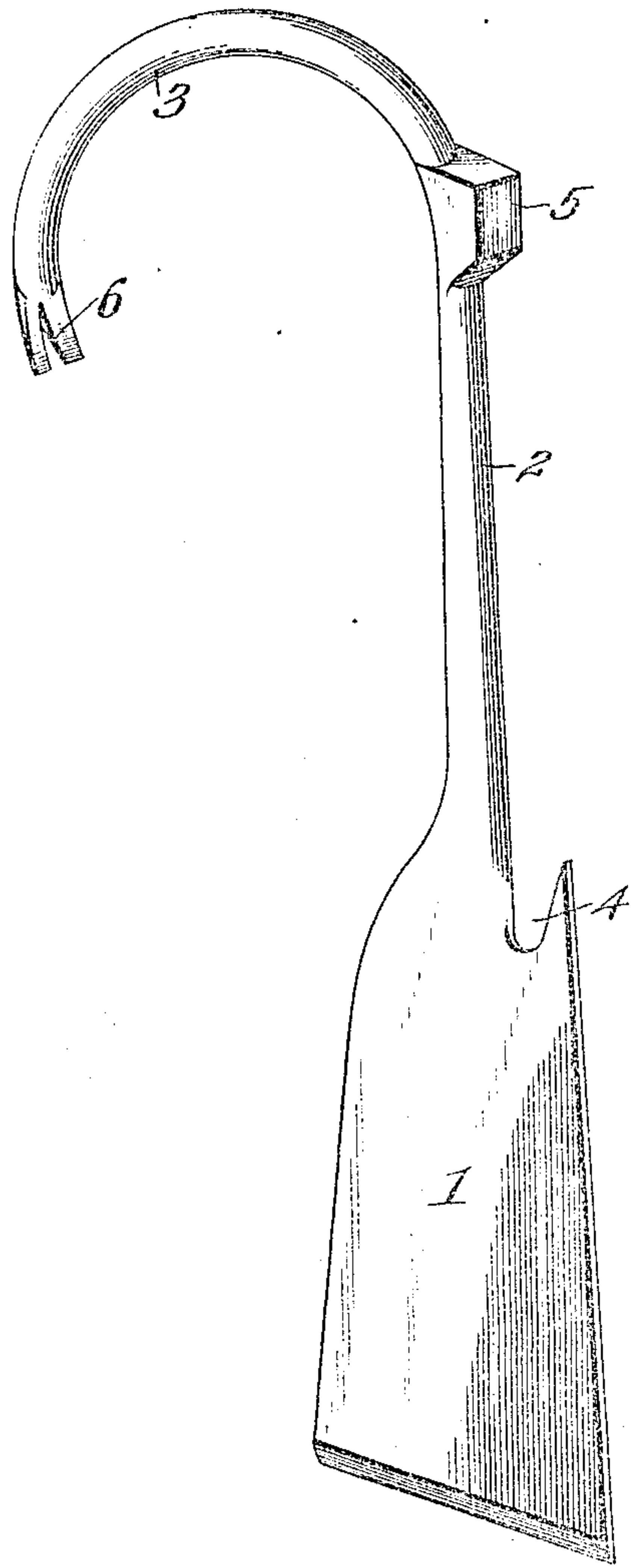


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, IRA ELBIRT VANAUKEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Twin Falls, in the county of Cassia and State of Idaho, have invented a new and useful Combination-Tool, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in combination-tools.

10 The object of the present invention is to improve the construction of combination-tools and to provide one designed particularly for use of house-painters, decorators, and the like and adapted to provide a putty-knife, a
15 pot-hook for suspending a paint-bucket or similar receptacle from a rung of a ladder, a nail-puller, and a hammer.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in the construction and
20 novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing, and pointed out in the claim hereto appended.

The figure of the drawing is a perspective
25 view of a combination-tool constructed in accordance with this invention.

Referring to the drawing, 1 designates a putty-knife blade provided with an integral shank 2, consisting of a substantially straight
30 inner portion and a curved outer portion 3, forming a hook and extending in a plane coincident with that of the blade of the putty-knife. The hook-shaped outer portion is adapted to engage the rung of a ladder, and
35 as it is arranged in the same longitudinal plane as the blade of the putty-knife it will not interfere with the free use of the same close to the surface or place where the putty is to be applied and the shank will not interfere with the flexing of the blade in either di-
40 rection. The blade 1 is provided at its inner end adjacent to the shank 2 and at the outer side thereof or the side opposite that at which the bill of the hook is arranged with a tapering recess 4, forming a seat for the bail of a
45 paint-bucket or other receptacle when the hook of the shank is in engagement with a rung of a ladder. As the bill or projecting portion 3 of the hook is arranged in a plane
50 coincident with that of the blade, it curves around the edge of the hand when the device

is used as a putty-knife and is arranged out of the way. The shank or portion which connects the bill of the hook with the blade serves as a handle for both portions, being
55 grasped by the painter when engaging the bill or projecting portion of the hook with the rung of a ladder.

The shank 2 is provided at the outer side adjacent to the curved portion 3 with an in-
60 tegral lug or enlargement, forming a hammer-head 5, which projects outward from the shank and which is arranged in convenient position for driving a nail or other fastening
65 device or for any other use to which an ordinary hammer may be put. The bill of the hook is provided with a claw 6, forming a nail-puller and adapted to enable a nail or similar fastening device to be readily ex-
70 tracted.

It will be seen that the tool is exceedingly
simple and inexpensive in construction, that it possesses great strength and durability, and that it is adapted to be used either as a
75 putty-knife or as a pot-hook for suspending paint-buckets and similar receptacles from a ladder or other support. Also it will be clear that the tool is adapted for use as a hammer and is provided with means for conveniently
80 extracting nails.

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

A device of the character described, comprising a handle having a curved portion or
85 hook at one end and a comparatively wide flat blade at its opposite end, the blade and hook being located in coincident planes to permit the hook to engage the hand of the operator and prevent turning of the blade, and
90 a hook formed conjointly by the handle and an extension of the blade, said hook and the hooked handle serving conjointly as a pot-hook.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as
95 my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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