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HOLE STRAIGHTENER.

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FIG. 1.

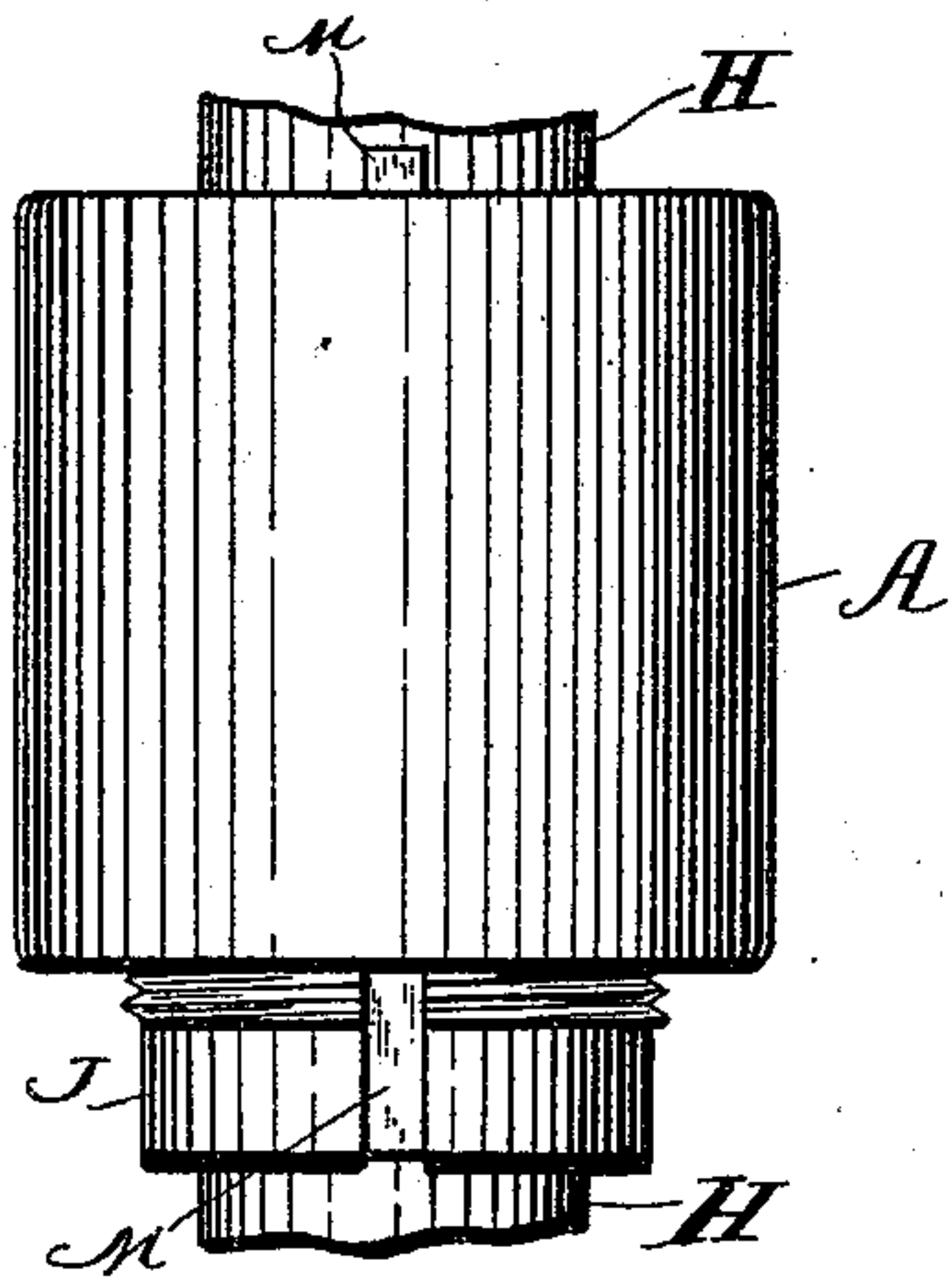


FIG. 4.

