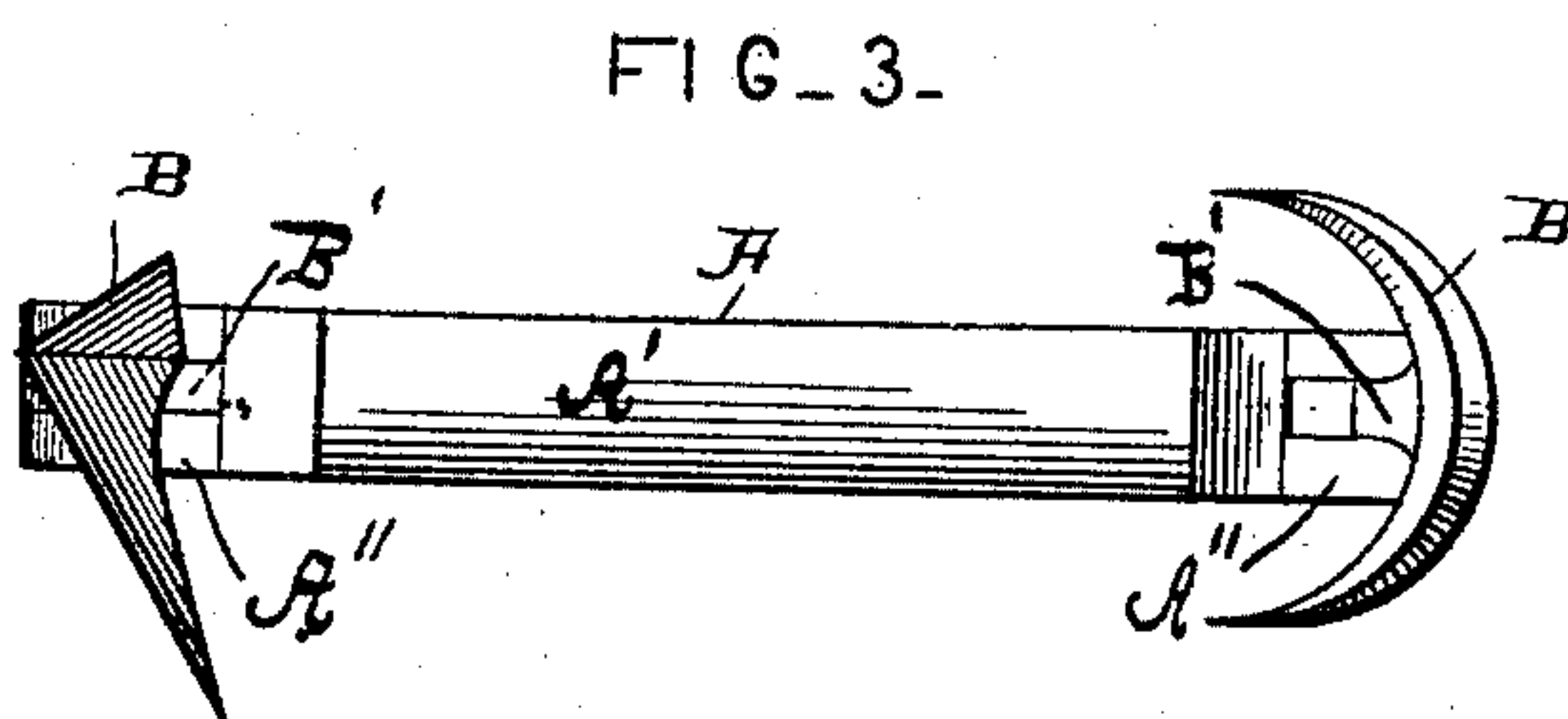
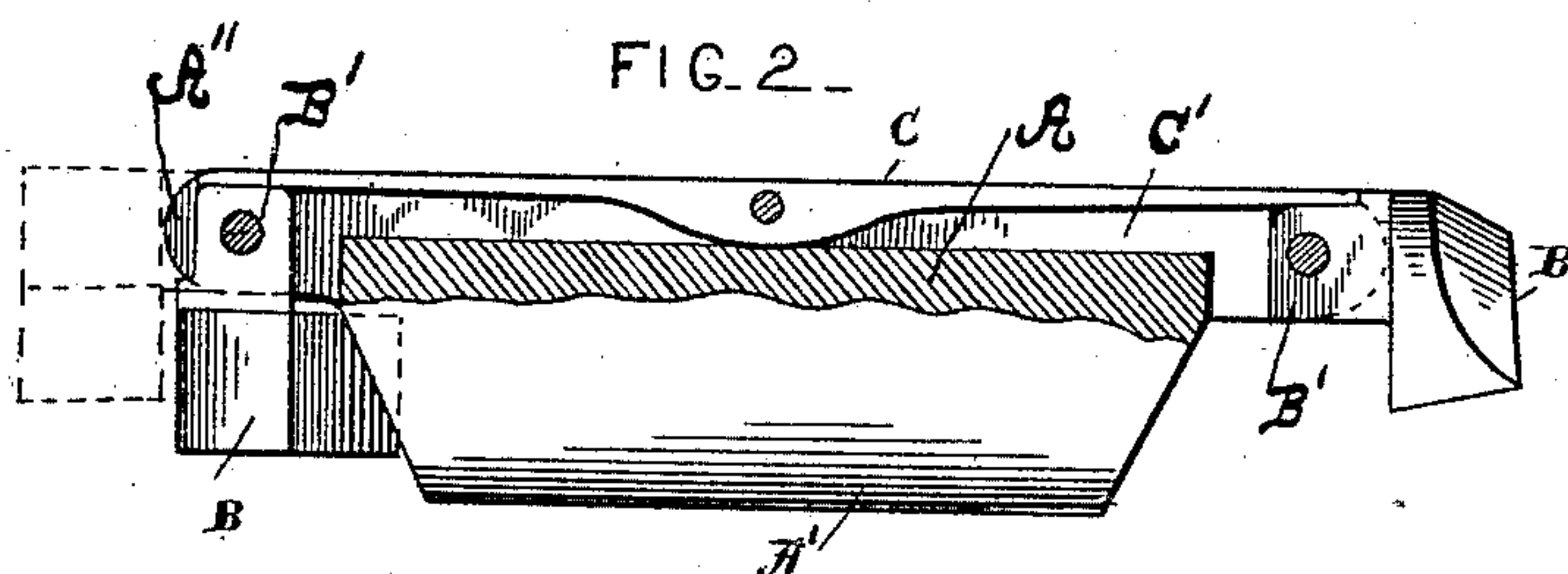
