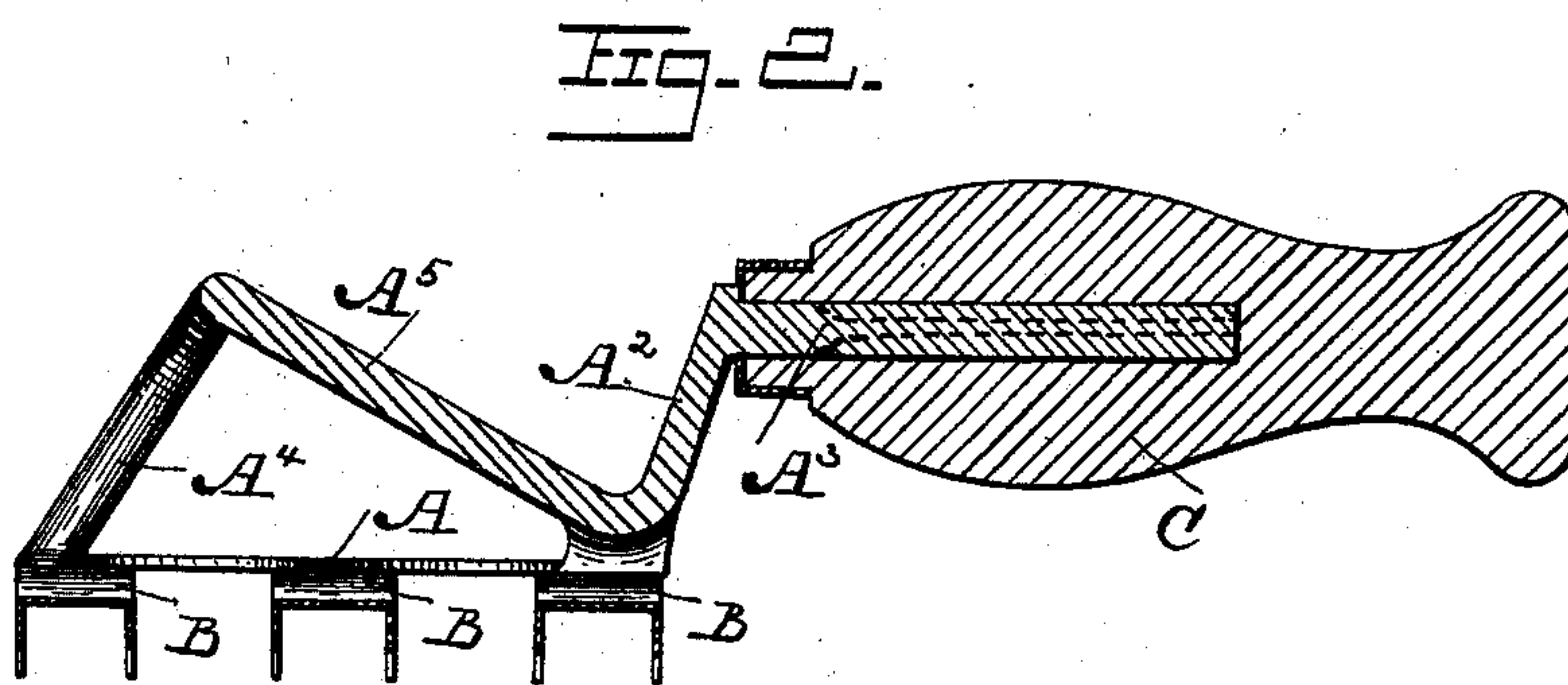
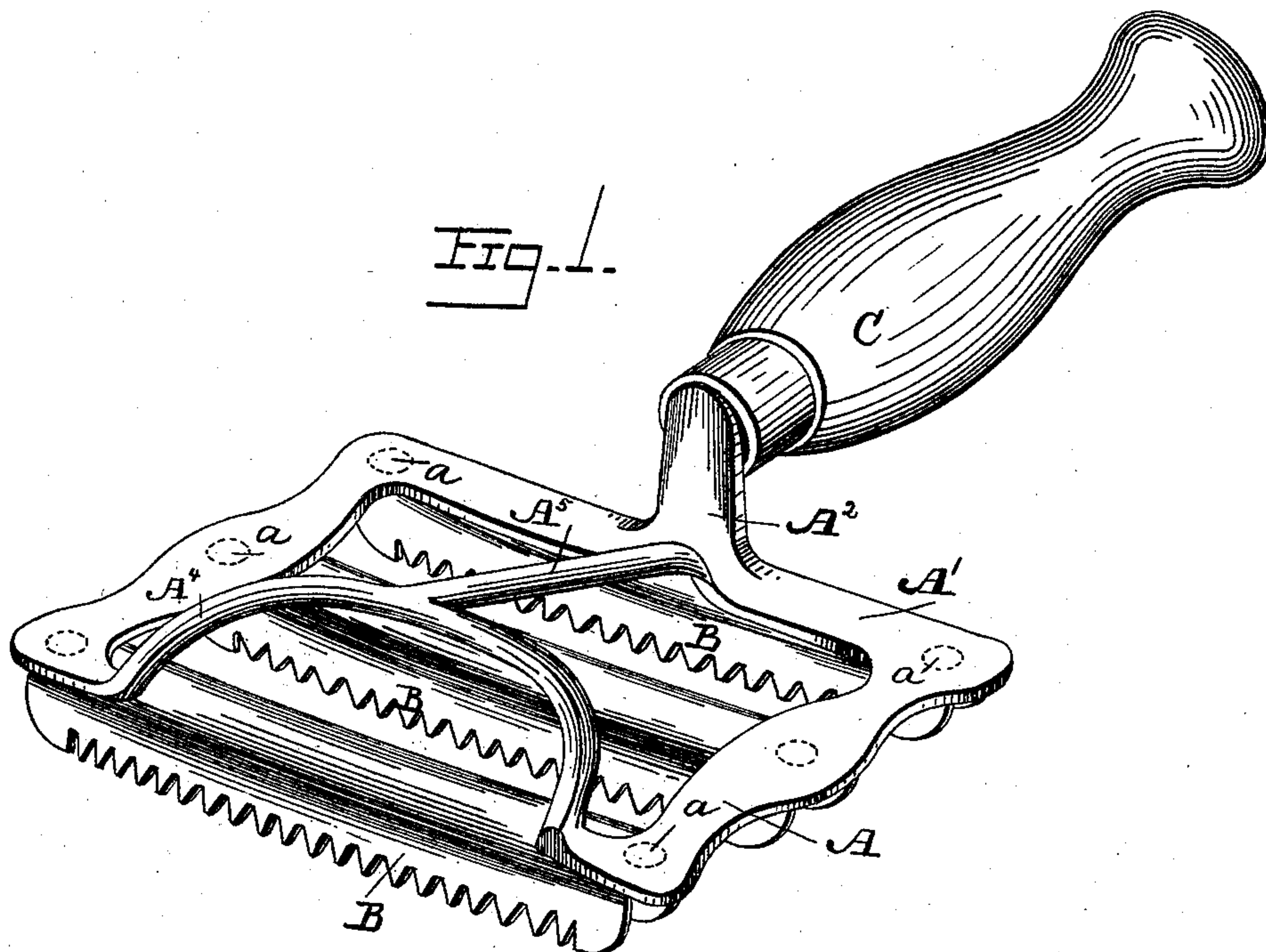