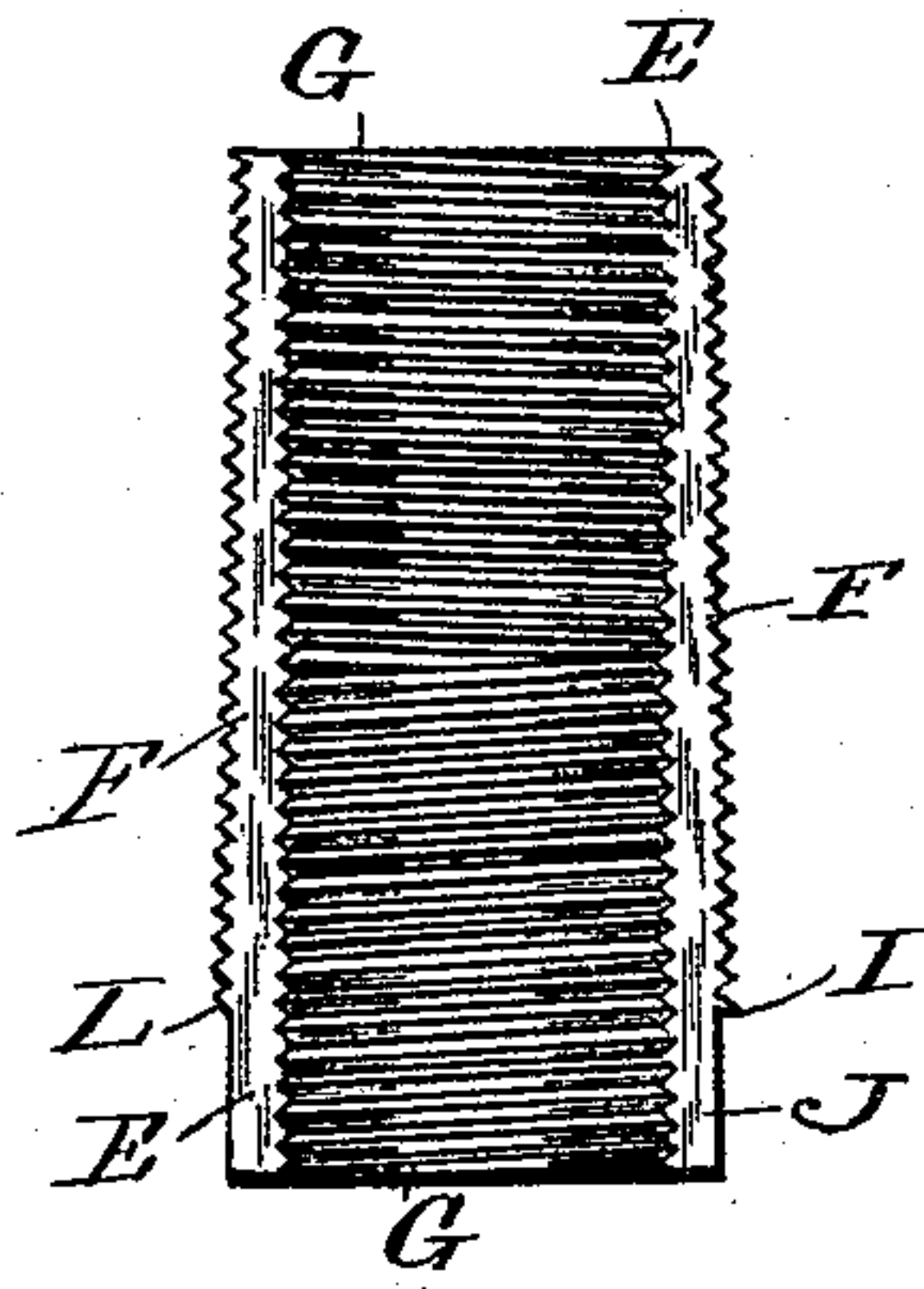


FIG. 6.

