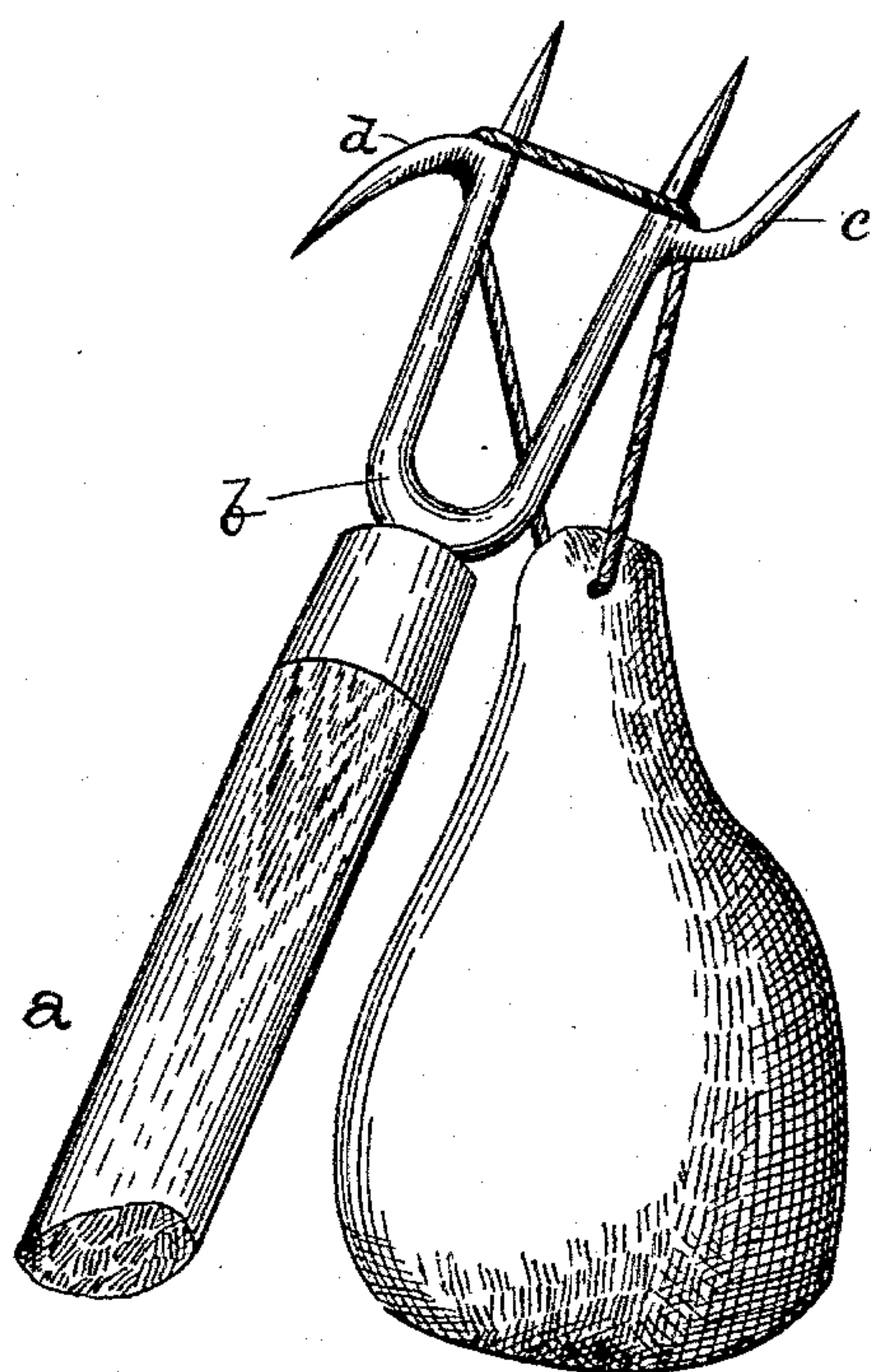
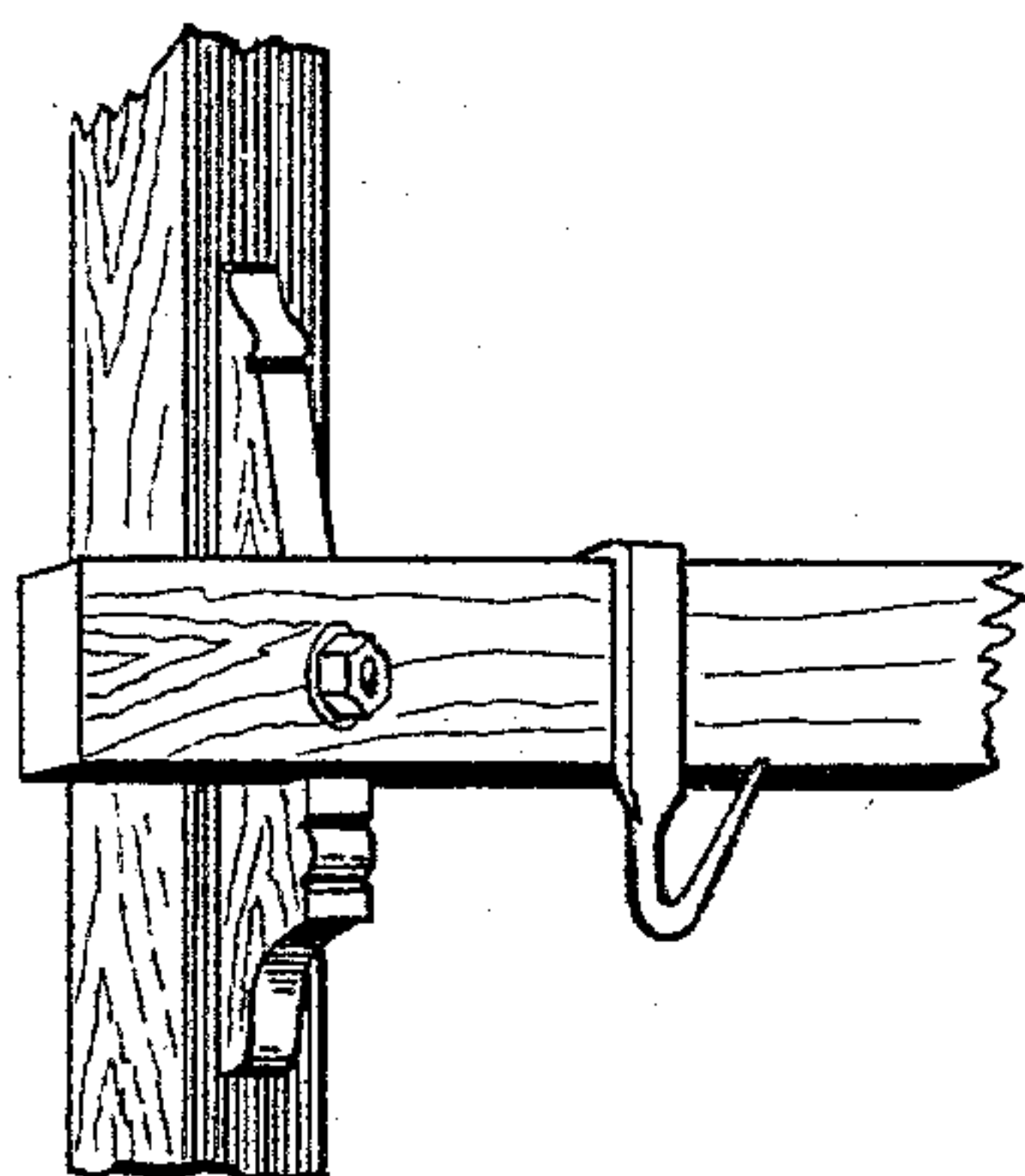


