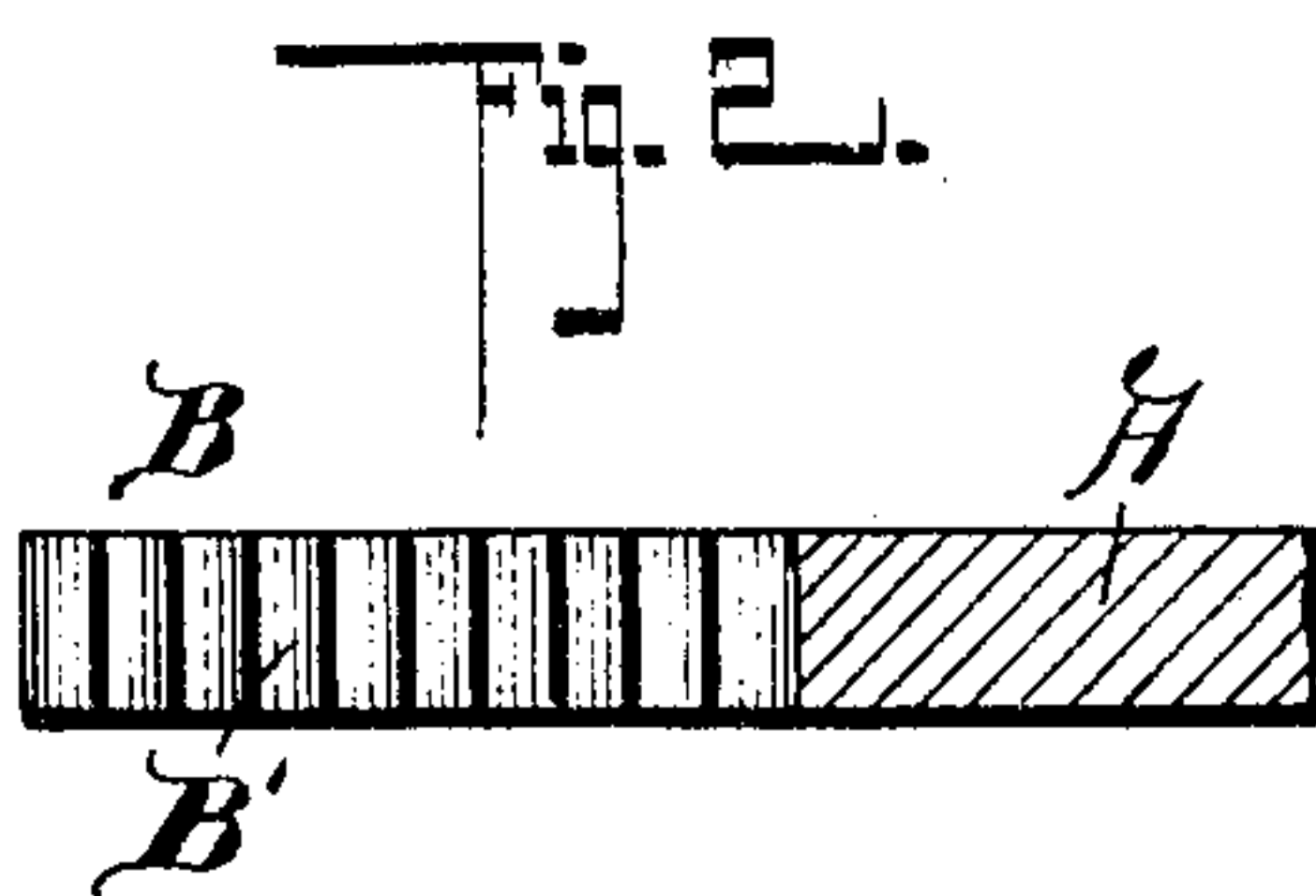
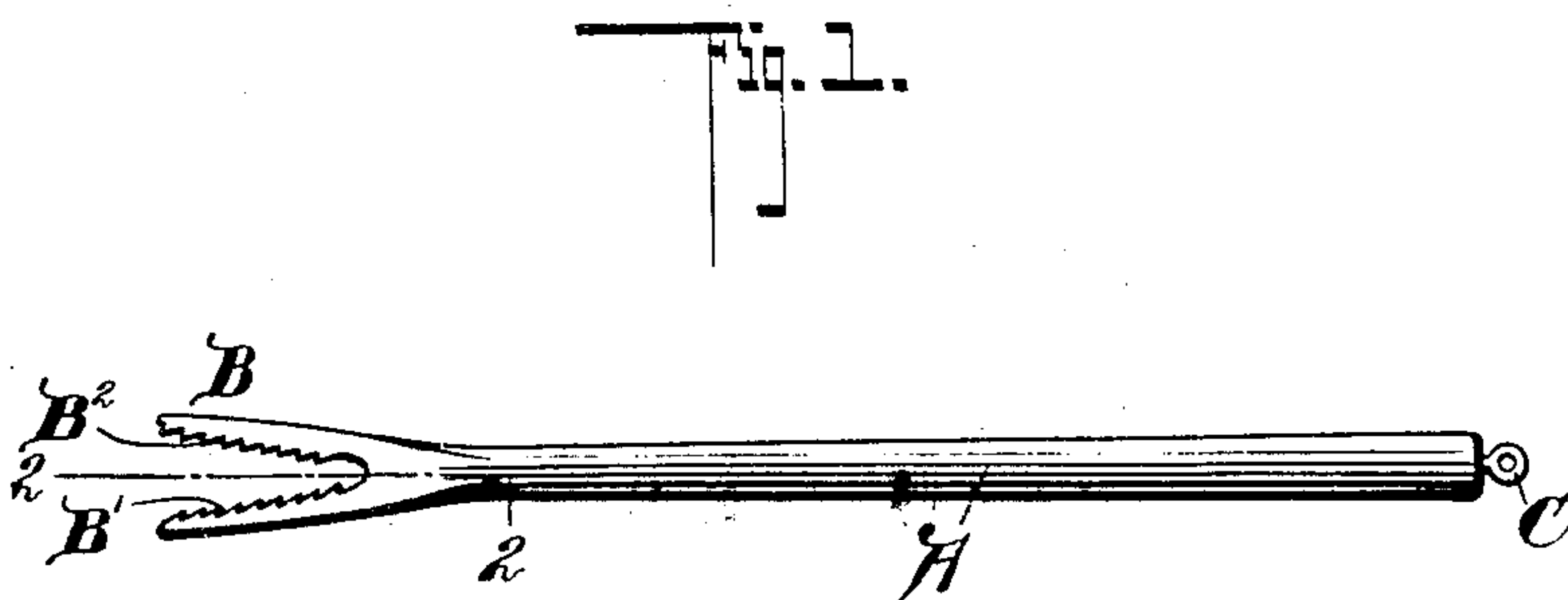