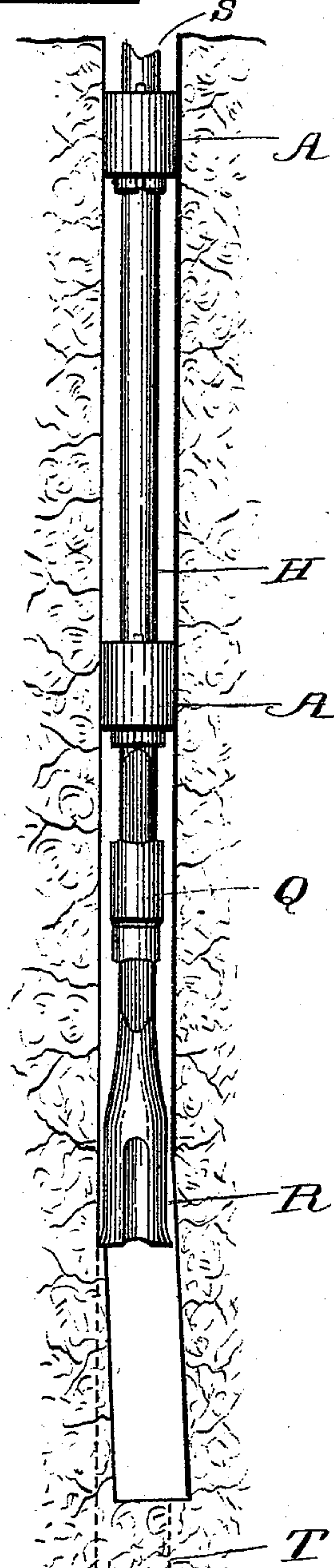


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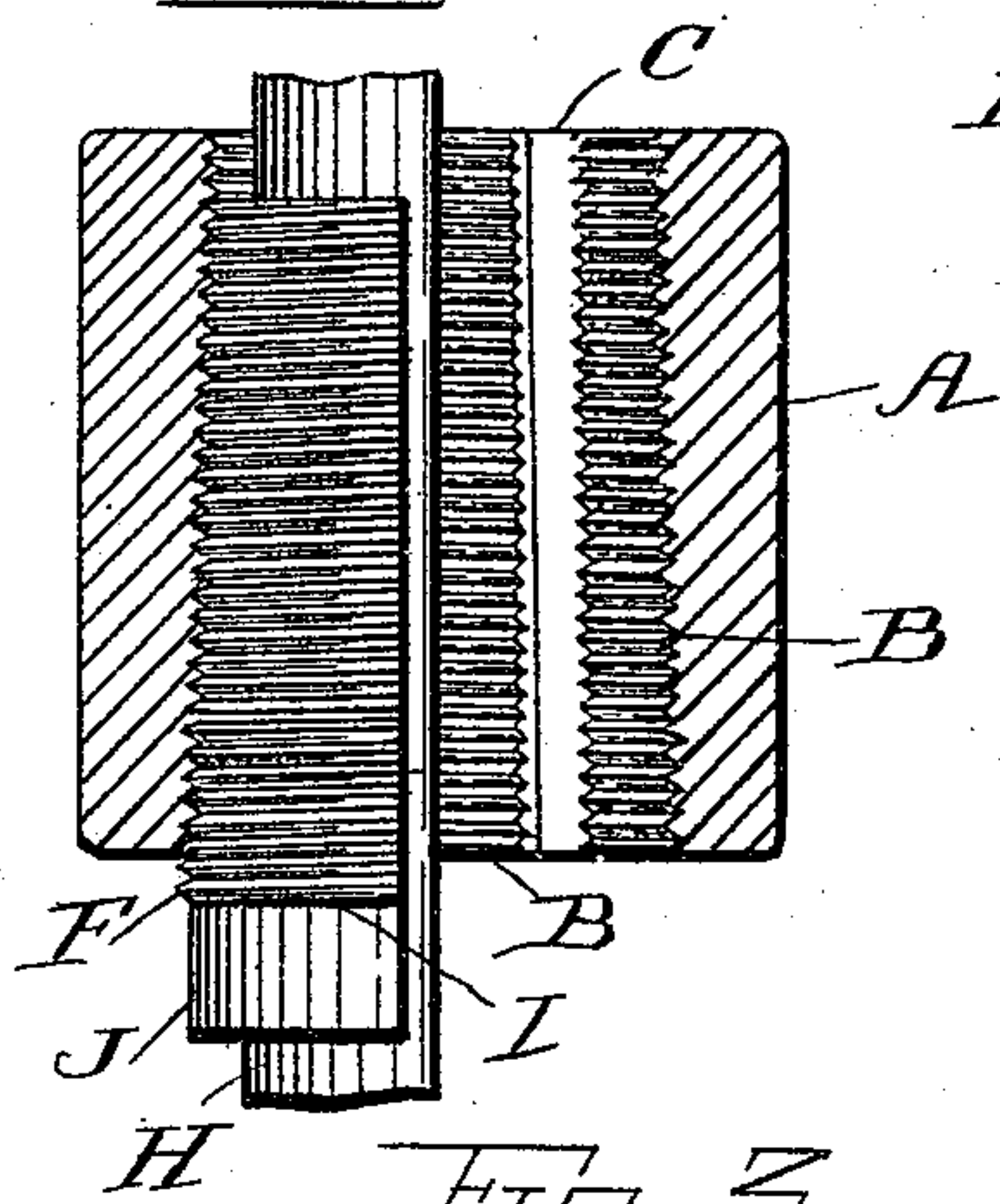


FIG. 5.

