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Fig. 1.

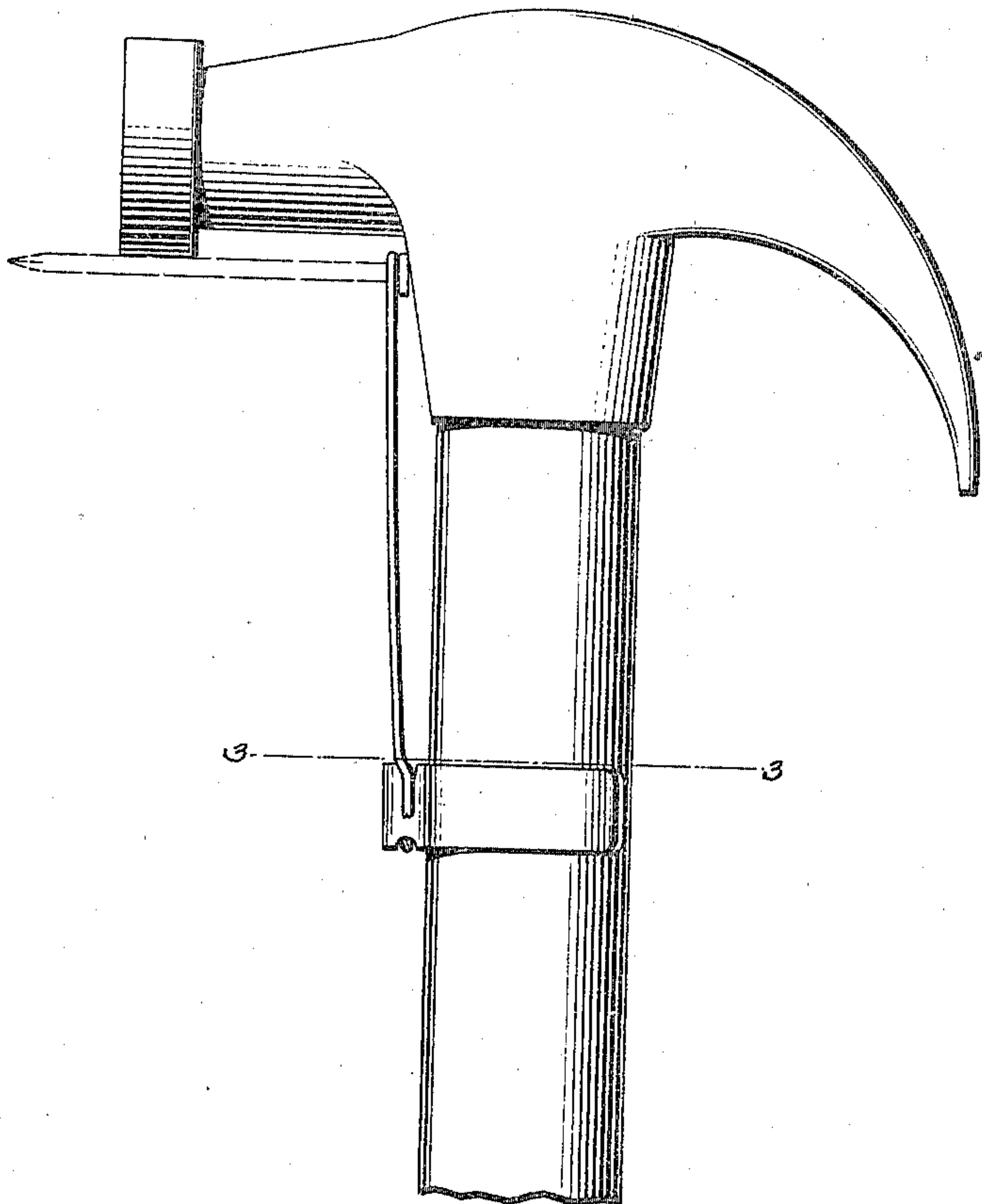


Fig. 2.