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN JOHNSTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Atkinson, in the county of Henry and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Clothes-Sticks, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to clothes sticks for handling clothes when being washed and boiled, the object being to provide a stick with a forked end, the inside edges of which are provided with teeth so that when forced into the clothes the clothes will be grasped by the same whereby they can be readily handled without any danger of the stick slipping off.

Another object of my invention is to provide the fork with angled teeth which are in opposite directions so that when forced down into the clothes, the teeth will bear themselves in the same and by giving the handle a slight twist or turn, the clothes will be securely grasped so that they can be readily removed.

A further object of my invention is to provide a stick which is preferably formed of wood, the fork being cut out and the teeth formed on the same in one operation.

With these objects in view, my invention consists in the novel features of construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described.

In the drawings forming a part of this specification:—Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved stick. Fig. 2 is a section taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

In carrying out my improved invention, I employ a stick A which is preferably formed round and has a fork B formed on one end, the stick being preferably formed out of a board. The arms of the fork are substantially rectangular in cross section and formed

on the inner edges of the same are angled teeth B' and B², the teeth B' extending in one direction and the teeth B² in the opposite direction whereby when forced down on the clothes, the clothes will be grasped by the teeth so that they can be readily handled without any danger of the clothes dropping off of the same thereby overcoming the difficulty now existing with sticks of this character now in use as when carrying the clothes from the boiler to the wash tub the clothes very often slip off of the stick and have to be boiled over again. It will be seen that the roughened inside edges of the fork caused by the teeth can be used for rubbing the clothes so as to remove the worst dirt from the same by working the stick up and down. An eye C is secured in the end of the stick so that it can be readily hung up when desired.

From the foregoing description, it will be seen that I have provided a clothes stick which is exceedingly cheap and simple in construction and one which is very effective in use, as the clothes are grasped by the teeth of the fork instead of being held thereon by frictional contact therewith as is the case with sticks of this character, now in use.

What I claim is:—

As a new article of manufacture a clothes stick formed of a single piece of material comprising a stick proper having a fork at one end and an eye at the other, the inner edges of the members of the fork being provided with angled teeth, the teeth of one member extending in a reverse direction to the teeth of the other member whereby the clothes will be grasped by the same when forced into engagement with the teeth.

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