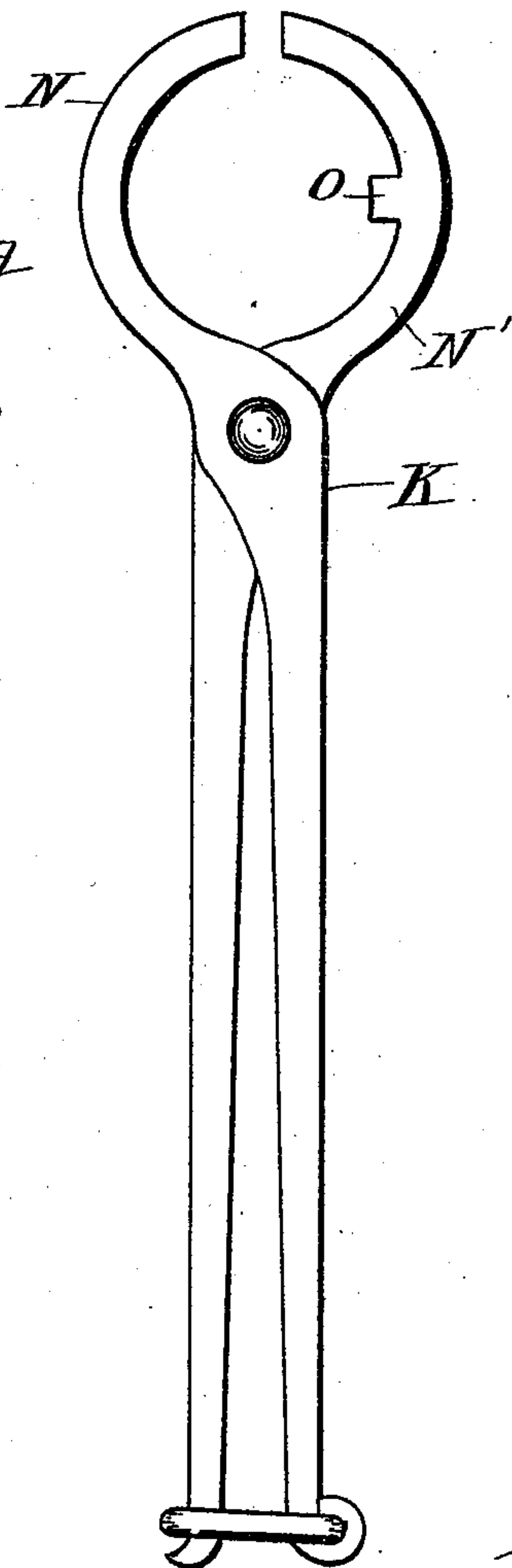
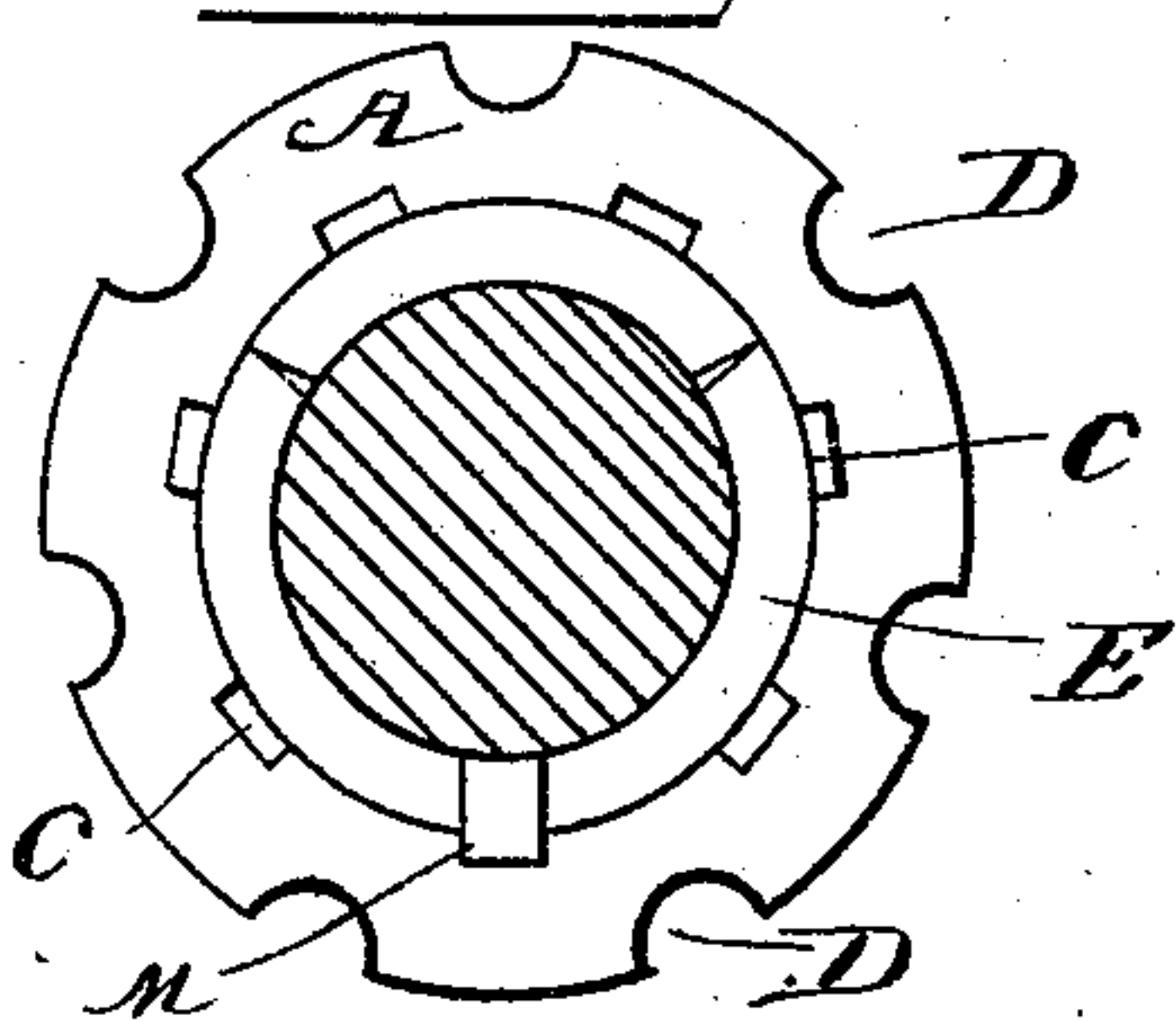