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MILES SWEET, a citizen of the United States, residing at Troy, in the county of Rensselaer and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Curry-Combs, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to curry-combs which are provided with a grasping device over the back, besides a handle on one side; and the object of my improvement is to provide a curry-comb with not only a handle or a thumb-rest on one side and a grasping device for the fingers located opposite said thumb-rest and parallel with the comb-bars, but also with a grasping device extending at right angles to said comb-bars and extending from the thumb-rest to the first-stated grasping device, and forming a back brace for the latter.

Another object is to construct a curry-comb having all the above-stated elements, of as few pieces and with as few rivets as possible, as the commercial success of an article of this nature depends greatly upon the reduced cost at which it can be produced.

The invention will first be described in connection with the drawings, and then be pointed out in the claims.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a curry-comb constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a transverse vertical section of the same.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout both views.

The end bars, A, rear bar, A', rear post or thumb-rest, A², and shank A³ for the wooden handle C, with the front grasping-bar, A⁴, and the transverse grasping bar or handle A⁵, are all integral, and cast at one operation, with the pins a, forming the attachments by which the comb-bars B are secured to the end bars, A, of the frame. These end bars are preferably scalloped to form knockers at each corner, and a cross-section of the shank A³ is in the form of a cross having its ends bearing against

the interior of the handle C. The rear post, A², is of such a width and height to present a fair rest for the thumb of a person. The front grasping-bar, A⁴, is above and is inclined over a portion of the comb-bars to reduce the distance between it and the thumb-rest and make it of proper size for a good grasp, and the transverse grasping bar or handle A⁵, of any suitable width and form and inclination, is across and at the proper height above the comb-bars, for the passage of the fingers between it and said comb-bars, besides furnishing a strong brace for the front grasping-bar and strengthening the whole frame.

A curry-comb of this construction can thus be grasped from above, either around the bars A⁴ with the fingers nearly extended, or around the bar A⁵ with the fingers nearly closed, and thus the various muscles of the operator's hand are released from continuous tension and strain.

Having now fully described my invention, I claim—

1. In combination with curry-comb bars, the curry-comb frame consisting of the end bars, A, the rear bars, A', having the post A² and shank A³, the grasping-bar A⁴, curved and bent over the front comb-bars, and the bar A⁵, transversely inclined above the comb-bars, said frame or all its component bars being made integral, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. In combination with curry-comb bars, a curry-comb frame provided with a handle, C, on one side thereof, a grasping-bar inclined transversely across said comb-bars, and a second grasping-bar at right angles with the first-stated grasping-bar and bent over the front comb-bar, substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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