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Fig. 1.

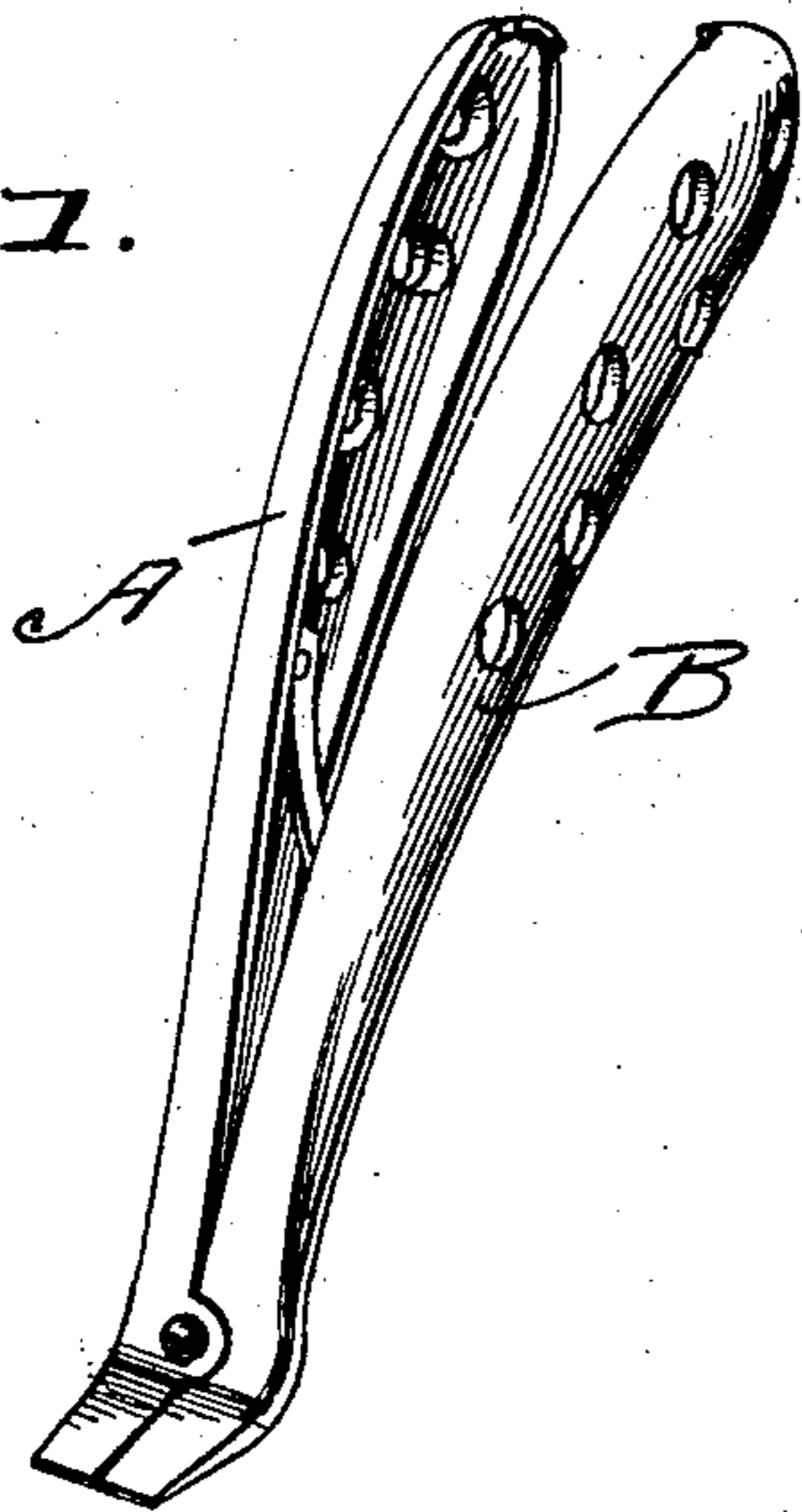


Fig. 2.