FIG. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PATRICK H. MACK, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of Bradford, county of McKean, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hole-Straighteners for Oil and Artesian Wells; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my device showing it secured to a portion of the auger stem. Fig. 2 is an axial section of the collar, also an elevation of a portion of the auger stem divided axially in a plane at right angles to the sectional plane of the collar. On this portion of the auger stem is shown a screw-threaded wedge engaged with the threads of the collar. Fig. 3 is a plan of my device as shown in Fig. 1. In this view are shown semi-circular grooves in the face of the collar. Fig. 4 is a side elevation of one of the wedges, with the inside or concave face presented. Fig. 5 represents a clamping tool for holding the wedges. Fig. 6 is a view of the hole straightener in use in the well.

My invention relates to that class of oil well "fishing tools," that are used for straightening what are termed by drillers "crooked holes."

The object of my invention is to provide an improved hole straightener, that will be simple in construction, effective and reliable when in operation and that can be easily connected to or disconnected from the drilling tools by the driller at the well, the auger stem forming a part of this device.

In the drawings—A is a collar, the outside diameter of which is the size of the well-hole. The outer face of this collar (see Fig. 3) is provided with longitudinal grooves D, for the passage of the fluid it displaces in its movements in the well while its inner face is provided with square grooves C for the reception of a feather or key M (Figs. 1 and 3) to be referred to hereinafter.

E represents wedges whose concave faces are provided with serrations or screw-threads to prevent them from slipping on the stem, when in use.