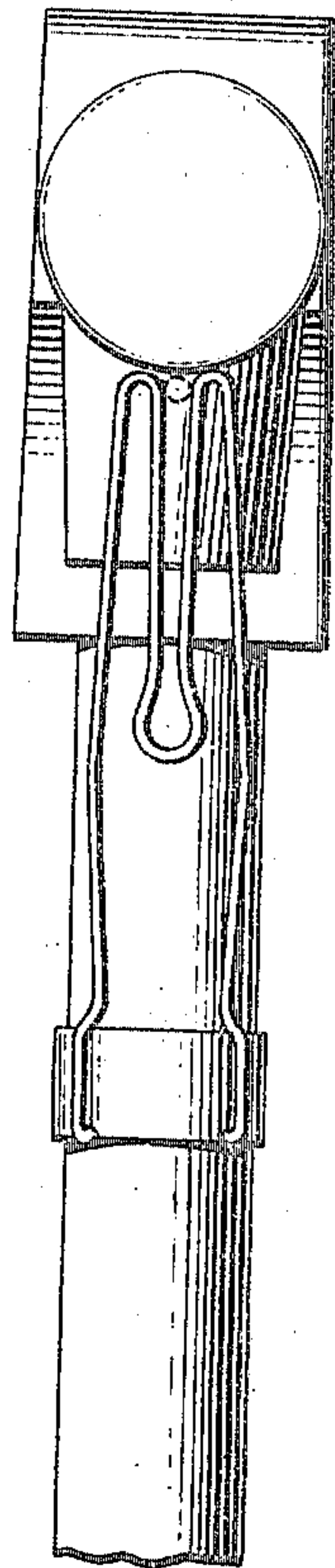
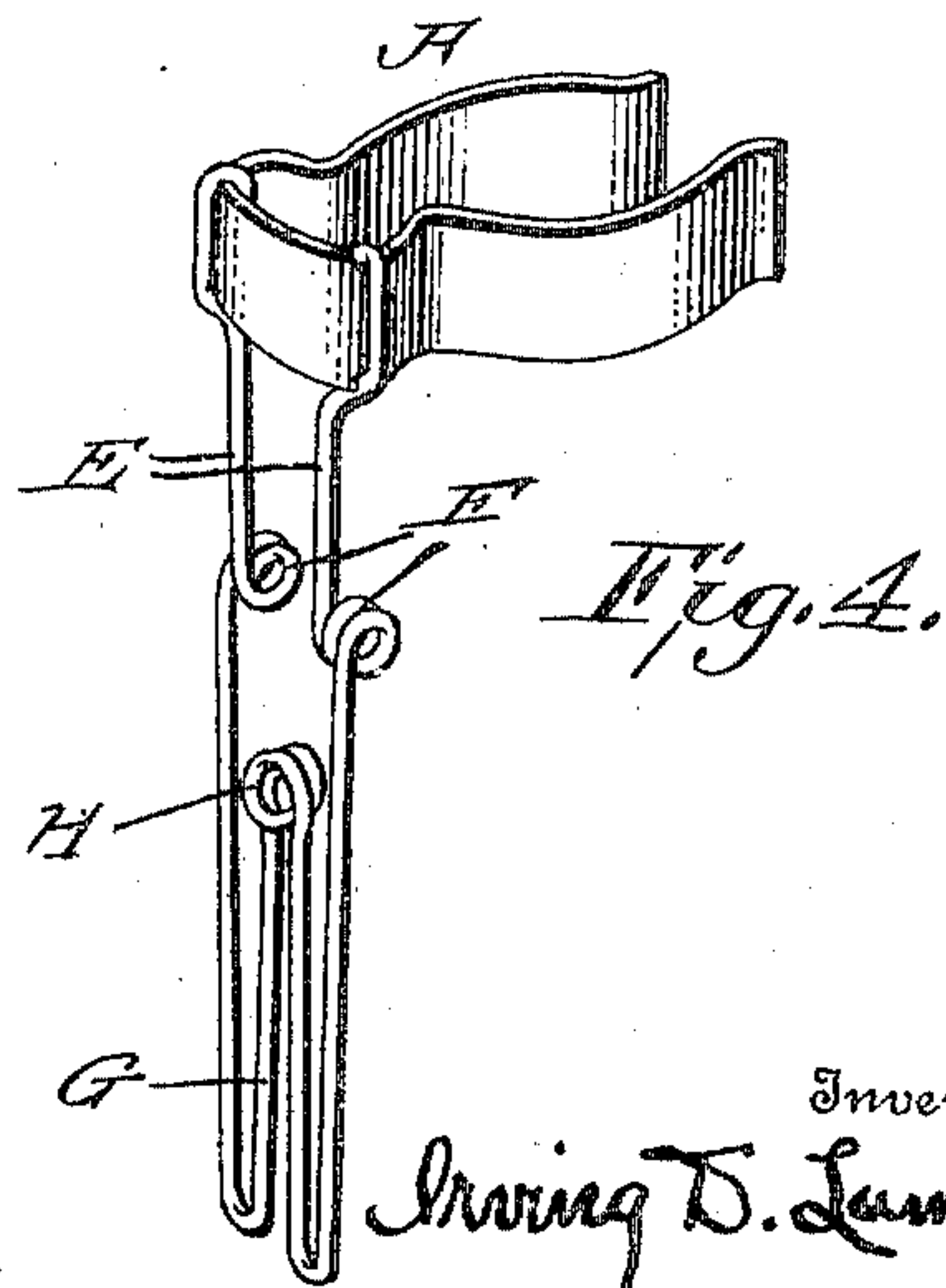
