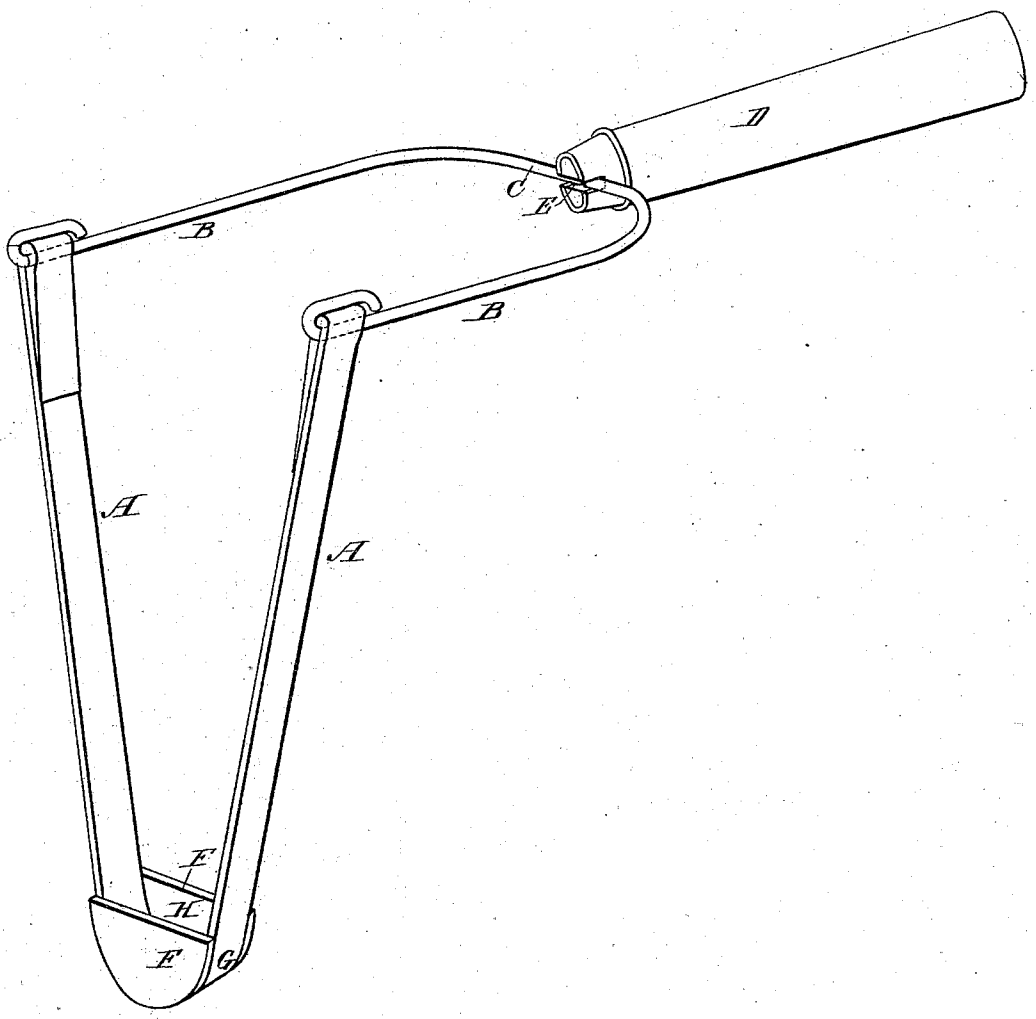
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JABEZ SMITH, of Sabula, Jackson county, Iowa, have invented a new and Improved Sling, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple device for throwing missiles, such as stones, bullets, &c., by hand, with considerable force.

The invention consists in a band, of rubber or other elastic material, having a pocket to receive the missile in the middle, the ends of this elastic band or equivalent being attached to the ends of the prongs of a fork provided with a suitable handle.

In the accompanying drawing a perspective view of my improved slung-shot is shown.

The ends of a rubber band, A, are attached to the ends of the shanks B B of a fork, C, which is fastened to a handle, D, or may be made integral therewith. If the handle and the fork are made of separate parts, the front end of the handle should be provided with a transverse slot, E, into which the inner end of the fork fits, in order to prevent it from turning in the handle. The rubber band A, which may be replaced by some equivalent device, has two strips, F, of rubber, leather, or metal, attached to the opposite edges at the middle, and these two strips F, with the bent central part, G, of the strip F, form a pocket, H, for the missile.

The device is held with the left hand. The missile is placed in the pocket H, which is seized with the right hand, upon which the band A is extended and then suddenly released. The missile is thrown thereby with very great force.

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

1. As an improved article of manufacture, a sling, made substantially as herein shown and described, with a forked handle carrying an elastic band and central pocket, as set forth.

2. In a sling, the combination, with the elastic band A A, of a pocket, H, in the middle of the same for receiving the missile, the fork C, and the handle D, substantially as herein shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

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