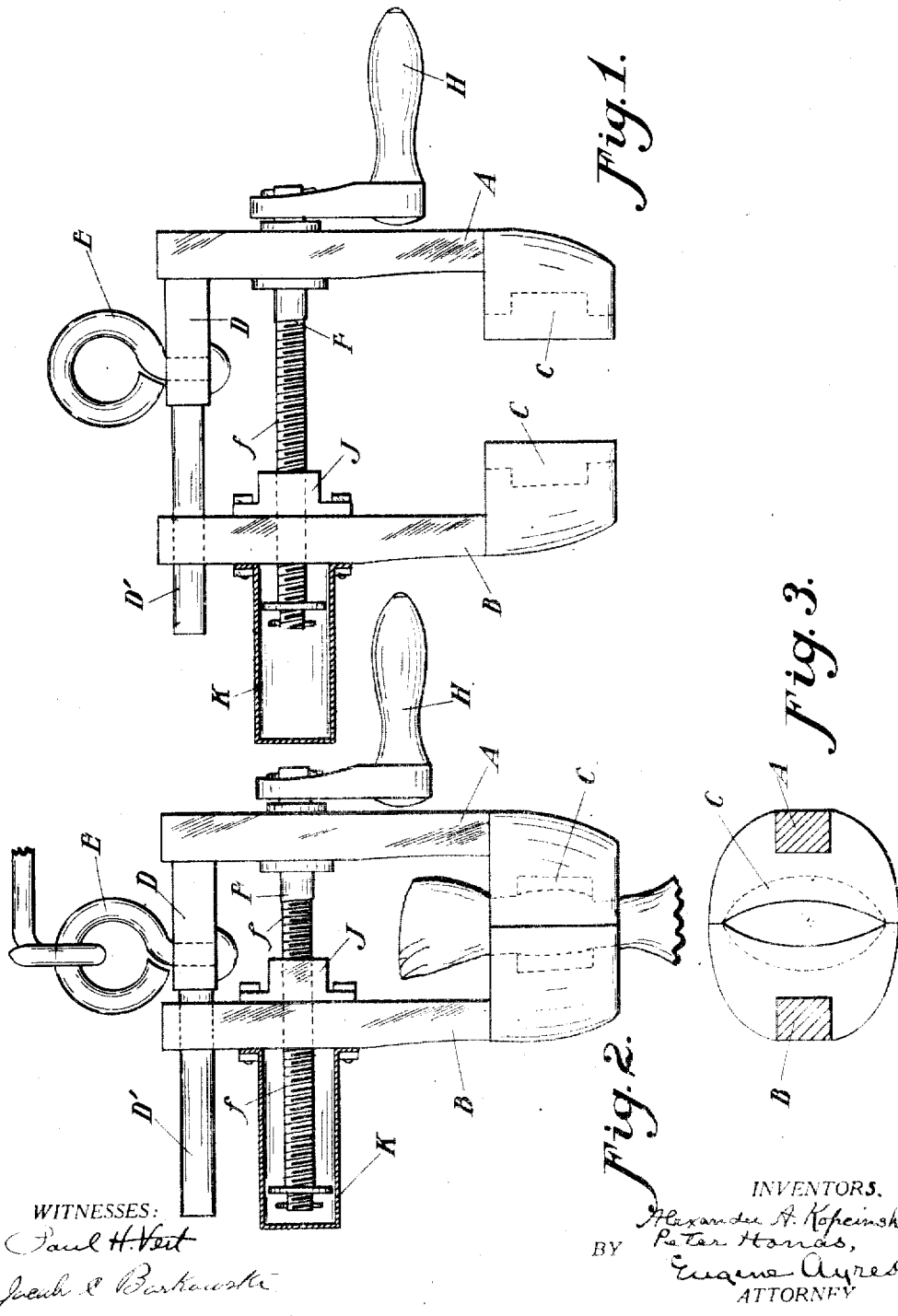


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, ALEXANDER A. KOPCINSKI and PETER HANAS, citizens of the United States, residing at St. Joseph, in the county of Buchanan and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hog-Foot Savers, of which the following is a specification.

In present packing house practice after slaughtering a hog the animal is suspended from a hook through the leader of one of its hind feet thereby frequently breaking said leader and tearing or mutilating the foot so that the foot is rendered useless for any purpose, excepting inedible purposes.

The object of our invention is to overcome this waste which, in the aggregate is very large, and to also obviate the necessity for re-cleaning such animals as have fallen to the floor or ground because of such breakage.

We accomplish our object by the means hereinafter described, in which—

Figure 1 is either a front or rear view of a hog foot saver shown in open position ready to receive and clamp a hog's foot;

Fig. 2 is a view of a hog's foot saver in suspended hooked position, a hog's foot gripped in a clamp, the dotted lines in the clamp portion of the device indicating the cavities in which the animal's foot is held when the clamp is closed, and

Fig. 3 is a horizontal section of the clamping part of the device showing the cavities therein.

Corresponding letters refer to similar parts in the drawings and throughout the description, the letters A and B representing the frame of the device which consists of two entirely separable parts, frame A consisting of an upright which has rigid connection with a cavity C forming one half

of a clamping member. A carrier D is rigidly fastened in or on the inside of frame A. A hanger E is attached adjustably and forms connection with any suitable support. Spaced vertically beneath said carrier bolt F is inserted through said part A. A revoluble lever handle H has connection with said bolt, the other end of said bolt being threaded, as indicated by letters *f f*. The opposite part B of said frame is adjustable on part D' of carrier D. The inner side of part B is provided with a block J threaded through its center through which the threaded bolt F travels. K is a cap adapted to inclose the outward projecting end of the threaded bolt, to protect the threads of said bolt from being injured.

From the foregoing description it will be readily understood that by revolving lever handle H the clamping and unclamping operation is quickly and easily accomplished.

What we claim and desire to secure is:

A hog foot saver, comprising a primary and a secondary upright, said uprights being adapted to grip a hog's foot, said primary upright provided with an opening near its upper end, a shaft provided with means attaching the same to said secondary upright, said shaft extending through the opening of the primary upright, suspension means formed upon said shaft and its connecting means and being positioned between said uprights, and means for adjusting said uprights with respect to each other for clamping or releasing a hog's foot.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in the presence of two witnesses.

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