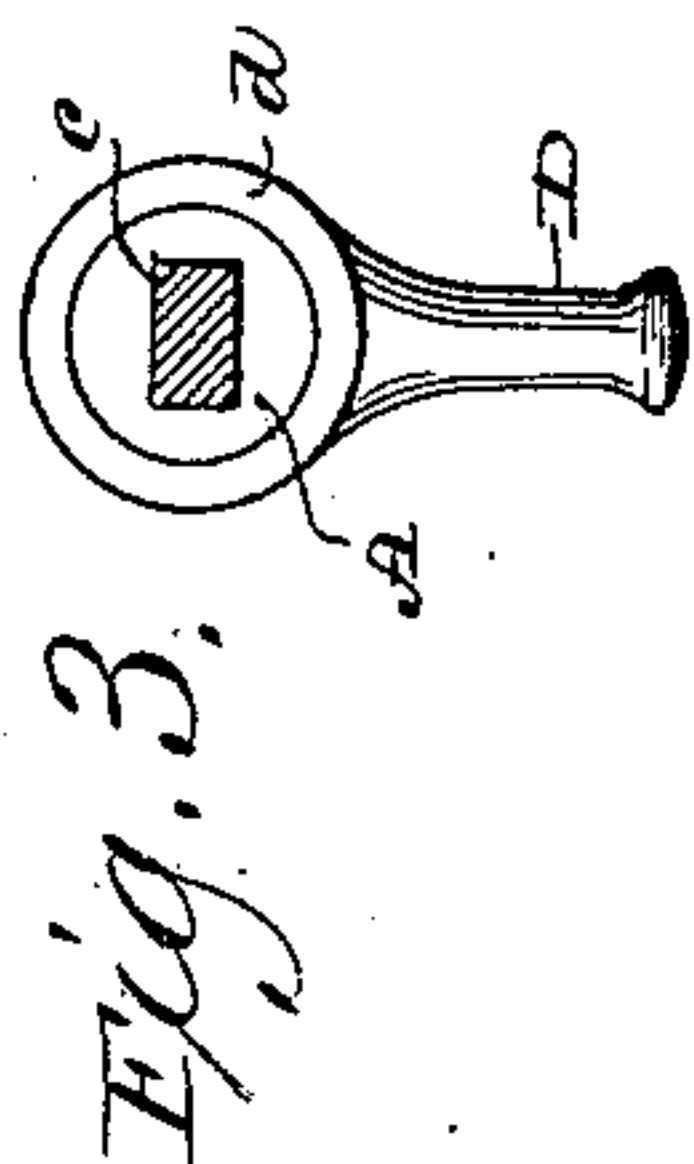


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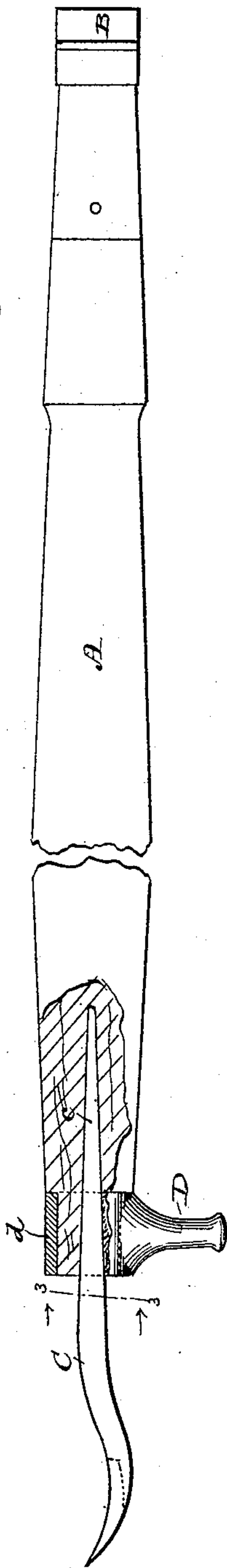
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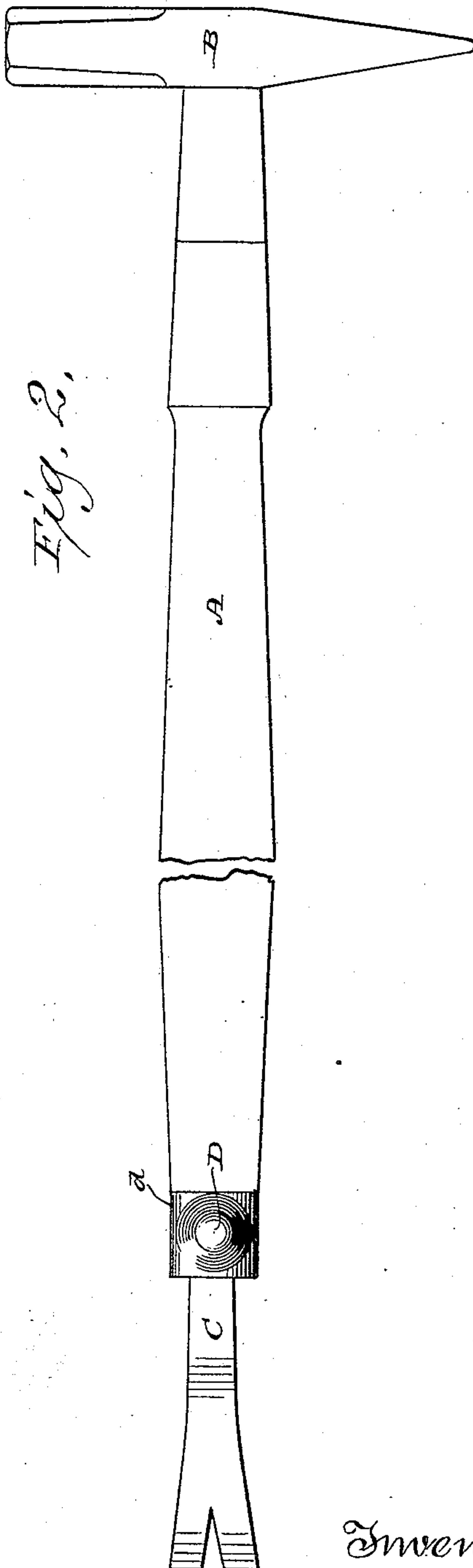
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## TACK-PULLER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CAROLINE H. SLOCOM, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee, and in the State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tack-Pullers; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to implements for pulling carpet-tacks from floors and also for pulling nails and similar articles from the structures into which they have been driven; and my invention consists in certain peculiar and novel features of construction and arrangement, as hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of a tack-hammer with my improvements applied thereto, the butt-end of the handle being partly in section. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a cross-section of the same on the line 3 3 of Fig. 1.

The object of my invention is to produce a simple, inexpensive, and durable form of tack-puller which shall afford a fulcrum-point upon which the device shall operate as a lever.

In the said drawings, A designates the handle, and B the head, of a tack-hammer.

C designates the usual claw, the stem *c* of which is shown as inserted longitudinally into the butt-end of the handle in the usual manner.

In accordance with my invention I provide a ferrule *d*, which is of brass, iron, steel, or other similarly strong material, and which is either circular in cross-section, as shown in the drawings, or polygonal, as preferred. Upon one side of this ferrule is formed a projection D, which is preferably integral with the ferrule, and which, when the device is in position with the ferrule embracing the butt-end of the handle, extends at right angles to the claw C and coincident with the under side of the latter. It is further to be under-

stood that the projection D extends preferably at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the head, although this precise relative position of the head and projection D is not essential to the spirit of my invention.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that when the claw is properly inserted beneath the head of a tack or nail the projection D rests upon the floor or an adjacent structure, and thus serves as a fulcrum for the handle. This structure avoids the vexatious delays which result from hunting for a stick or block or other extraneous object as a fulcrum, and also prevents the twisting and dislocation of the claw, heretofore unavoidable in the use of tack-pullers of this class. It is obvious that the head may, if desired, be omitted, the handle and claw constituting, with the ferrule and its fulcrum, a complete appliance. It will also be seen that by constructing the ferrule as above described, and applying it to a handle in the manner specified, should at any time the handle become broken the ferrule could very readily be taken off and placed upon a new handle.

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

An improved tack-puller comprising a handle, a claw having its shank driven in one end of the handle longitudinally of the latter, a ferrule binding the claw end of said handle, and an integral fulcrum-lug projecting laterally from the ferrule, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand, at Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, in the presence of two witnesses.

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