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Fig. I

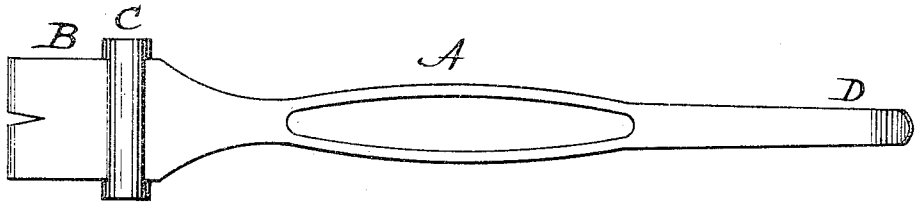
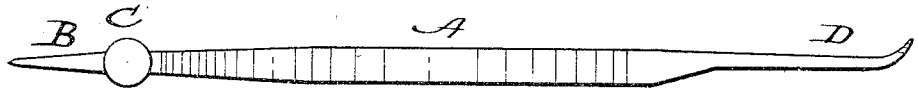


Fig. II



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BOX-OPENER AND TOBACCO-CLAW.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DANIEL W. THACKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Springfield, in the county of Clark and State of Ohio, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in a Box-Opener and Tobacco-Claw; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to a single implement in which are united a nail-extractor, a pry, a hammer, and a tobacco-claw.

The objects of my invention are to open tobacco-boxes and to raise the plugs in the same by the use of a single implement formed of iron or steel.

The construction of the implement is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure I is a top view of the implement. Fig. II is a side view of the same.

The implement is made of either iron or steel, and may be either forged or cast.

A is the handle or part to be grasped by the hand in using the implement. This part has a swell at the center and is recessed on both sides. The cylindrical part C forms the hammer and has pounding-faces on both ends, and the sides serve as fulcrums for the pry. External to the hammer is the pry B, having a notch in its center to engage nails.

D is the tobacco-claw, the end being slightly curved and sharp, that it may readily be forced beneath a plug of tobacco to disengage the same from contiguous plugs. When used to detach a strip of wood or extract a nail, the rounded part forms the fulcrum.

The use of the implement in opening a tobacco-box is thus described: The strips lining the head or lid are first pried off, the nails removed by the extractor, and projecting nails driven back, and the lid is then pried off and the plugs of tobacco are detached, as above described.

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

As a new article of manufacture, the tool, as shown and described, comprising a middle part or handle having a curved claw at one end and a notched pry or nail-extractor at its opposite end, and having a transverse cylinder between said handle and said pry, the ends of which serve as hammer-faces and the projecting sides as fulcrums for the pry and nail-extractor.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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