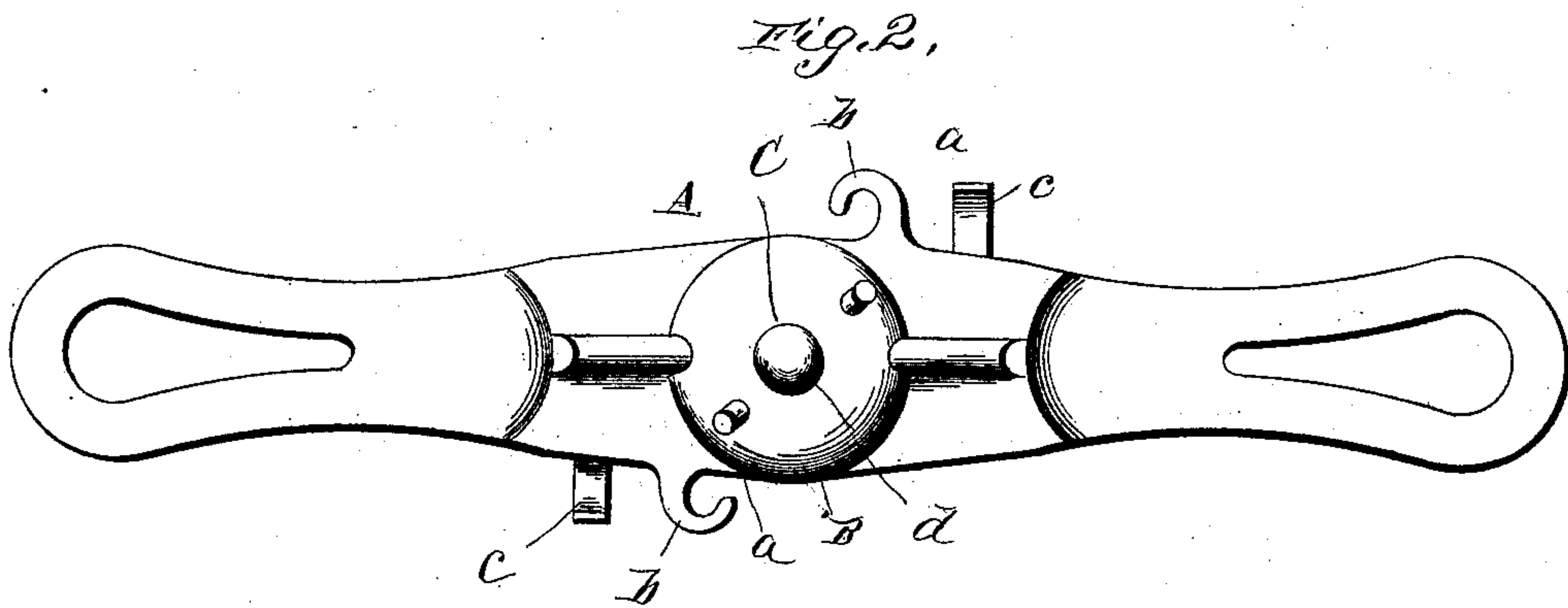
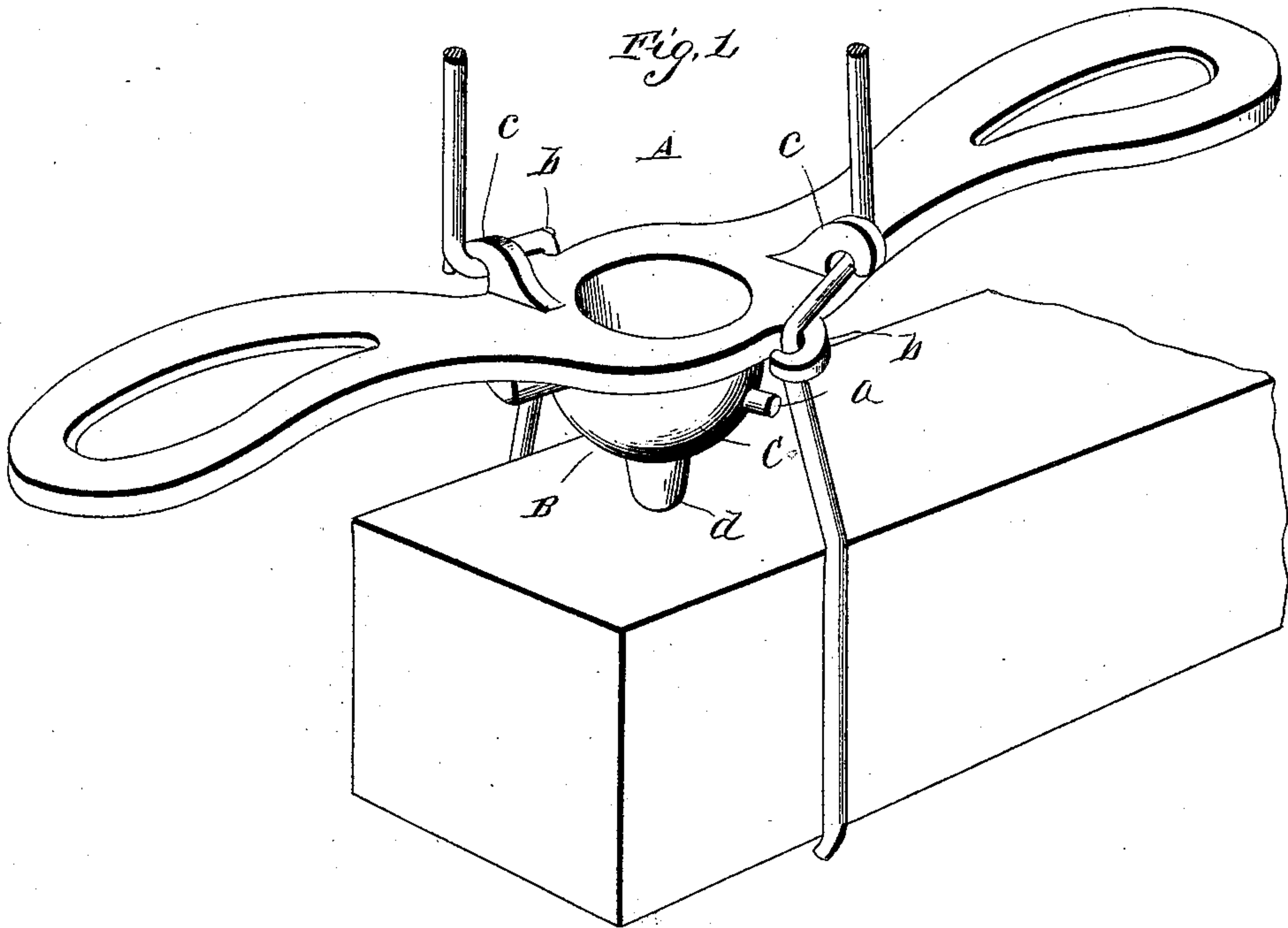


