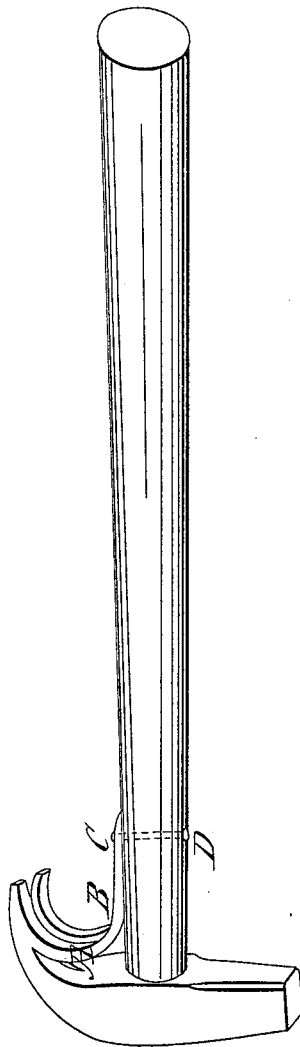


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEONARD POWERS, of Edmeston, in the county of Otsego and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in the Common Hand-Hammer; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

The figure in the drawing presents a side view of the hammer as fixed upon the handle ready for use.

15 The improvement herein described consists of the curved brace A, connecting the claws of the hammer with the handle for the purpose of strengthening and supporting this connection when the claws are used for
20 any ordinary purpose. The brace A is divided in common with claws of the hammer, the division extending down to where the brace assumes the form of a strap, running horizontally along upon the top of the handle
25 as from B to C, where it is flat and entire and a strong rivet passes through this strap as seen at C, having a head upon the underside as seen at D and is riveted on the upper

side of the strap at C. Instead of this rivet a band may encompass both the strap and the handle to perform the same office. This brace and the claws of the hammer are joined near the tip of the claws, leaving the latter solid and of the usual shape as seen in the figure, and leaving no obstruction to the free use of the points of the claws, as would be the case were those points extended and made to clasp the handle, as has been heretofore done, while at the same time the full advantage is obtained of a connection between the upper extremity of the hammer, and the handle at the point C.

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

The brace here described, connecting the claws of the hammer with the hammer handle, thus strengthening and supporting the connection of the hammer and handle; while at the same time the points of the claws are left free to be used as in the ordinary hammer, the whole being substantially arranged as above set forth and described.

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