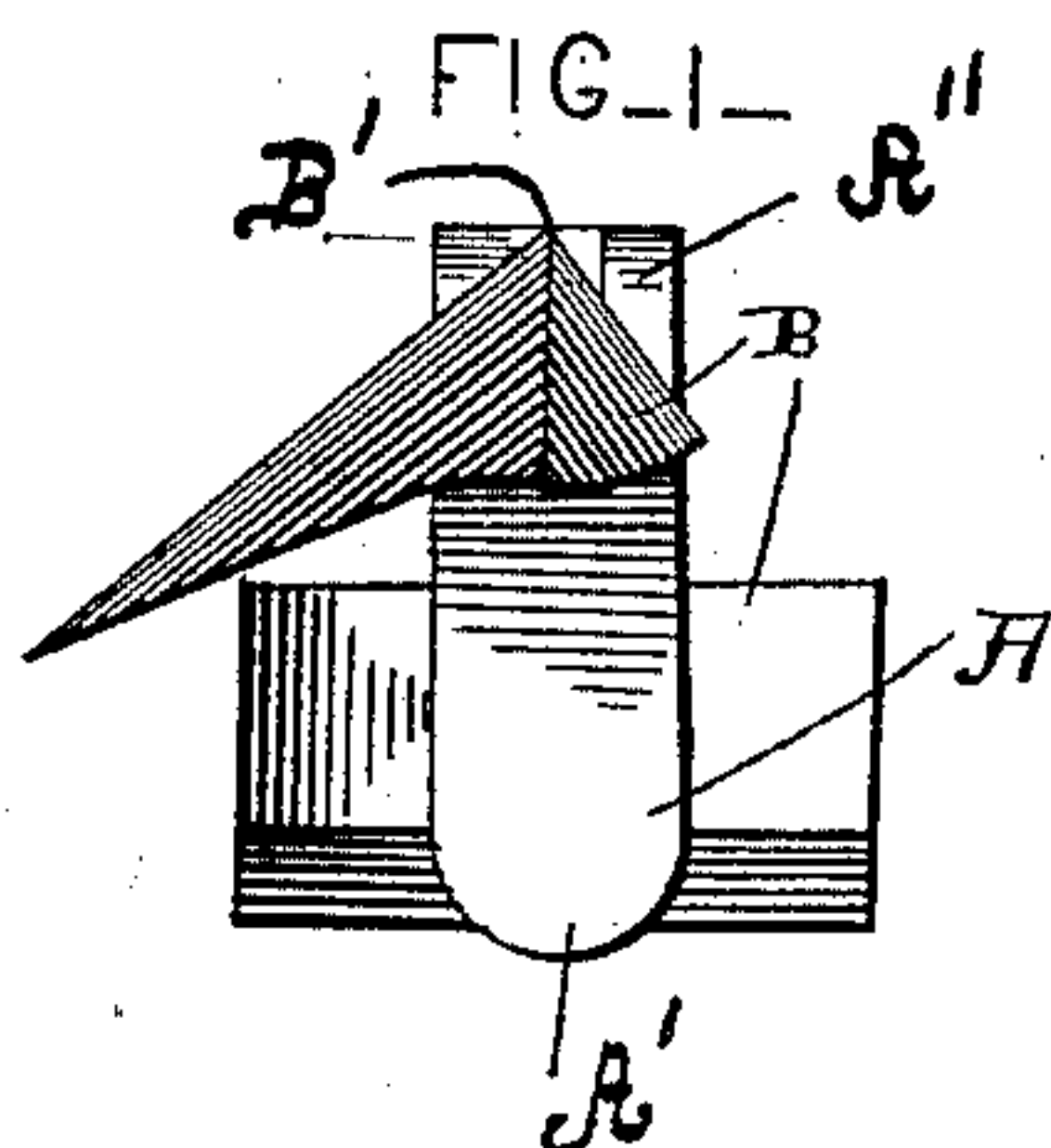