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. H. YOUNT, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Troy, in the county of Miami and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Twisting Devices for Fence-Wires; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a perspective view. Fig. 2 is a view of the under side.

This invention relates to devices for twisting wire around the ends of rail fences at the corners to secure the same; and it consists in the novel construction and combination of parts, as hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, the letter A indicates the twisting device, which is an elongated metallic bent lever provided with suitable handles at its ends, whereby it is held in position, and B indicates the central body portion, having upon its underside a convex boss C, which is designed to take up the slack of the wire caused by the rails pressing together during the act of twisting. On the boss C lateral lugs *a*, diametrically and obliquely opposite each other, project obliquely with reference to the plane of the plate B and with reference to the vertical axis of the instrument. The lugs serve for the purpose of gathering the wire after the machine has been turned to form the first twist, operating to force the wire off the boss. A cen-

tral tapering pivot-point *d* is formed on the boss C to seat the machine in pivotal position between the ends of the wire. In forming the twist the wires constrained by the boss and its lugs entwine under the end of the pivot-point, so that the twist is solid and compact.

The body B, upon each side, is provided with edge hooks *b b*, diametrically and obliquely opposite each other nearly in line with the lugs *a* and curved horizontally in the direction of the transverse diameter of the boss C. Over these hooks are drawn the ends of the wire. In rear of and above the level of each edge hook *b* is a hook *c*, projecting upward from the body portion B, curving downward and outward beyond its edges, the bend of each hook *c* being vertical or at right angles to that of the horizontal edge hook *b*. The hooks *c* are designed to receive the ends of the wire as they pass up from over the said hook *b*. These hooks are designed to act as tension-bars and holders and serve also to feed the wire out as may be required in operating the twisting-lever.

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

A lever device for twisting fence-wire, having a central body provided with the convex boss C, lateral oblique lugs *a* on said boss, a central pivot-point *d*, the lateral horizontal edge hooks *b*, and the vertical hooks *c* at right angles to said edge hooks, substantially as specified.

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

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