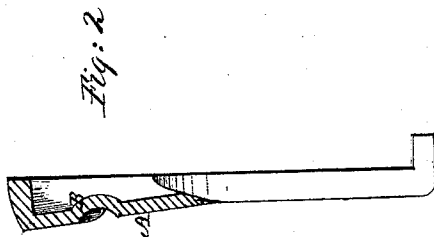
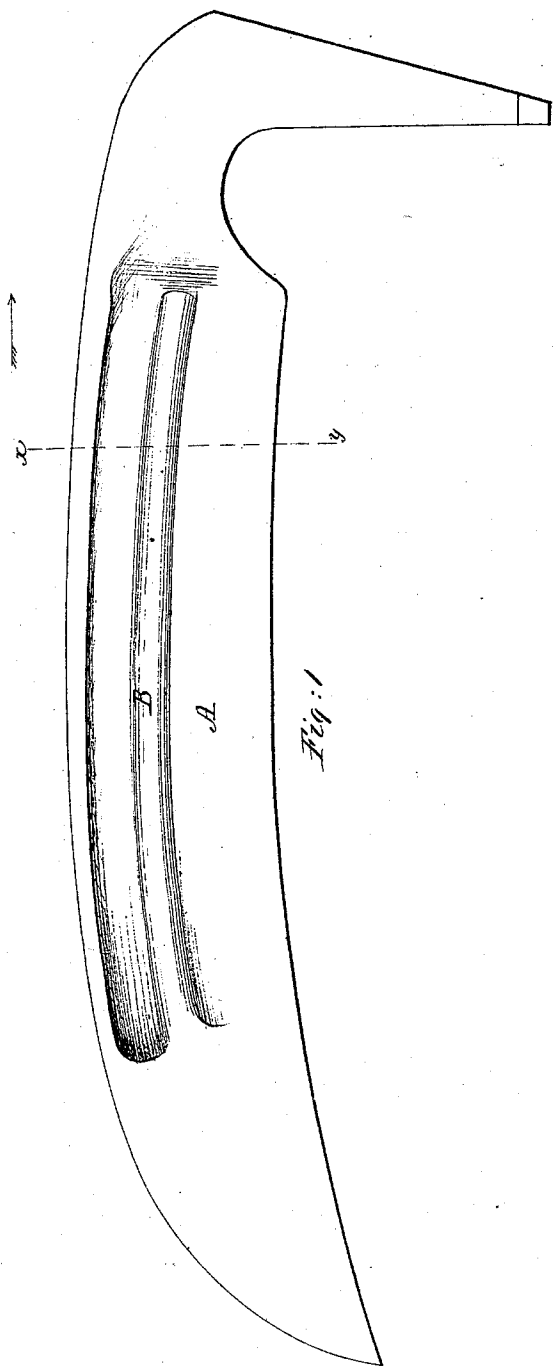


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## IMPROVEMENT IN SCYTHES.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HIRAM C. BROWN, of Barkhamsted, county of Litchfield and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and improved Scythe; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my invention consists in constructing the scythe in the manner hereinafter described, so as to give it tenacity and strength, and to prevent its bending in use.

The result of experience fully settles the question, that in close mowing, as in mowing lawns, a flat thin blade is better than the old form, and the only objection found to it has been the lack of strength, or its inclination to bend or spring, and it is to remedy this defect in the flat blade by the rib or corrugation that constitutes my improvement.

In the accompanying drawing—

Figure 1 represents a top view of the blade of a scythe embodying my improvements.

Figure 2 represents a transverse section of the same, at the line *x x* of fig. 1.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction.

I make the blade *A* of nearly a uniform thickness, with its under side perfectly flat, with a rib or corrugation, *B*, on its upper side, to give it stiffness, extending from near its hilt to its point.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A scythe-blade, *A*, of nearly uniform thickness, with its under side flat, and with a rib or corrugation, *B*, on its upper side, substantially as shown and described.

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