

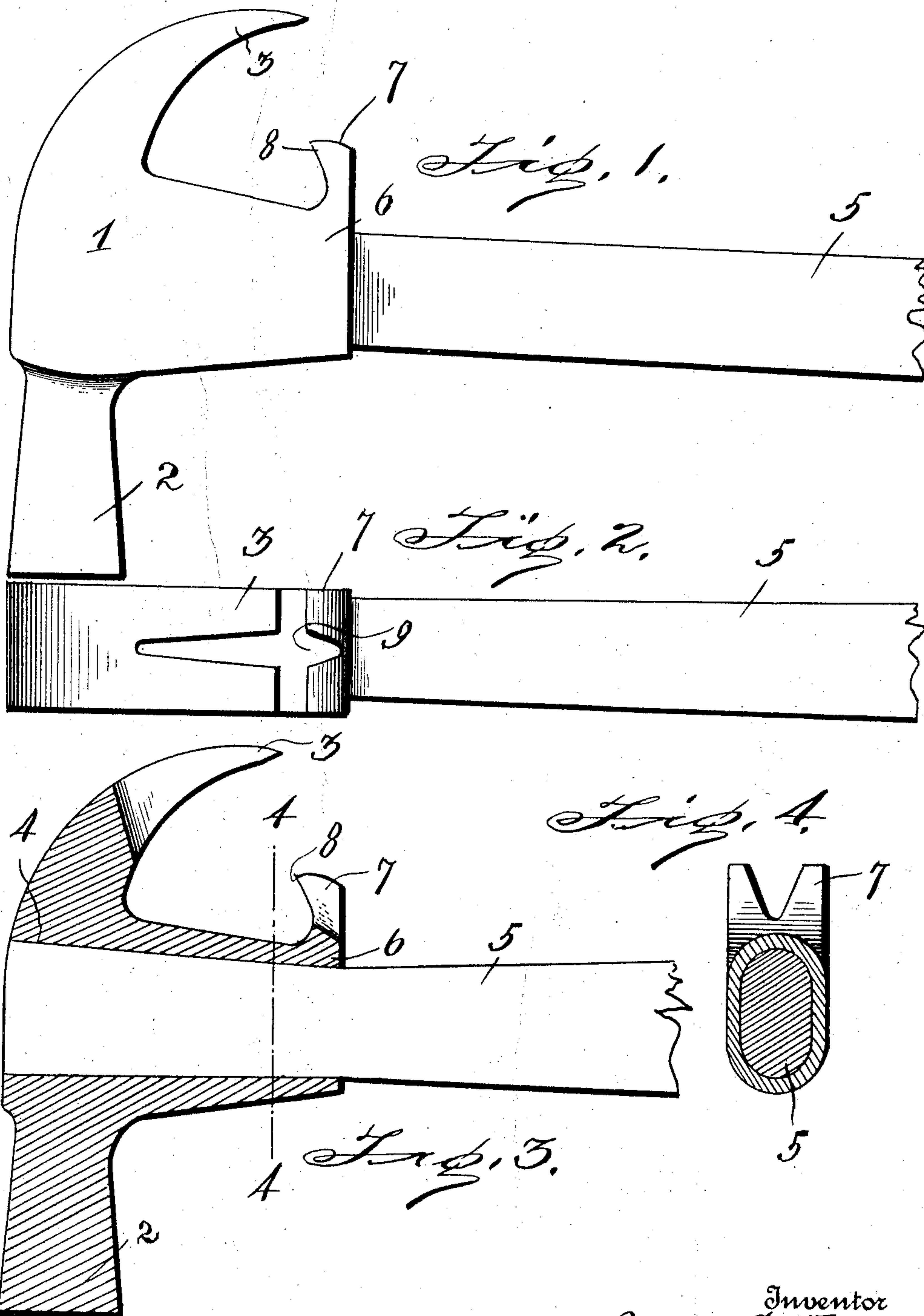
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## HAMMER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, AARON G. WITMER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Norfolk, in the county of Madison and State of Nebraska, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hammers; 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.

This invention relates to hammers.

The object of the invention is to provide a hammer having formed thereon means whereby the same may be used for picking up and carrying objects from one place to another.

With this object in view the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, combination, and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side view of a hammer constructed in accordance with the invention. Fig. 2 is an edge view of the same. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view, and Fig. 4 is a transverse sectional view on the line 4-4 of Fig. 3.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, 1 denotes the head of the hammer, having the usual pole 2, nail-extracting claw 3, and handle socket or eye 4, into which the handle 5 is secured. On the inner end of the handle socket or eye is an integrally-formed extension 6, which constitutes an elongated seat or eye, into which the end of the handle is secured.

Formed on the upper portion of the extension 6 at its inner end is a short lifting-claw 7, which projects toward the nail-extracting claw 3 of the hammer-head and is curved or beveled to form a terminal biting edge 8, disposed in a vertical plane parallel to the ends of the claw 3. This edge 8 is bifurcated, as at 9, thereby forming gripping members between which and the end of the nail-claw the hammer may be engaged with the edge of a board, box, barrel, or other object which it may be desired to pick up, thereby facilitating the lifting and carrying of such objects from one place to another.

A hammer constructed as herein shown and described will be found to be of great utility

in handling rough boards, boxes, and the like, obviating the necessity of the same being taken hold of by the hands. The increased length of the eye or socket also increases the strength of the hammer.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction and operation of the invention will be readily understood without requiring a more extended explanation.

Various changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

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

1. The combination, with a hammer-head having the usual poll and nail-claws, and an elongated eye, of a bifurcated lifting-claw formed on the inner end of said eye and having a biting edge adapted to coact with the nail-claws for picking up and carrying wooden objects from one place to another, substantially as described.

2. The combination, with a hammer-head having a poll, nail-claws and an elongated eye, of a bifurcated lifting-claw cast integral with the inner end of said eye and curved toward the nail-claws and provided with a biting edge to coact with the nail-claws for picking up and carrying wooden objects from one place to another, substantially as described.

3. The combination with a hammer-head having a poll, nail-extracting claws and an integral elongated eye, of a bifurcated lifting-claw formed on the inner end of said eye and curved toward said nail-extracting claws, the end or edge of said lifting-claw projecting toward and adapted to coact with the nail-claw of said hammer and having a biting edge whereby the same may be used for picking up and carrying wooden objects from one place to another.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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