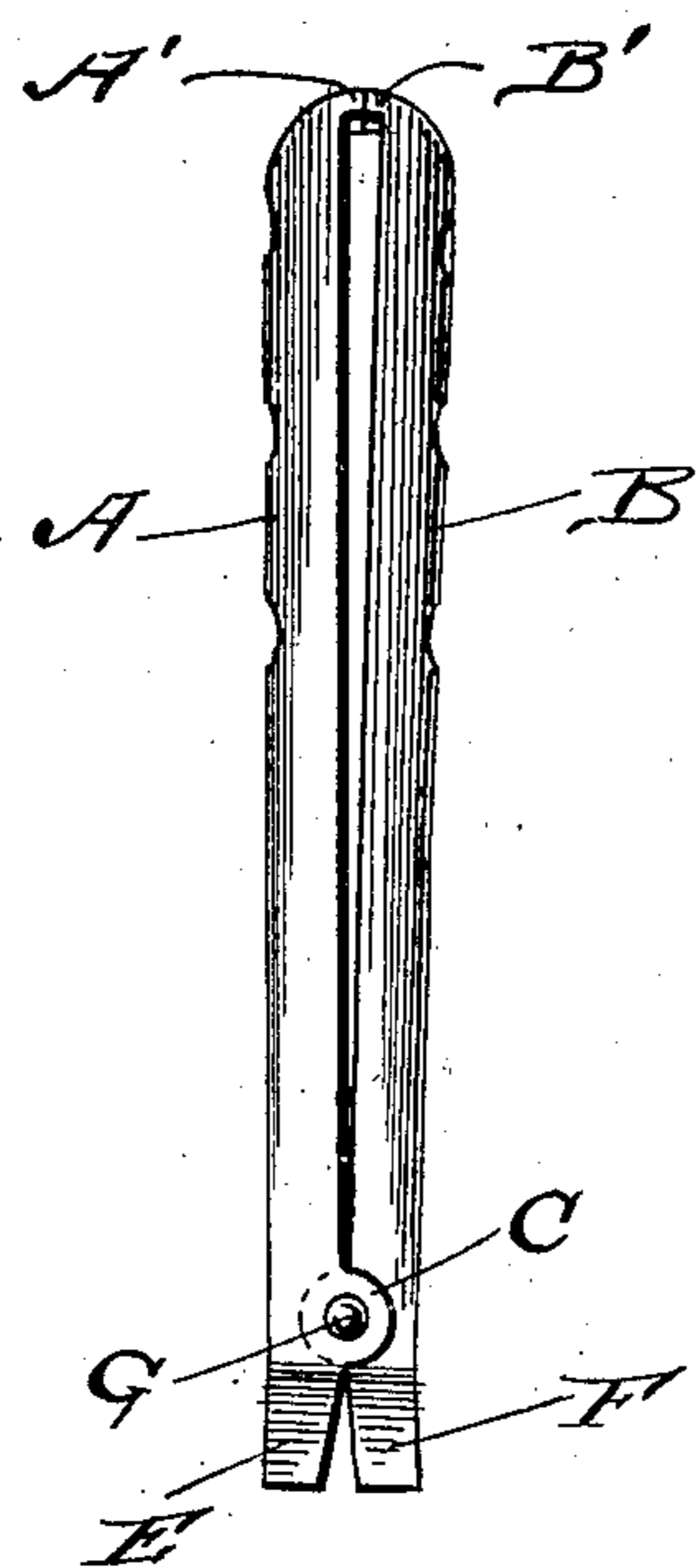


Fig. 3.

