

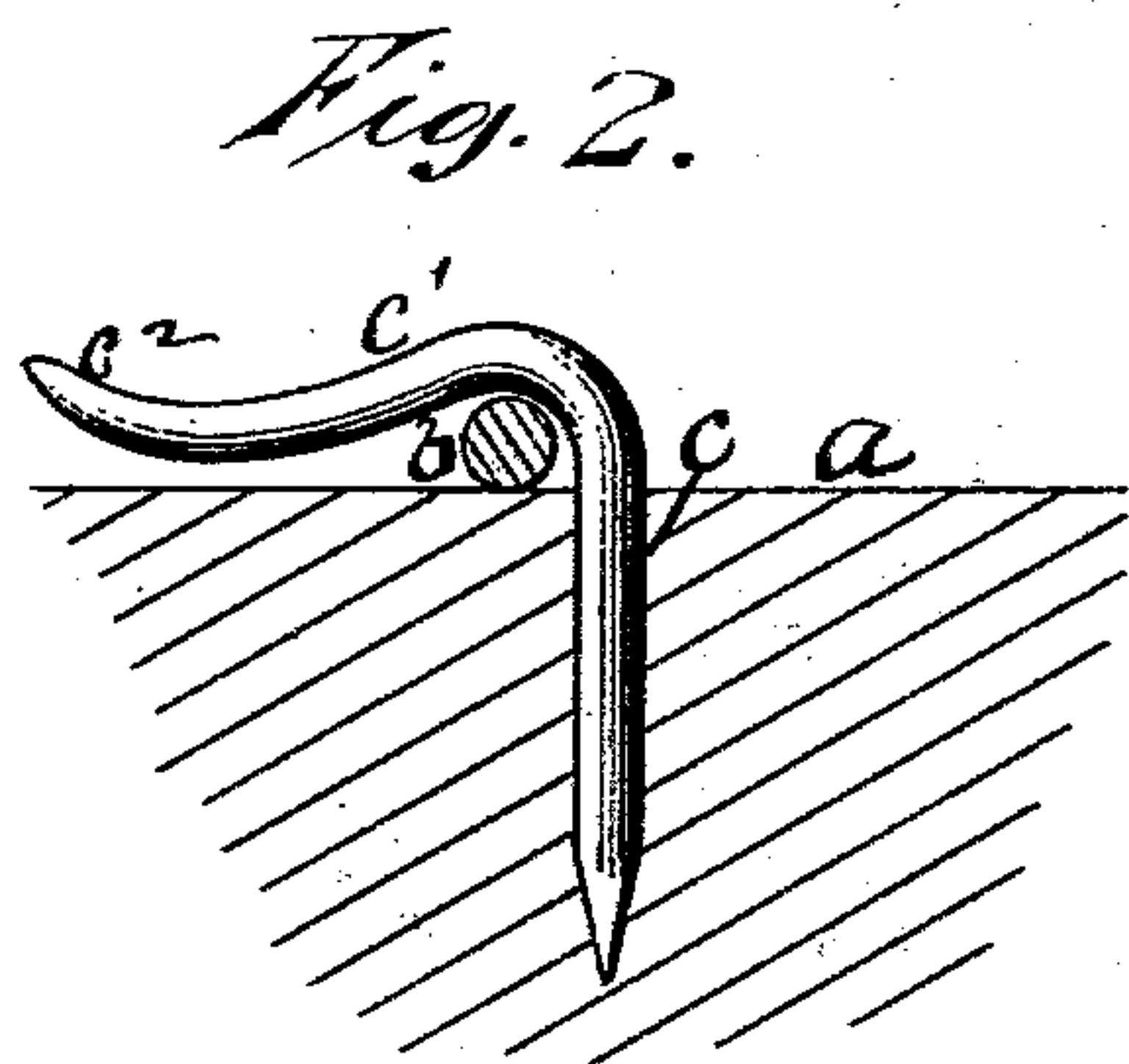
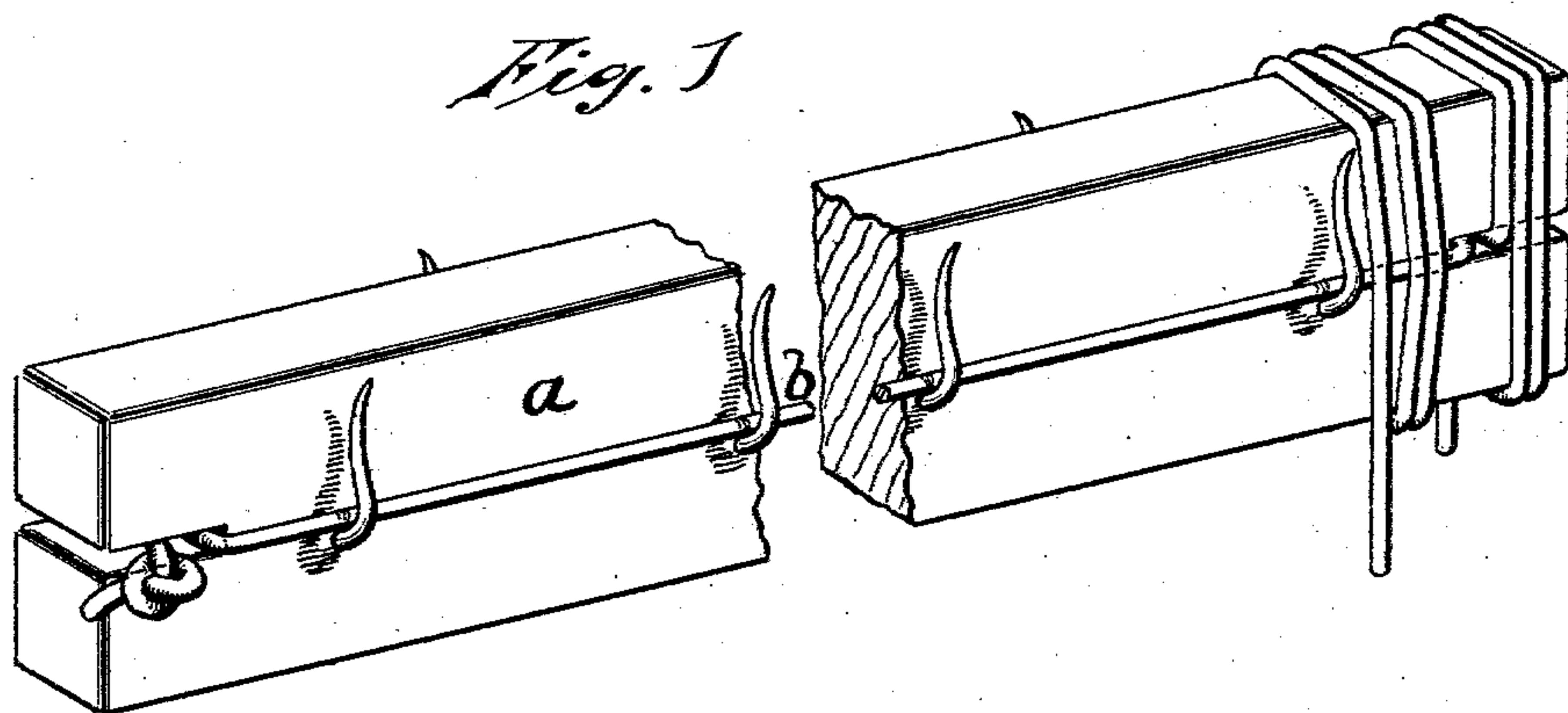
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY SMALL, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Hartford, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Retaining Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