In Fig. 4 a wedge E is shown with a right-hand screw-thread on its upper half and a left-hand screw-thread on its lower half. This method of preparing the concave surface of the wedges E I prefer because the threads not only prevent the wedges E from slipping longitudinally, but also from turning on the auger stem H, when the collar A, is screwed on or off. The same object can be accomplished, however, by preparing the entire concave face of one of the wedges, with a right-hand screw-thread and the entire concave face of the adjoining wedge with a left-hand screw-thread and so continue with the entire set used. The wedges E, are formed at their lower ends, with a smooth outside surface J of less diameter than the adjoining threaded parts, in order that they may be grasped and held by the clamps K. By so constructing the wedges a shoulder or offset L is formed which rests on the face of the clamp K, and by this means the ends of the screw-threads F, of the several wedges E when placed in position on the auger stem H, will coincide with each other in the same spiral plane, and thereby permit the thread B of the collar A to engage with them when screwing the collar A on the wedge E. A set of the wedges E does not form a complete circle around the periphery of the auger stem H, but a space is left for the insertion of the key M, (see Figs. 1 and 2.)

K, is a clamping tool in the form of a pair of tongs with jaws N and N' made semi-circular for the purpose of grasping the smooth surfaces J of the wedges E on the auger stem H. On the inner periphery of the jaw N' is the projection O, corresponding in width to the key M, and adapted to enter between two of the wedges E, so that when the collar A is screwed over the wedges E, the latter will be held apart at such distance as to allow the key M, to be inserted between them.

For practical use a set of two of my devices is preferably used as shown in Fig. 6, and the method of using them is as follows: A string of drilling-tools being suspended in the derrick with no tool attached to the auger stem H, the collar A is passed up over the box Q, and held while the auger stem H, which it encircles, is lowered into the well-

hole a sufficient distance to bring the upper
end of said auger stem on which one of the
devices is to be secured, within reach of the
driller. A set of the wedges E, is then placed
5 on the auger stem H, at the desired location
and clasped by the clamp K, as described above.
The collar A, is then screwed down over the
wedges E with such force as to embed the serrations G, into the auger stem H, while the pro-
10 jection O, keeps the key-space open. The
screw-threads B and F, being reasonably fine,
the collar A can always be screwed down
firmly and yet stopped at such a point as to
leave one of the several key-seats C, opposite
15 the key-space of the wedges E. This being
done, the key M, is inserted and operates to
bind all the parts securely to the auger-stem
H. After securing the collar as described,
the auger-stem H, is raised and a similar de-
20 vice is in like manner fastened at its lower
end. A round-reamer R is now screwed into
the auger-stem box Q, and the hole-straight-
ener is ready for use.

In Fig. 6, S, represents the well-hole which
25 is shown at the bottom as deviating from the
perpendicular, which is represented by the
dotted lines T and U. A crooked hole which
is often made in drilling, is generally caused
by the drilling bit entering a slanting crev-
30 ice in the rock, and starting to drill the hole
at an angle. This results in binding the tools
and arresting the progress of the drill. By
my method the collars A, act as guides to the
drilling - tools, centering and holding the
35 reamer R, in a position perpendicular to the
balance of the tools, and causing it, as soon

as it reaches the point where the well begins
to deviate from the perpendicular, to start a
shoulder as shown, and continue cutting in
a perpendicular line downward as indicated 40
by the dotted line U, until the bottom of the
well-hole is reached. Then the straighteners
can be removed, the reamer replaced by the
drilling-bit and the drilling proceeded with.

Having thus described my invention, what 45
I claim is—

1. In a well boring tool the combination of
the stem, the interiorly screw-threaded collar
adapted to surround the stem and fit the well
hole, the wedges adapted to fit between the 50
collar and stem and provided with interior
serrations having cutting edges for embed-
ding into the smooth periphery of the stem
at any point to prevent slipping vertically,
and a lower contracted portion having a 55
smooth outer surface for receiving the clamp-
ing tool K substantially as set forth.

2. In a well boring tool the combination of
the stem, the interiorly screw threaded col-
lar adapted to surround the stem and fit the 60
well hole and the wedges adapted to fit be-
tween the collar and stem, exteriorly screw-
threaded to receive the collar and interiorly
screw-threaded in two directions to prevent
slipping circumferentially when the collar is 65
screwed on and to prevent slipping longitudi-
nally as explained.

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