

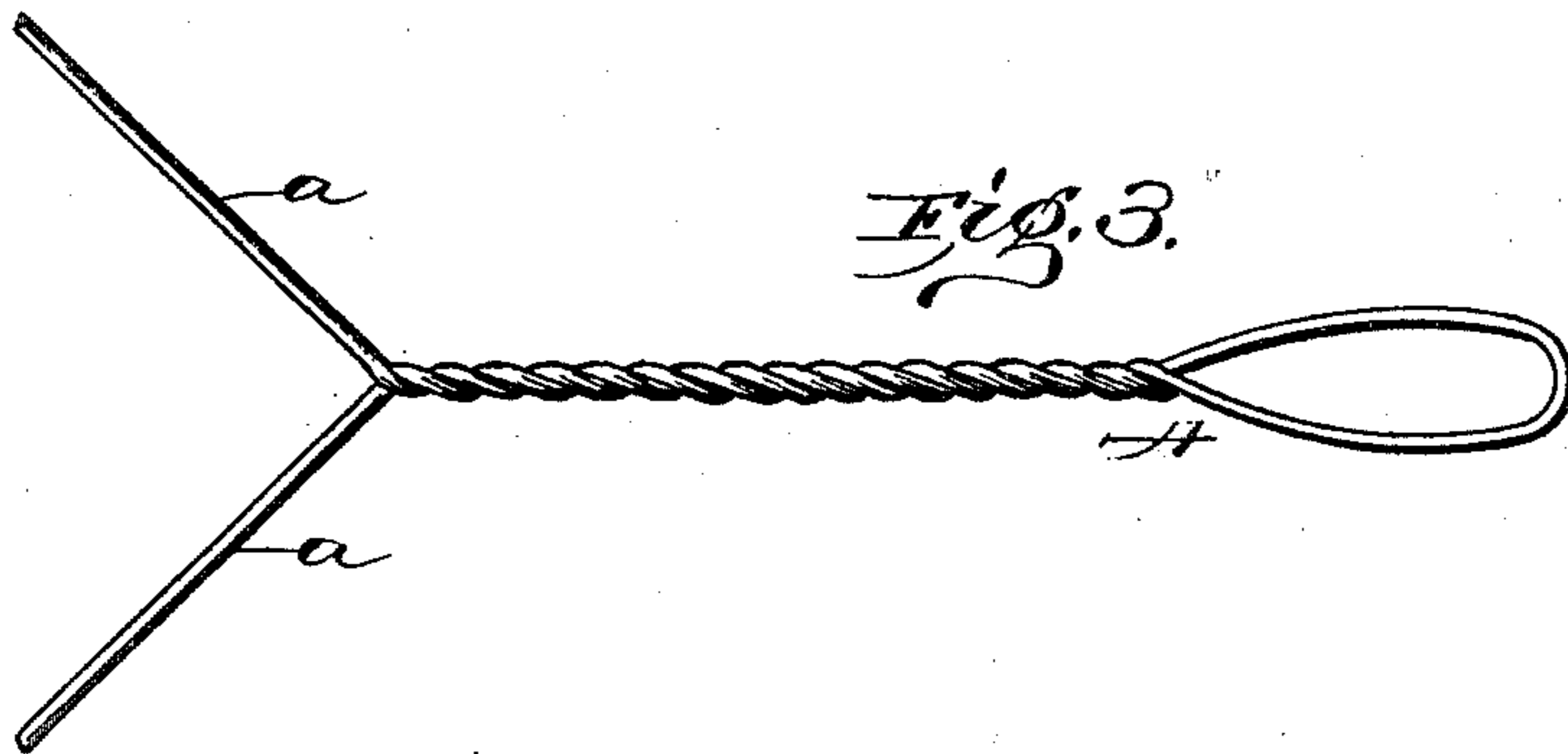
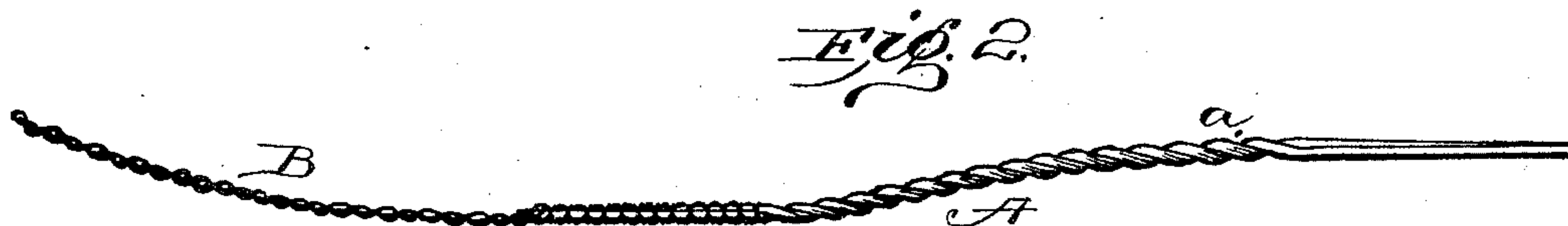
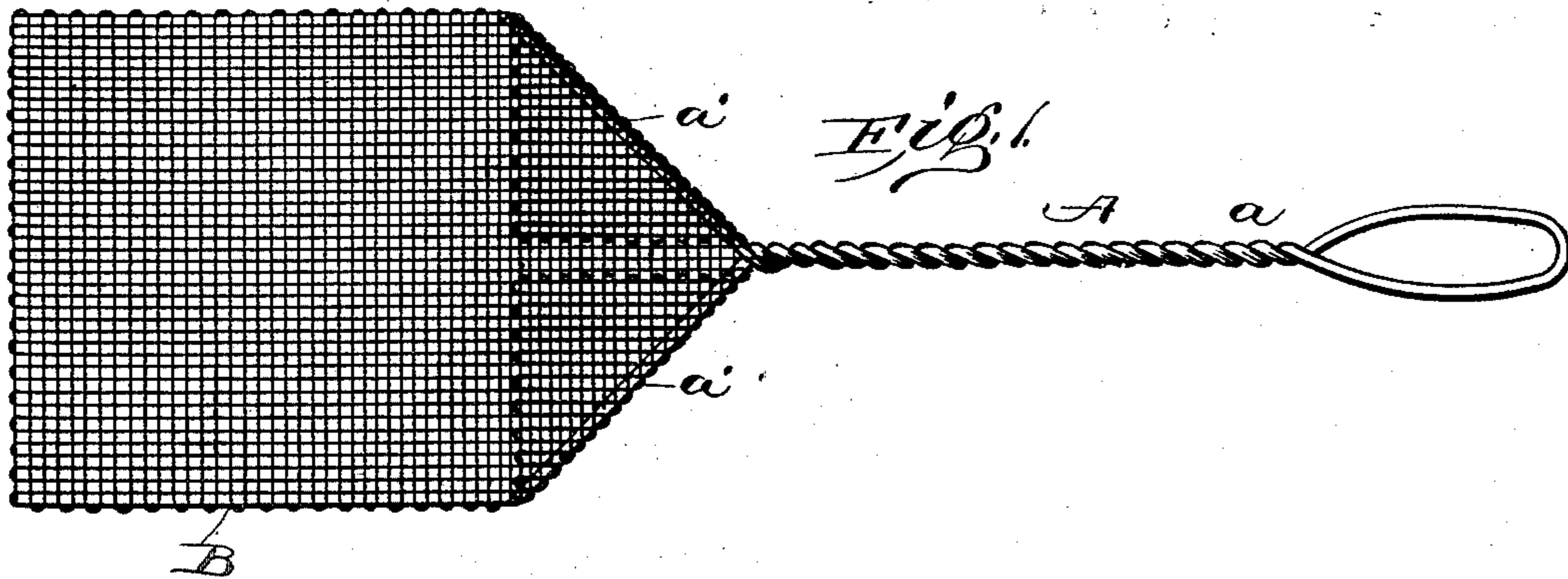
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES T. PARRISH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Portsmouth, in the county of Norfolk and State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Insect-Destroyers; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to insect-destroyers of the kind designed to be held in the hand and to kill insects by a quickly-delivered blow.

