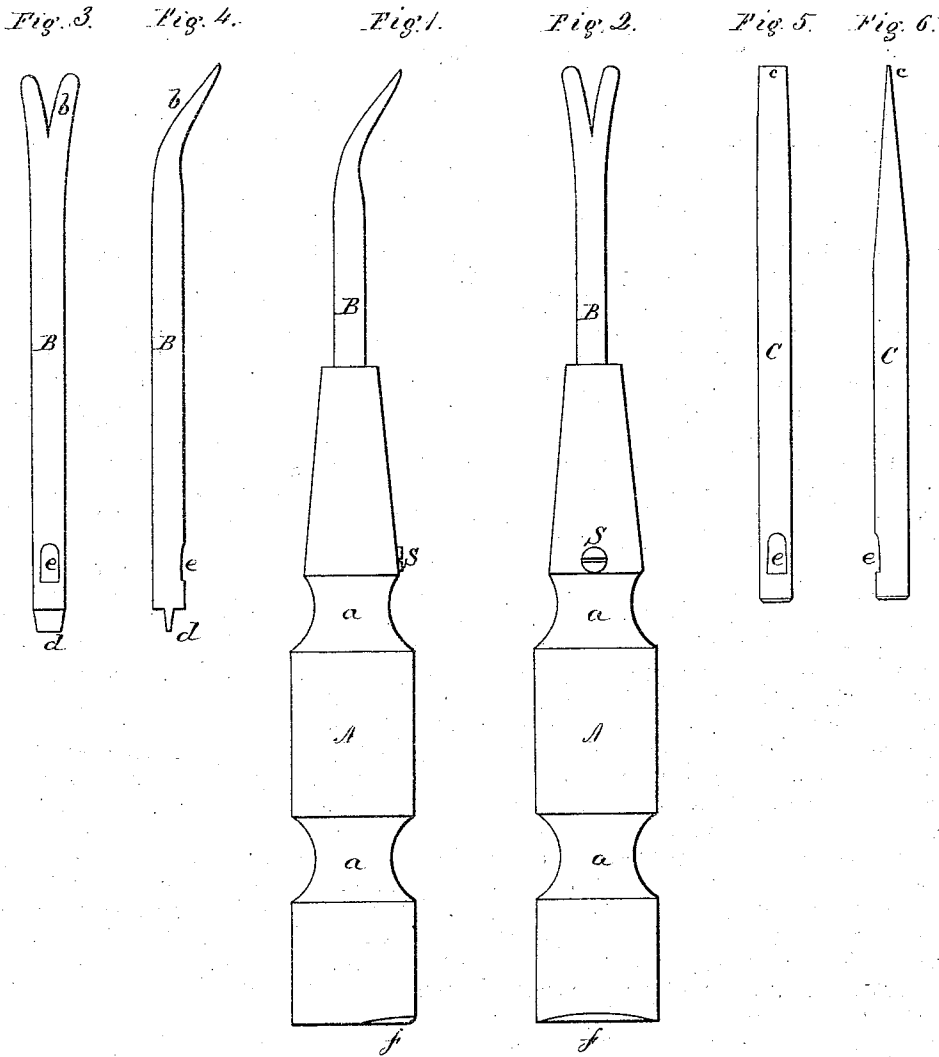


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SILAS BARKER, of Hartford, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tack-Hammers; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, whereby a person skilled in the art can make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

Like letters in the figures indicate the same parts.

My invention has for its object providing a convenient tool for driving and drawing out tacks or small nails. The said invention consists in a hammer-head provided with suitable grooves for holding it firmly while in use, and having an interchangeable screw-driver and claw, which fit into the head at the end opposite the face. It also consists in making the claw with a screw-driver upon the end which is inserted in the handle. It also consists in rounding or chamfering the corner or edge of the face where it comes in contact with the band when using the claw.

In the accompanying drawing, Figures 1 and 2 represent, a side and front view of my improved tool ready for use. Figs. 3 and 4 show a front and side view of the claw detached. Figs. 5 and 6 show a front and side view of the screw-driver detached.

A is the head, made of metal, and furnished with the grooves *a*, for the purpose of hold-

ing it more conveniently with the thumb and fingers. B is the detachable claw. It has at one end the usual prongs, bent at the proper angle, as shown at *b*, and at the other end it is furnished with a screw-driver, *d*, for turning the set-screw S when another tool is inserted in the handle. C is a screw-driver to fit in the place of the claw B. It can be used for withdrawing tacks or nails where the claw *b* will not operate, as well as for all the usual purposes of a screw-driver. When the claw B is inserted in the handle this screw-driver is used to operate the set-screw S, the edge *c* being made to fit this screw. *ee* are flat places upon the shafts of the tools, to receive the end of the screw S, and hold the tool more firmly. *f* is a chamfered or rounded part of the edge of the face of the hammer A. This comes against the hand when the claw is used, and prevents the sharp corner from injuring it. The opposite part of the face is left sharp for use in hammering upon the head of the tack.

What I claim as my invention is—

An improved tool consisting of an interchangeable claw and screw-driver, combined with a metallic handle having a hammer-face upon its end, the whole constructed and arranged substantially as described.

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