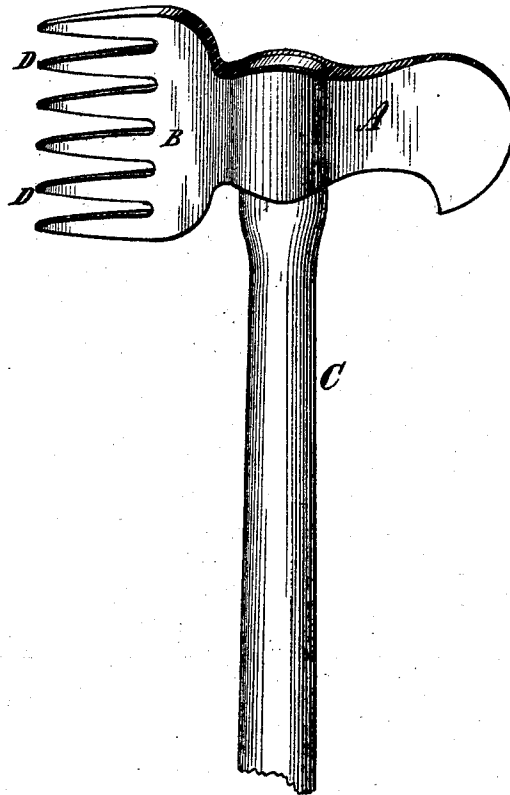


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## IMPROVEMENT IN ICE-CUTTERS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 123,076, dated January 30, 1872.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ERNEST BACHER, of Findley, in the county of Hancock and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Tools for Splitting Blocks of Ice into small pieces for retail trade; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing making a part of this specification, in which the figure is a view in perspective.

This invention relates to a certain improvement in implements for splitting ice; and consists of a hatchet provided with a dentated blade, which occupies the place of the usual poll or back of the hatchet; the object of the invention being to produce an implement which is designed to take the place of the saw and picks commonly used for splitting blocks of ice into small pieces for the retail trade.

In the drawing, A is the blade of the hatchet; B, the dentated blade, which occupies the place of the poll of the ordinary hatchet; and C is the handle of the implement. The den-

tated blade B is made about twice the width of the blade A, and the teeth D, acting as the same number of wedges would act when driven into the ice in a straight line, cause the ice to break or crack in the direction of the line of teeth. The blade A is used as a hook for handling or drawing blocks of ice; also as a hatchet for trimming off snow or any impurities that may be in the ice; also for splitting very large blocks of ice.

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

The combination of the hatchet-blade A with the dentated blade B, substantially as and for the purpose hereinbefore set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing improvement, as above described, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 30th day of November, 1871.

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