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK B. CONINE, of Merrivale, in the county of Bosque and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Devices for Marking Live Stock; and I do hereby 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 pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in devices for marking live stock; and it consists in the construction and arrangement of parts which will be fully described hereinafter, and particularly referred to in the claim.

The object of my invention is to provide a device by means of which the ears of live stock of all kinds can be marked in such a manner that there will be no possibility of the marks or cuts of the owners being mistaken for those of another.

Figure 1 is an edge view of a marker which embodies my invention. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a plan view.

A indicates the stock or body of the instrument, preferably formed in one piece or block, with the longitudinal spring-receiving channel or groove C' formed the length of its rear edge and terminating at the lugs A'', integral with and projecting from the ends of the stock, each end of the stock being preferably provided with a pair of these parallel lugs A''. The body of the stock is formed solid and enlarged outwardly between its ends and at the longitudinal side opposite said channel to form the guard A', the outer longitudinal edge of which is beyond the plane of the lugs A'', with its ends beveled or cut away from said lugs, as shown, so as to extend outwardly approximately at right angles therefrom. This guard is preferably rounded to form a handle. Each brand or blade B is provided at its rear edge with a perforated ear B', pivoted to the stock between a pair of the lugs A'', so that the brand can swing in an arc of forty-five degrees from operative position at and with the edge of the brand extending outwardly from the ends of lugs A'' or to closed position at right angles to the said lugs up to and parallel with the end edge of the guard. The guard is of such

width as to extend outwardly beyond the edges of the brands when folded into closed position, and thereby prevent injury from the sharp or cutting edges of the brands when out of use and folded into closed position. These blades B are pivoted between the pronged ends of the handle and will be given different shapes. As here shown, one is made circular and the other angular; but each owner of stock will have blades made of shapes of his own or else the cuts will be placed in any desired relation to each other, so as to very readily distinguish his marks from those of other owners.

Placed in the back of the handle or stock is a spring C, which acts like the spring of a knife for the purpose of keeping the blades open or closed. The blades will be made of steel with a sharp edge, and these blades will be used either for cutting or the blades may be heated and made to burn the surface of the skin, as may be desired.

Where a knife or scissors are used for marking stock, the preparation is a very troublesome one, and the marks are so frequently so much like the marks of others that difficulty is encountered in distinguishing the stock of one person from that of another. In order to avoid this, I provide a device by which the ears of live stock of all kinds can be marked in such a way that there is no mistaking the marks of one owner from those of another.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

A live-stock marker consisting of the stock formed in one piece and having the longitudinal channel in one edge, the lugs integral with and projecting from the ends of the stock, and the spring in said channel to control the brands, the brands each having a rear ear pivoted between said lugs, to operate as set forth, the stock extending outwardly at its longitudinal side opposite said channel and between its ends and beyond said brands when folded to form a guard, as and for the purposes set forth.

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

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