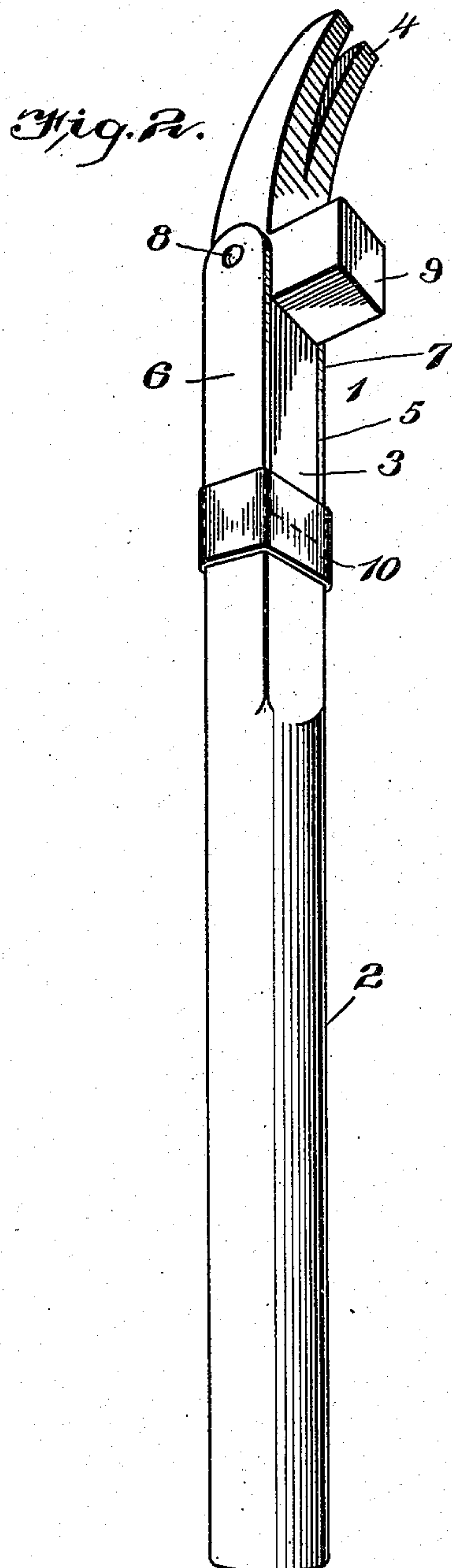
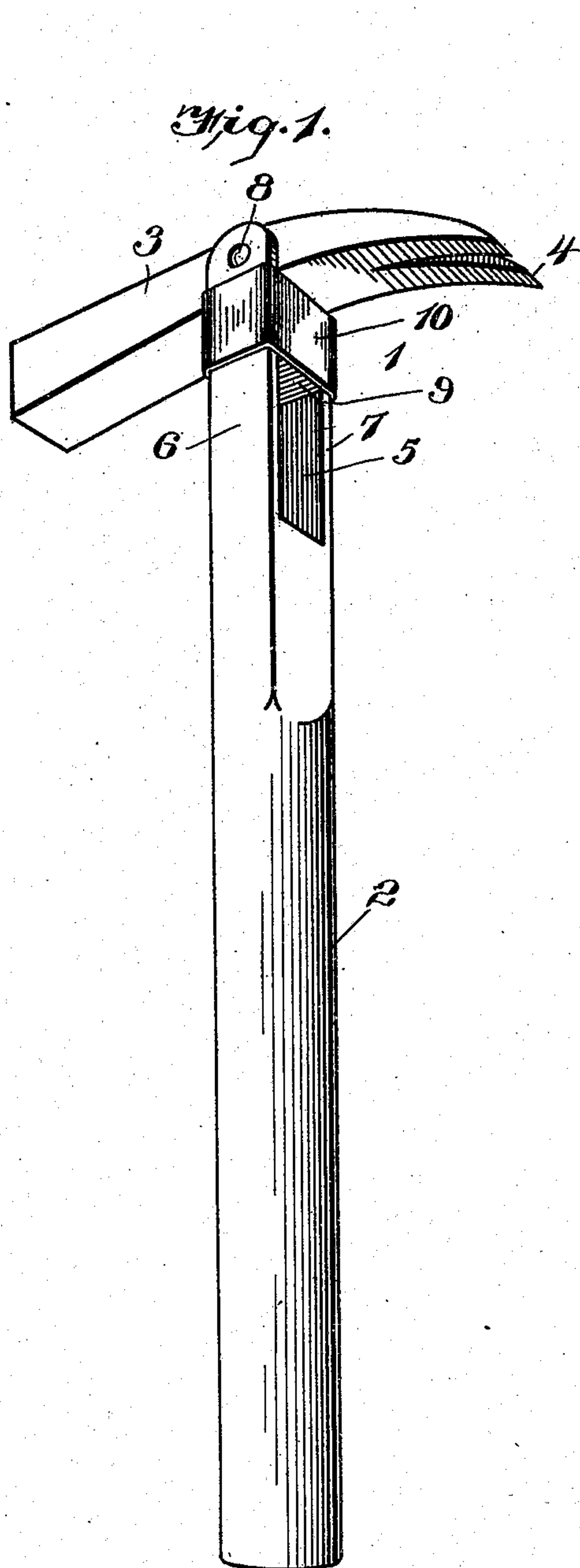


