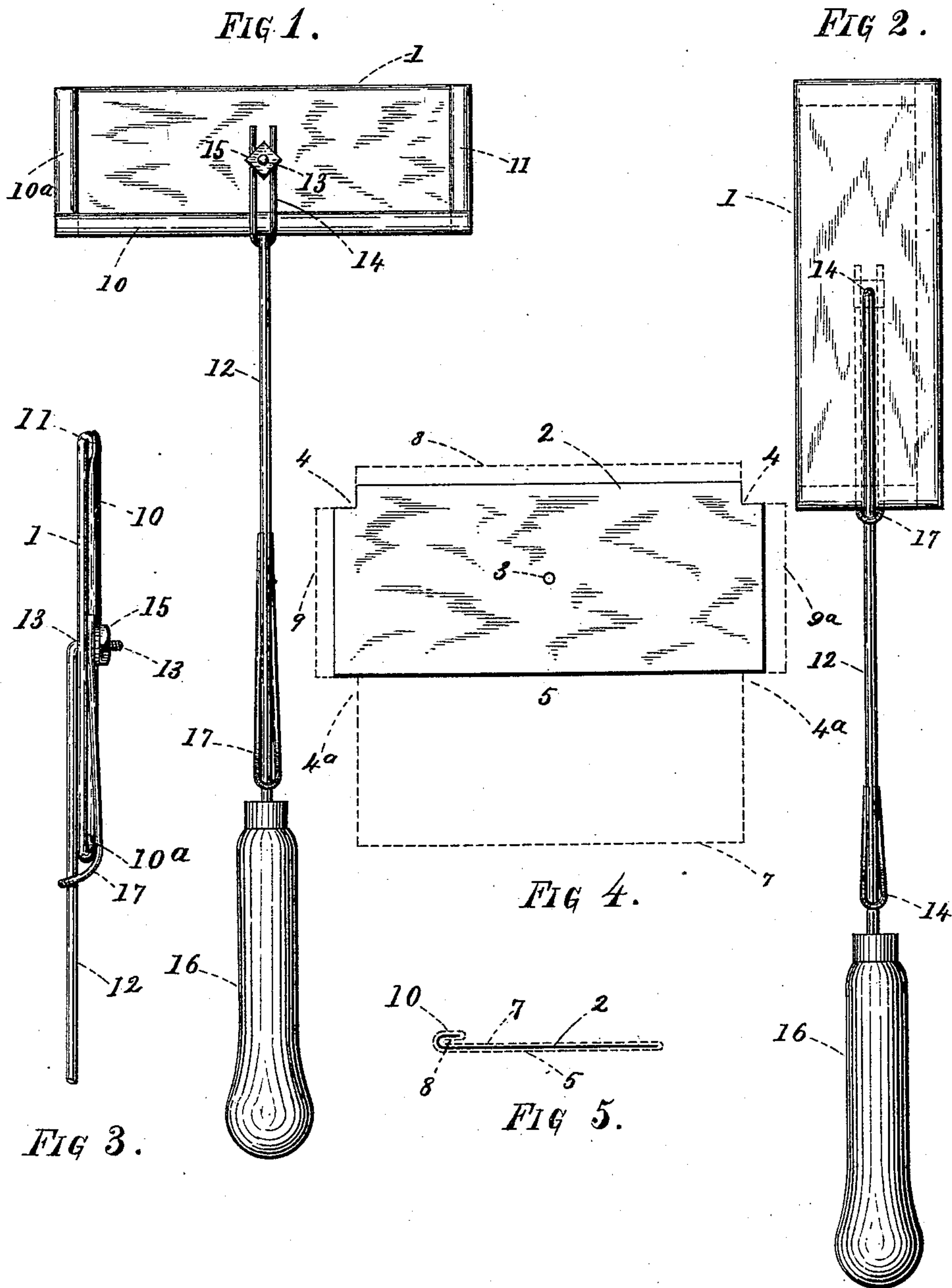


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM R. FROST, a citizen of the United States, residing in North Evans, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fire-Kindlers, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple and convenient fire-kindler capable of being used either in a side position or lengthwise, all of which will be fully and clearly hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front face view of my improved fire-kindler complete, showing the removable kindler in a position to be shoved sidewise into a stove or other receptacle in which a fire is to be kindled. Fig. 2 is a reverse face view of the same, showing the kindler in a position adapting it to be used lengthwise. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the kindler, the handle portion being omitted. Fig. 4 is a face view of the metal blank used in making the kindler, showing, also, the form of the asbestos cover by dotted lines, both before being folded together for forming the kindler portion. Fig. 5 represents a diagram showing a section through the kindler in or about line *a a*, Fig. 2, the asbestos cover being shown by dotted lines.

Referring to the drawings, 1 represents the kindler. It is constructed of a blank 2 of sheet metal, having a small hole 3 near the center and the corners 4 cut out at one side. Over this blank is placed a sheet of asbestos paper or cloth 5, having the corners cut out at the opposite side at 4 and having the opposite side also cut out at 4^a, the portion 7 extending outward, as shown. The metal blank 2 is laid on the asbestos cover, as shown in Fig. 4. The portion 7 is folded over it. Then the side 8 and the ends 9 and 9^a are folded over the edges of the blank, after which the asbestos sides and ends and the metal are all folded over together, so that the asbestos cover and the metal blank are rigidly held together by the folds 10, 10^a, and 11. (See Figs. 1 and 3.)

The handle-shank 12 is attached to the kindler by means of a hook portion 13, which is

passed through the asbestos and through the hole 3 in the kindler. A U-shaped loop 14 is then put on, so that the ends pass each side of the hook portion 13, which is provided with a screw-thread adapted to receive the nut 15, which secures the whole rigidly in place, substantially as shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3. The handle-shank is provided with a wooden handle 16, and a supplementary U-shaped loop portion 17 is also removably secured to the shank, so that either the long or short loop portion may be used. When the kindler is secured in the position shown in Fig. 1, the short loop portion 14 is used, and when put on as in Fig. 2 the long loop portion 17 is employed. The short loop portion 14 is then sprung over the handle, so as to prevent it from getting lost.

This fire-kindler is used by being dipped in kerosene-oil or the equivalent thereof and then putting it into the stove or kindling material and setting fire to it. The asbestos covering will absorb sufficient oil so it will burn long enough to start a fire, after which it is withdrawn. The asbestos covering, being fire-proof, is not injured by the operation.

The object in making the position of the kindler changeable is that under some conditions it is better to present the broad side of the kindler to the fire, while under other conditions—such as a small opening—it is necessary to enter the kindler lengthwise.

I claim as my invention—

1. A fire-kindler consisting of a sheet-metal blank combined with a covering of asbestos, the two secured together by folding the sides and ends over each other, and a handle for operating it, substantially as described.

2. In a fire-kindler, the combination, with the kindler, of a removable handle having a hook portion provided with a screw-thread, a wire loop portion which loops over the handle-shank, so that its two ends extend over the face of the kindler and each side of the screw portion of the hook as it projects through the kindler, and a nut for rigidly securing the whole together, substantially as described.

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