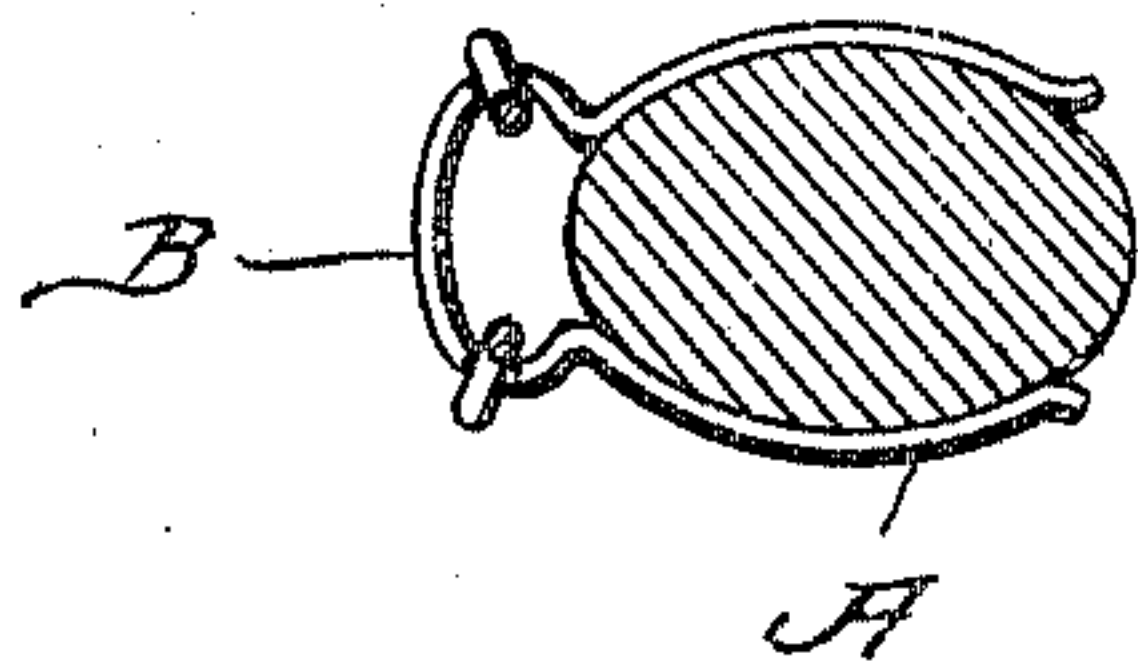


