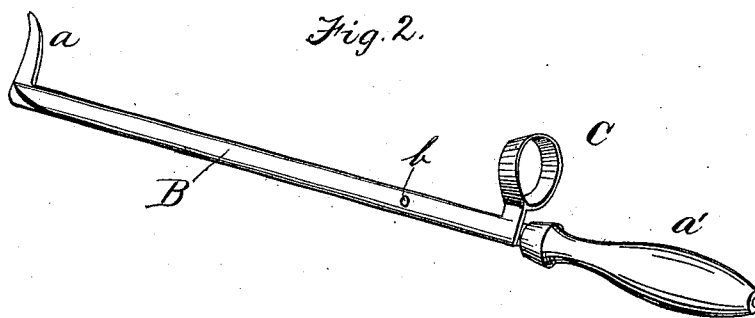
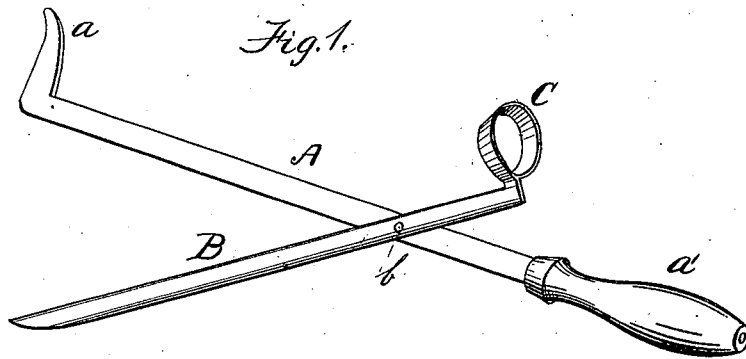


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IMPROVEMENT IN COMBINED STOVE POKERS AND TONGS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, HENRY A. SMITH and HENDRICK B. WILKINS, of Nicholson, in the county of Wyoming and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and Improved Combined Stove Poker and Tongs; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of our invention, showing the jaw open; and Fig. 2 is a similar view, showing the jaw closed.

Similar letters of reference in the accompanying drawings denote the same parts.

Our invention has for its object to provide for general use a combined fire poker and tongs; and it consists in pivoting a blade or jaw of peculiar construction to an ordinary fire-poker, as I will now proceed to describe.

In the drawings, A represents a fire-poker, having a toe or bent end, *a*, and the usual wooden handle, *a'*. B is a jaw or blade, pivoted to the poker at *b*, and having a socket or handle, C, by means of which the jaw can be opened or closed. When the jaw B is closed

it fits snugly against the poker, and does not in the least affect the efficient operation of the latter.

When it is desired to use the device as a pair of tongs, the operator grasps the handle *a'*, inserts his thumb in the socket C, and opens and closes the jaw B with ease.

The socket C, besides serving as a means for operating the jaw B, acts as a guard to the hand when the device is used as a poker.

The whole is very simple and compact, and can be manufactured at a small expense.

We claim as our invention—

The combined poker and tongs herein described, consisting of the two blades A and B, pivoted together, one of them having the thumb-socket C, arranged at right angles to the line of the blade, and the other having the straight handle *a'*, extending beyond the socket C.

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