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Fig. 2.

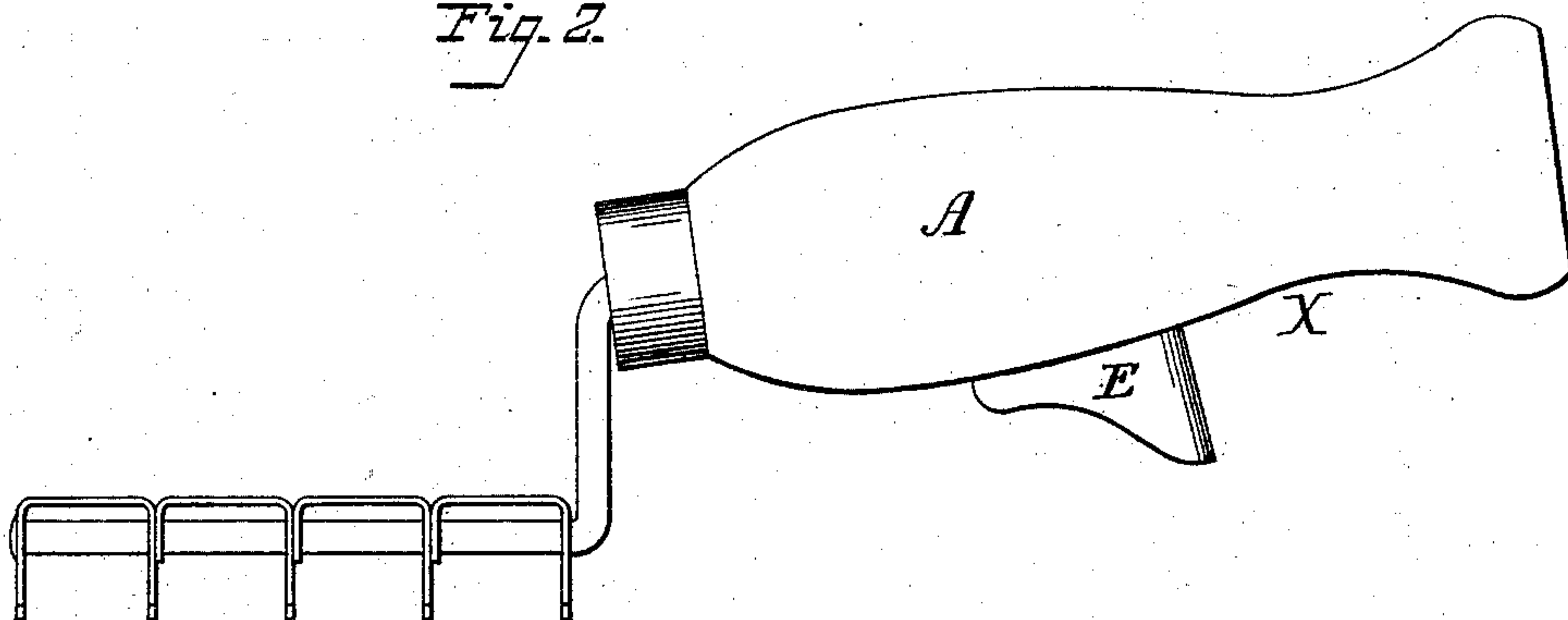
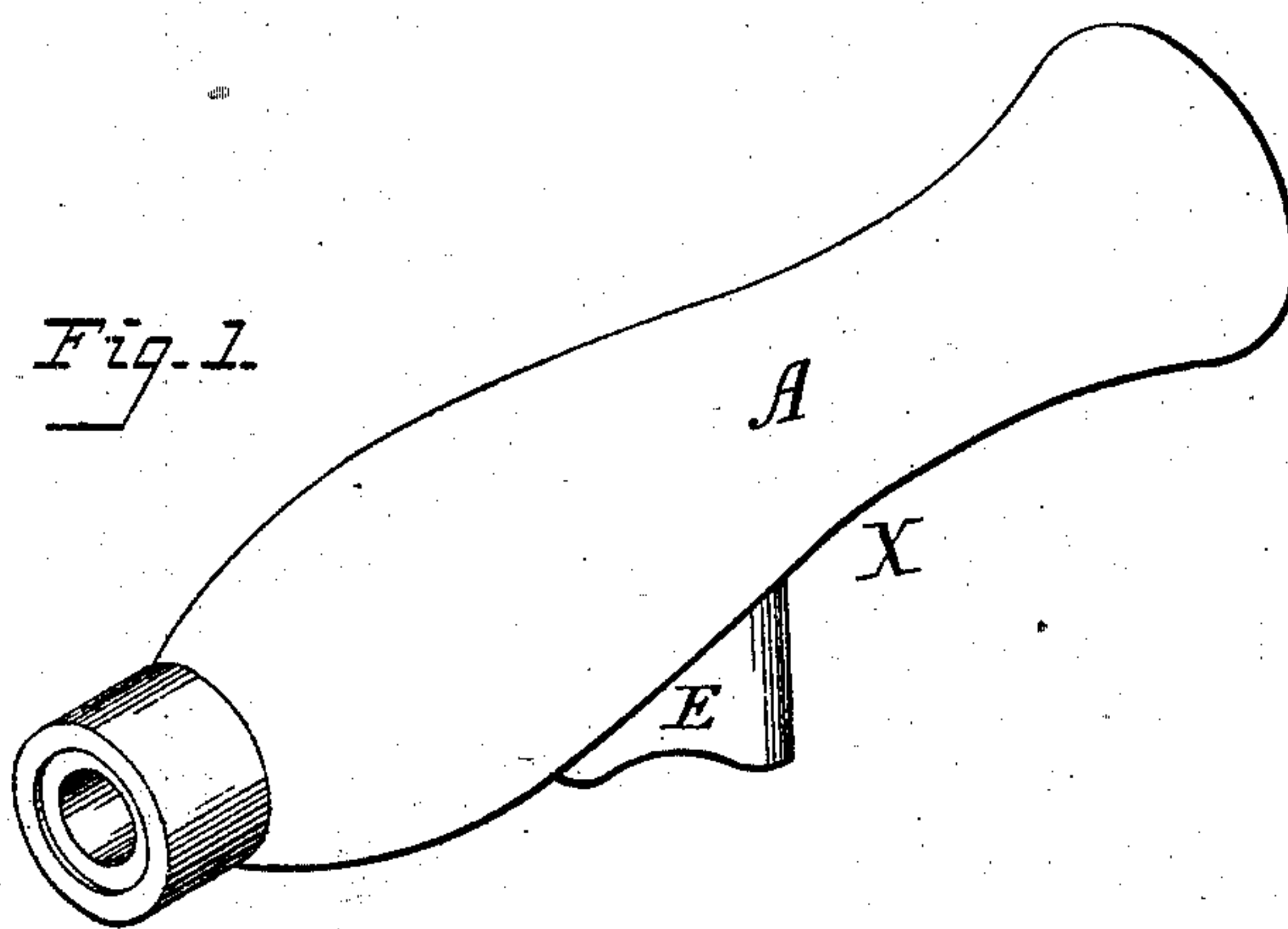