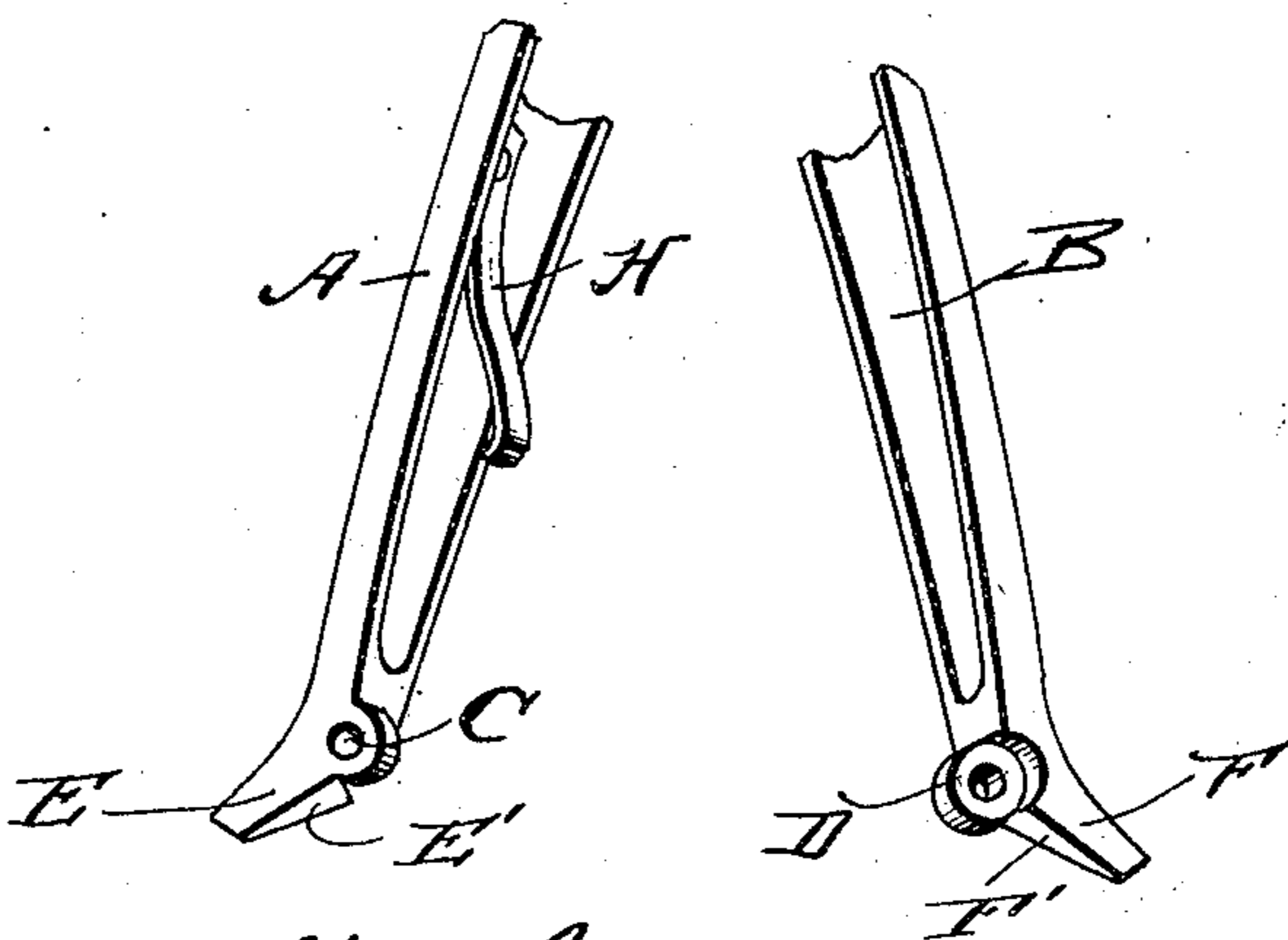
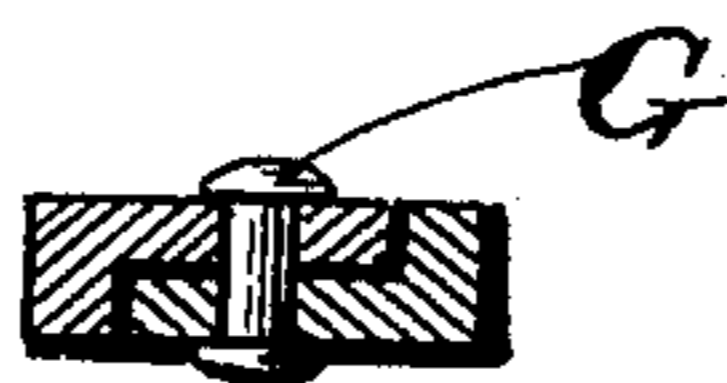


Fig. 4.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM A. DODGE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Orange, in the county of Franklin and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in a Combination Tack-Puller and Stove-Lid Lifter, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is a combination stove-lid lifter and tack-puller, the object being to provide an exceedingly cheap, simple, and efficient combination device capable of use for either lifting the lid of the stove or removing tacks from the floor.

With this object in view the invention consists in the details of construction hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claim.

In the drawings forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device in its normal position, at which time it is adapted for use as a stove-lid lifter. Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the device ready for use as a tack-puller. Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing the lower ends of the two members disengaged. Fig. 4 is a sectional view taken through the said members at the pivot-point.

In constructing a device in accordance with my invention I employ two members A and B, which are shaped to provide handles and adjacent to their lower ends are constructed with apertured pivoted lugs C and D, respectively, the extreme lower ends terminating in flattened fingers or prongs E and F, respectively, and the members are connected by means of the pivot-bolt G, which passes through the apertured lugs C and D. The fingers or prongs E taper to a point as shown, and their adjacent faces are cut away, as shown at E' and F', so that when the handle members are brought together, as shown in Fig. 2, a V-shaped opening will be provided

between the said fingers or prongs, so that the said tapered fingers or prongs can be run beneath the head of the tack to be drawn. The spring H, fastened to the inner face of the members A, bears at its free end upon the inner face of the opposite member B and normally holds the said handle apart and the fingers or prongs together, as most clearly shown in Fig. 1.

When the fingers or prongs E and F are held together, as shown, they can be inserted in the recess of the stove-lid and the said lid lifted in the usual manner, the device serving as a stove-lid lifter, and in case the recess in the stove-lid is somewhat larger than the combined fingers or prongs it is obvious that the natural pressure of the hand upon the handle during the lifting operation will tend to separate the said fingers or prongs, thereby causing the lifter to engage the stove-lid in a firm positive manner. The upper ends of the handle members A and B are constructed with inwardly-projecting stop-lugs A' and B', which engage each other and prevent the said handle members coming so close together as to pinch the hands.

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

A combination lid-lifter and tack-puller comprising two members pivotally connected adjacent their lower ends, and a spring connected to one member and adapted to bear upon the other member, each member comprising a handle portion having a stop-lug at the upper end, and a tapered finger at the lower end, the inner face of each tapered finger being cut away as and for the purpose set forth.

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