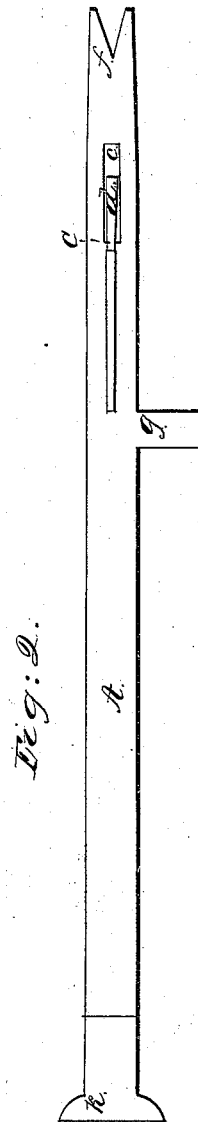
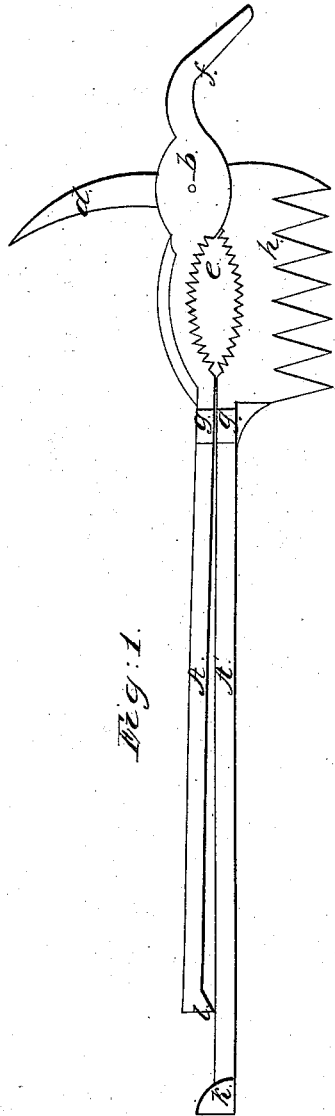


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## IMPROVED ICE-PICK, NUT-CRACKER, &c.

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### *To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE L. WITSIL, of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a Tool or Instrument for General Household Utility; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

My invention relates to a combination in one instrument of a variety of devices of general utility, as hereinafter shown.

In order to enable others to understand the precise nature of my invention, I will proceed to describe it.

On reference to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification, Figure 1 is a side view, and Fig. 2 is a top view.

Similar letters refer to similar parts in the views.

In the management of every well-regulated household it has heretofore been found necessary to use a separate and distinct tool or instrument for each and every of the various operations incidental to it. This has caused not only a vast first outlay, but also considerable expense is afterward entailed and valuable time lost by breakage and displacement of the same. I propose to obviate these objections by constructing a tool or instrument at a small cost which will be easily manipulated, combining gas-burner forceps and pipe-tongs, nut-cracker, ice-pick, tack and nail hammer, tack and nail drawer, appliances for removing plates from stoves or ovens, and for making beef or other meats tender.

A A' are levers, hinged at B. The upper

one, A, has an opening, *c*, through which the projection *d* of the lower lever, A', projects, through the medium of which the two levers are connected. *e* is a serrated opening in the intersection of the levers, which is for removing gas-burners, disconnecting or unscrewing gas-pipes, and for cracking nuts, &c. The projection *f* of the upper lever terminates in an angular fork or tack-drawer. The prong *d*, which is the medium of connection between the two levers, is an ice-pick. Fixed to the side of each lever, and adjacent, are two parallel projections, *g g*, which are intended, when used either together or separately, for a nail or tack hammer. Formed to the lower lever, A', is a serrated projection or a meat-thrasher. The lower lever, A', terminates in a dish or crescent, *k*, to remove a plate from a stove or oven. The levers are opened and the crescent is slipped under it perfectly balancing the plate between the crescent and the angular projection *e*.

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

Combining and arranging in one tool or instrument an ice-pick, *d*, gas-burner forceps and pipe-tongs and nut-cracker *e*, tack and nail extractor *f*, nail and tack hammer *g*, meat-thrasher *h*, and the plate-lifter *k*, substantially as and for the purpose herein specified and described.

In testimony whereof I hereunto sign my name to this specification in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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