Fig. 1.



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CURRY-COMB.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM E. LAWRENCE, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Curry-Combs, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is a handle especially applicable to curry-combs and horse-brushes, the object being to provide such a handle as can be securely held without unduly restraining and fatiguing the user.

In the drawings forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view, showing my improved handle; and Fig. 2 a side view, showing the same applied to a curry-comb.

Ordinary handles, consisting of metal or wooden bars, are fatiguing to the user, and are apt to blister the hand. This results even when the thumb is placed against the end of the handle for a bearing, from the fact that the handle can only be grasped one way—that is, with the fingers folded directly around it. These objections I overcome by constructing the handle so that a secure hold may be obtained with the fingers in different positions, and without necessarily folding them around and gripping the handle, as heretofore. For this purpose I provide the handle A, between the outer end and the ferrule or point where the tang enters or is united to the same, with a bearing, E, which affords a rest for the thumb at the inner side of the latter, while the side of the thumb has an easy rest against the side

of the handle at the point X, as shown in the drawings. In this position the tool may be operated and securely held with the hand in the ordinary position occupied in currying without the slightest danger of slipping upon the handle, and therefore without the necessity of rigidly gripping the latter, as heretofore, yet at the same time such a natural and easy grasp is secured that the tool may be used for a long time with but little fatigue.

Any suitable construction may be employed to secure the desired bearing, which may be connected adjustably to or formed in one piece with the handle.

Without, therefore, limiting myself to any special construction or arrangement,

I claim—

1. A handle adapted for application to a curry-comb, provided with a lateral thumb-bearing arranged about midway between the ends, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination, with the handle of a curry-comb, of a projecting bearing extending from the handle, between the ends, and at the same side thereof as the comb-teeth, substantially as set forth.

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

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