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, IRVING D. LAMBERT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Rumford, in the county of Oxford and State of Maine, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Nail-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to nail holders for nail driving tools, such as hammers and hatchets, the object being to provide a nail holder which can be easily and quickly attached to the handle of the tool, in order that a nail may be placed within the holder, so that the same can be started where it is impossible to be held by the hand so that the same can be struck a blow.

A further object of my invention is to provide a nail-holder which comprises a spring clip adapted to embrace the handle of a nail driving tool, said clip carrying a spring nail holder in such a position that a nail can be readily placed within the holder and held in such a position that the same can be readily started with the tool, and after the same has been started, the holder can be readily slipped off the nail, so that the nail can be driven home with the tool.

A still further object of my invention is to provide a nail holder which is exceedingly simple and cheap in construction and one which is held in position upon the tool by a spring clip so that the same can be readily placed in position on any suitable nail driving tool, whereby it will only be necessary for a carpenter to have one of the nail-holders, and it will be seen that by this construction the holder can be quickly detached when it is desired not to use the same.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts, hereinafter fully described and pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings forming a part of this specification: Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved nail holder showing the same arranged in position on a hammer. Fig. 2 is a front view of the same. Fig. 3 is a section taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 4 is a perspective view of another form of nail holder.

In carrying out my improved invention, I employ a spring clip A adapted to embrace a handle of a nail-driving tool, as clearly shown, said clip being provided with a head B, the edges of which are notched, over

which are bent the ends of a pair of approximately parallel wire arms C, the ends being bent to form loops which fit in the notches of the head of the clip, so as to securely hold the arms in their proper position. The arms are bent to form a U-shaped nail-holding member D which extends between said arms and has an enlarged loop D' for increasing the resiliency of the same, and it will be seen that the side bars of the U-shaped member are normally held into engagement with each other so that when the nail is forced between the same, it will be held in its proper position. The arms are adapted to rest at their free ends against the head of the nail driving tool under the face, this being accomplished by bending the arms as shown at C', so that the resiliency of the same will hold the nail holder against the head, so that when a nail is forced into the U-shaped member the head of the same will be held against the head of the nail driving tool in such a position that they can be readily started.

In the form shown in Fig. 4, the clip A is substantially the same as the clip shown in the other figures, and secured to the clip in a similar manner are approximately parallel arms E provided with coils F for increasing the resiliency of the same, and the arms are then bent to form a U-shaped member G for holding a nail, which extends between the arms E and has a coil H at its closed end. By this construction the nail is held more securely than in the forms shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, so that small nails can be firmly held in order to start the same.

While I have shown and described a nail holder secured in position on the handle so as to hold the head of a nail against the head, it is of course understood that the position of the same can be reversed, so that the head of the nail will be held up against the side of the head of the hammer.

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

1. A nail holder for hammers or like tools comprising a clip for attachment to the handle of the tool and a nail holder comprising arms attached at their inner ends to said clip, and a spring nail grip of U-form located between the outer portions of said arms and in the plane thereof, and having the outer ends of its side members connected with the outer ends of said arms.

2. A nail holder for hammers or like tools comprising a clip for attachment to the handle of the tool, and having notches in opposite edges of its side members, and a
5 nail holder formed of spring wire comprising arms and a U-shaped nail grip, the arms having their inner ends bent about the side members of the clip in the notches thereof, and the nail grip lying between the outer
10 portions of the arms in the plane thereof and having the outer ends of its side members connected with the outer ends of the said arms.

3. A nail holder comprising a spring clip
15 provided with a head, the ends of which are

notched, a spring nail holder formed of wire having its ends bent around the head of the clip in the notches thereof, said nail holder comprising approximately parallel arms bent to form a U-shaped member enlarged at its closed end, and extending between said arms.

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

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