The object of the invention is to provide an insect-destroyer of the character referred to which shall be simple and cheap in construction, durable, and by which flies and other insects may be killed with certainty and by the exercise of a small amount of force not liable to break or deface an article with which it comes in contact in use.

With this object in view the invention consists of the novel general construction and form of the parts substantially as hereinafter described and claimed.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of the device. Fig. 2 is a side elevation, and Fig. 3 is a detail view of the handle portion.

In the drawings, A represents the handle of the implement, consisting of a portion *a* to be grasped and the arms *a' a'*, to which the body or striking part of the device is attached. The preferred construction of the handle portion is illustrated in Fig. 3 of the drawings. It is made up of a single piece of wire bent upon itself and having the two members thus formed twisted together to form the rigid portion *a* to be grasped. The ends *a' a'* extend outward from the part *a* at right angles to

each other and serve as a means of attaching the main portion B of the device to the handle A. The main or striking portion B of the implement is composed of light material, which will meet with little resistance in passing through the air, being preferably netting, the meshes of which are sufficiently close to insure hitting a small insect. The portion B is preferably cut rectangular in form, and the two corners adjacent to the handle are bent over the ends *a' a'* and secured by sewing or otherwise. As will be seen from Fig. 2 of the drawings, the parts are so formed that when the handle is arranged in a horizontal position the striking part B extends upward from the handle at an angle. By this form the implement is adapted for bringing the striking part into contact with a flat surface without striking the hand grasping the handle against the same. The edges of the part B may when composed of wire-netting or like material be bound to prevent separation of the wires. A new striking part may readily be substituted for an old broken or distorted one with facility and at small cost.

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

An insect-destroyer comprising a handle portion consisting of a wire bent upon itself and having the two members twisted together, the ends of the wire extending outward from the twisted portion at an angle thereto, and a striking portion of wire-gauze rectangular in shape and having the two corners at one end bent over the arms of the handle portion and secured in place, the striking portion being at an angle to the handle portion, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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