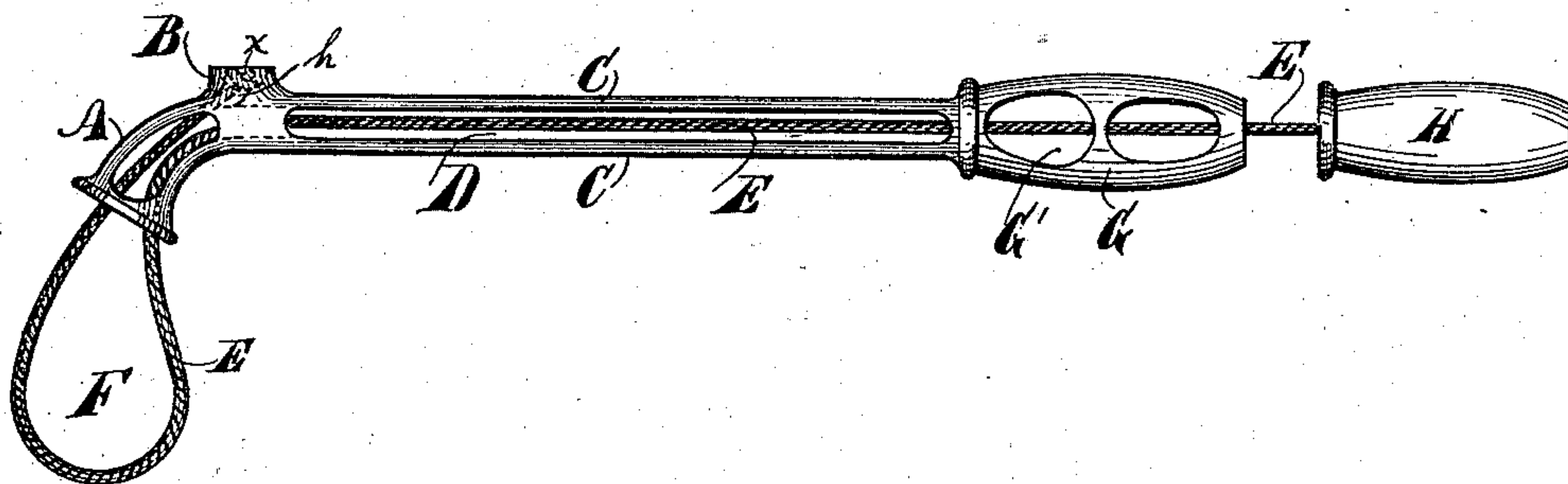
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## DEVICE FOR CATCHING AND HOLDING HOGS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ORVILLE EWING, a citizen of the United States, residing at Decatur, in the county of Macon and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Devices for Catching and Holding Hogs, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a device for catching hogs, in which a hollow cast-metal tube of peculiar construction operates in conjunction with a cord and wooden handle; and the object of my invention is to catch a hog by its nose and hold him fast during the act of ringing or branding. This object I accomplish by the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which the whole device is illustrated by a single figure.

The main tube of the device is made from cast metal. It represents a hollow tube with open sides. One end of the tube is curved, as shown at A, so as to present its open end at an angle to one side of the tube, thus facilitating the operation of wringing. This curved part I prefer to construct bell-shaped. That part of the tube between the curved end A and handle G is formed of two bars, C C, with an opening, D, on both sides.

The handle G may be of any convenient form, and also provided with openings G', to decrease the weight.

Above the curved end A, near the union of the side bars, C C, is a concaved lug, B, with a hole, *h*, through its bottom, leading into the hollow part of the curved end of the tube. Through this hole *h* one end of the cord E is

passed, and a knot, *x*, formed on its end. This knot is drawn down into the concave of the lug B. The cord E passes through the hollow part of the curved end A, and is then returned through the same, and its other end is carried through the hollow part D and handle G of the tube and then made fast to the wooden handle H, ready for operation.

In operation, the handle G is grasped with one hand of the operator, and the handle H by the other hand. The loop F of the cord E is then placed over the nose of a hog, and by drawing the handle H the loop is drawn tightly over the hog's nose. The handle G may then be released and the hog held firmly by the handle H during the act of placing a ring in his nose or branding him, the curved end A allowing the operator to work freely around the hog's nose.

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

In a device for catching and holding hogs, the hollow metallic tube consisting of the curved mouth or end A, with concave lug B, side bars, C C, and the handle G, combined with the cord E and movable handle H, all constructed and arranged to operate substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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