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LAFAYETTE HERRITT, citizen of the United States, residing at Cedar Run, in the county of Lycoming and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Folding Tack Hammers and Pullers; 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to the class of wood working tools but more particularly to a hammer; and my invention has for its object to provide an implement of this class which is so constructed and arranged that it can be employed as an ordinary hammer and which can be quickly converted into a tack or nail puller.

With this object in view my invention consists in the novel construction of the handles of the hammer and in the novel construction of the hammer head; and my invention also consists in the combination of the hammer head and the handle as will be first fully described and afterward specifically pointed out in the appended claim.

Referring to the accompanying drawing: Figure 1 is a perspective view of the hammer constructed in accordance with my invention, and Fig. 2 is a perspective view illustrating the implement converted into a tack or nail puller.

Like numerals of reference indicate the same parts throughout the several figures in which;

1 indicates the implement which comprises the handle 2 and hammer head 3. The said hammer head is of the usual form and provided with a claw 4 as is usually found in hammers of the ordinary type. The handle 2 is as shown in Fig. 1 bifurcated at 5 providing two extensions 6 and 7, said extensions 6 and 7 straddling the hammer head 3

to which hammer head the extensions are pivoted at 8. 50

Referring now to Fig. 2 it will be seen that the hammer head 3 is provided with a lug or projection 9 substantially at right angles to the hammer head, while a slidable sleeve 10 is employed on the handle 2, said sleeve 10 55 being arranged to slide over the extensions 6 and 7 on the handle.

Having thus fully described the several parts of my invention its operation is as follows: In order to employ the implement as a hammer, as shown in Fig. 1, the slidable sleeve 10 is passed along the extensions 6 and 7 until it engages the lug or extension 9 on the hammer head. When the slidable sleeve is in this position the hammer head is 65 effectually held substantially at right angles to the handle which is the usual position. The lug or projection 9 being encompassed by the slidable sleeve 10 the hammer head is effectually maintained in proper operative position. When it is desired to employ the implement as a tack or nail puller, as shown in Fig. 2, the slidable sleeve 10 is 70 passed down the extensions 6 and 7 and beyond the same, and the hammer head is turned on the pivot 8 until the hammer head lies between the extensions 6 and 7. When 75 in this position the slidable sleeve 10 is passed up the extensions 6 and 7 and over the end of the hammer head into position 80 shown in Fig. 2 encompassing the end of the hammer head and effectually maintaining the same between the extensions 6 and 7. This position of the hammer head throws the claw 4 into position shown in Fig. 2 which 85 together with the handle 2 practically provides a claw bar as clearly shown in the drawing providing a simple and durable tack or nail puller.

Having thus fully described my invention 90 what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is:

An implement of the character described comprising a tool head and a handle, said handle being bifurcated and pivoted to said 95 tool head in such manner that said tool head

is adapted to lie within the bifurcated portion of the handle and parallel therewith, a slidable sleeve carried on the bifurcated portion of said handle and adapted to be passed over
5 the tool head when said tool head lies within the said bifurcated portion of the handle, a projection on said tool head adapted to lie within the bifurcated portion of the handle

and to be maintained and held therein by said slidable sleeve.

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

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