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EZRA A. COZENS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Toledo, Lucas county, Ohio, have invented certain
5 new and useful Improvements in Lifting-Forks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to and its object is to provide a simple, cheap, and efficient fork for
10 lifting to overhead hooks, nails, and the like articles such as pictures, meats, and other merchandise, and for detaching and removing such articles from such hooks, and to so
15 construct such fork that it may, when inverted, be utilized as a meat-hook for removing meats, fish, and the like from their receptacles without soiling the hands of the user with the brine and liquor in which such
20 articles are usually contained. I attain these objects by means of the device hereinafter described, and shown and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, made part hereof, showing my fork, with a ham suspended therefrom, in position to be suspended to an over-
25 head hook.

In the drawing, *a* is the handle, and *b* is a stout two-pronged fork secured thereto. One of these prongs has a short supplemental prong *c*, projecting outwardly, and the other
30 prong has a short supplemental prong *d*,

curved rearwardly to form a hook, the points of the four prongs referred to being substantially in the same plane. When a suspending-cord is laid in the forks formed by the main prongs and the shorter prongs, as shown
35 in the drawing, the article to which the cord is secured may be readily lifted to an overhead hook, the cord may be easily slipped over the hook, and the implement may be without difficulty withdrawn. If, now, the im-
40 plement be reversed, the backwardly-curved prong *d* serves as a hook by means of which pickled meats and the like may be easily removed from their liquor.

Having described my invention, what I
45 claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A lifting fork, comprising the handle, a two-pronged fork secured thereto, a branch projecting forwardly from one of said prongs,
50 and a rearwardly curved branch projecting from the other of said prongs, said prongs and said branches lying substantially in the same plane, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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