The object of the invention is the production of a retaining apparatus herein described as applicable to a "tobacco-lath," but also useful for other purposes.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view of a lath and appurtenances embodying said improvement, with the central part of the lath represented as omitted or broken away. Fig. 2 is a side view, on an enlarged scale, of the hook shown in Fig. 1.

In the accompanying drawings the letter *a* denotes what is generally known among tobacco-raisers as a "tobacco-lath." It is also referred to herein as a "base" or "support," because the hooks and the cord can be used in other relations and for other purposes than that of a tobacco-lath.

The letter *b* denotes a cord, of flexible material, which is suitably fastened to the lath at one end and in use with a tobacco-lath is generally wrapped around the other end, as shown.

The hook has a leg *c*, adapted to enter the base or support, then a downward curve *c'*, and then an upward curve *c''*. This hook has its leg *c* driven into the base or support until

the junction of said two curves nearly touches the surface of that base. The cord can be introduced under the hook at the open end of the hook.

In the case of the use of this device for a tobacco-lath the leaves or stalks are laid between the hooks. Then the cord is introduced and pulled and fastened tightly enough to securely attach the tobacco to the lath. The hooks of course point upward. All the tobacco can be released at once by the simple removal of the cord. In the case of a tobacco-lath there may be a series of the hooks upon the opposite sides of the lath, in which case those on one side of the lath alternate in position with those on the other side of the lath.

I claim as my improvement—

1. The hook having a leg adapted to be driven into a base or support and another leg bent sidewise and downward from and below the top of the first-mentioned leg and then bent upward again.

2. In combination; the base or support; the hook having a leg adapted to be driven into said base and another leg first curved downward and then upward; and the cord resting under the curve first mentioned.

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

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