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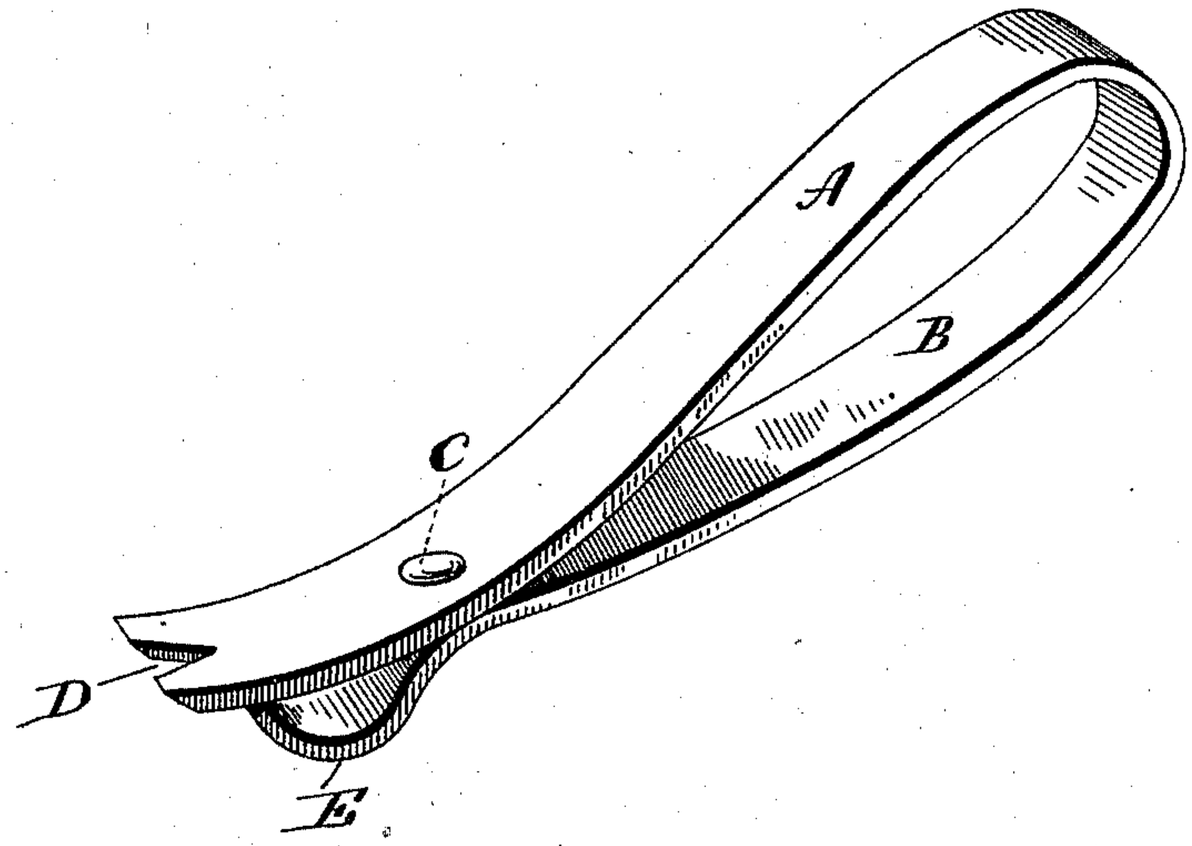

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TACK-PULLER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE L. DONOVAN, of Wallingford, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Tack-Pullers; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawing and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawing constitutes part of this specification and represents a perspective view of a tack-claw constructed in accordance with my invention.

This invention relates to an improvement in tack-pullers, the object being to construct a puller from sheet metal and preferably from a single piece which will be sufficiently strong for the purpose and yet exceedingly light, and one which may be produced at a low cost for manufacture; and it consists in the construction as hereinafter described, and particularly recited in the claim.

The complete claw is preferably formed from a single strip of sheet metal bent midway of its length to form an upper member A and a lower member B, which constitute the handle proper. The members are connected together near their outer ends by a rivet C. The outer end of the upper member is curved slightly upward, and the outer edge sharpened and formed with a notch D in the usual manner of tack-claws. The lower member curves downward from the rivet and then upward against the under side of the upper member at the inner end of the notch D, and thus forms a rounded fulcrum E. With this construction a very strong and effective implement is produced.

When the claw is inserted beneath the head of a tack and pressure is brought to bear upon the outer end of the handle, the implement rocks upon the fulcrum and is supported by the outer end thereof and the tack is given a straight upward pull, the natural spring of the metal making the implement particularly effective.

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

A tack-claw formed from a single piece of metal, doubled to form a handle, the members of which are riveted together near their outer ends, the outer end of the upper member formed with a notch, and the outer end of the lower member curved from the rivet downward and upward against the under side of the upper member, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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