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NAIL WITH COUNTERSUNK HEAD.

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Fig. 1.

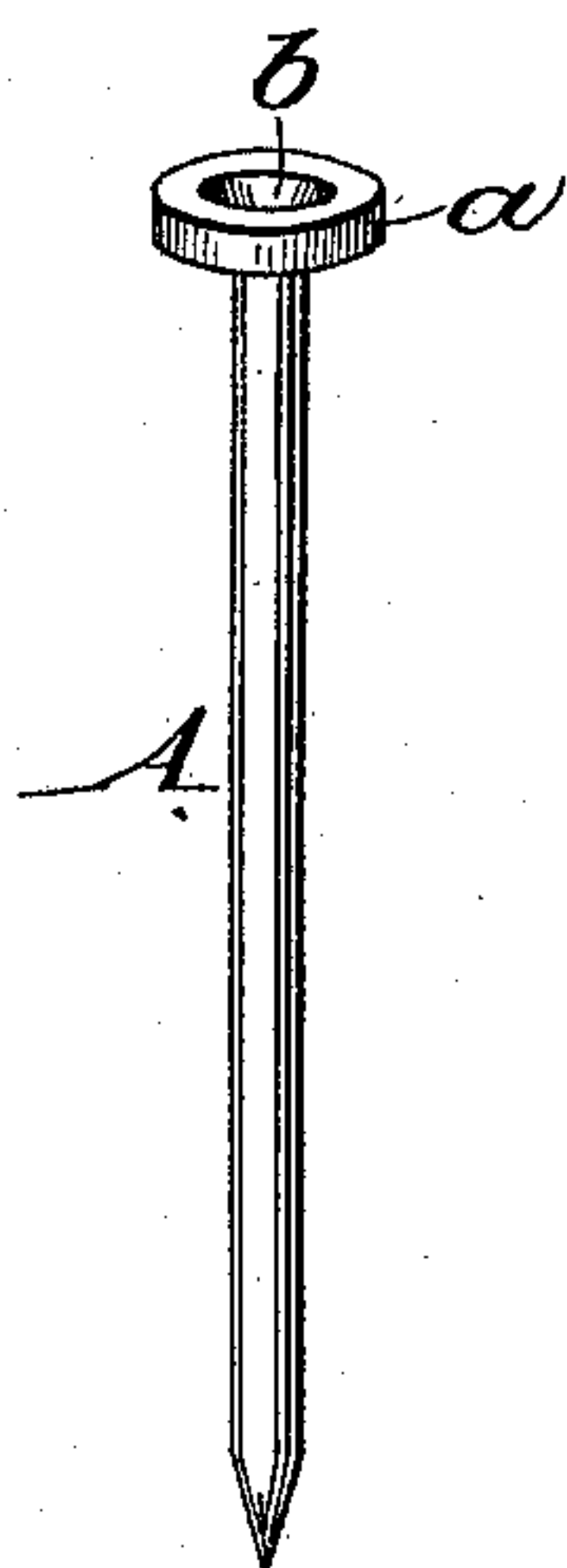
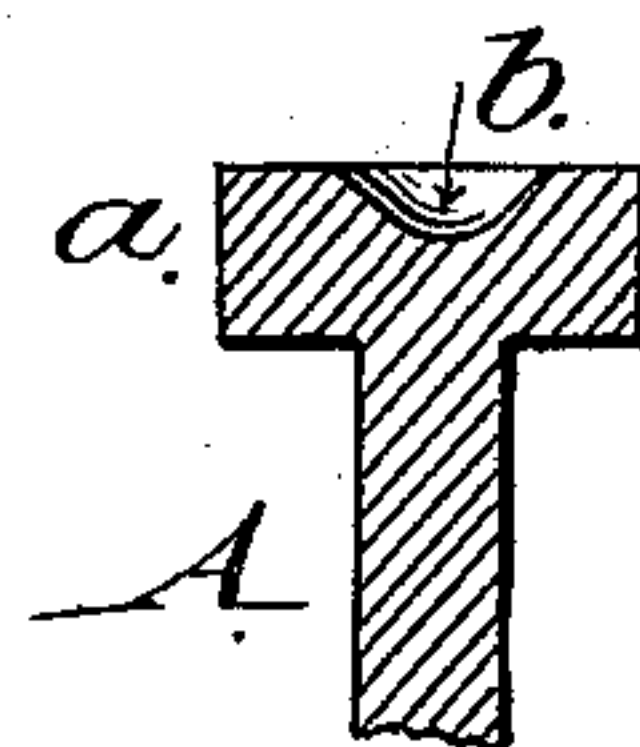


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH WILLOMON HIGGS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Meadville, in the county of Crawford and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Nails, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a nail embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is an enlarged sectional view of the head of the same.

My invention relates to nails, spikes, and like devices; and it consists in forming in the head of said nail or spike a depressed or countersunk portion adapted to receive the point of a nail set or punch, as I will hereinafter fully describe and claim.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will describe its construction and the manner in which the same is carried out.

In the said drawings, A represents a nail of any well-known pattern, having a head, *a*, within the top of which a countersink or depression, *b*, is formed.

It is well known that in driving nails of the usual flat-head form below the surface of the wood the nail set or punch often slips from contact with said head, and thereby injures the wood-work. To overcome this objectionable feature I construct the nails with a depression, as above stated, whereby all danger of the punch slipping is obviated and the consequent damage to the contiguous wood-work avoided.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A nail or spike having a countersink or depression formed in its head, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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