

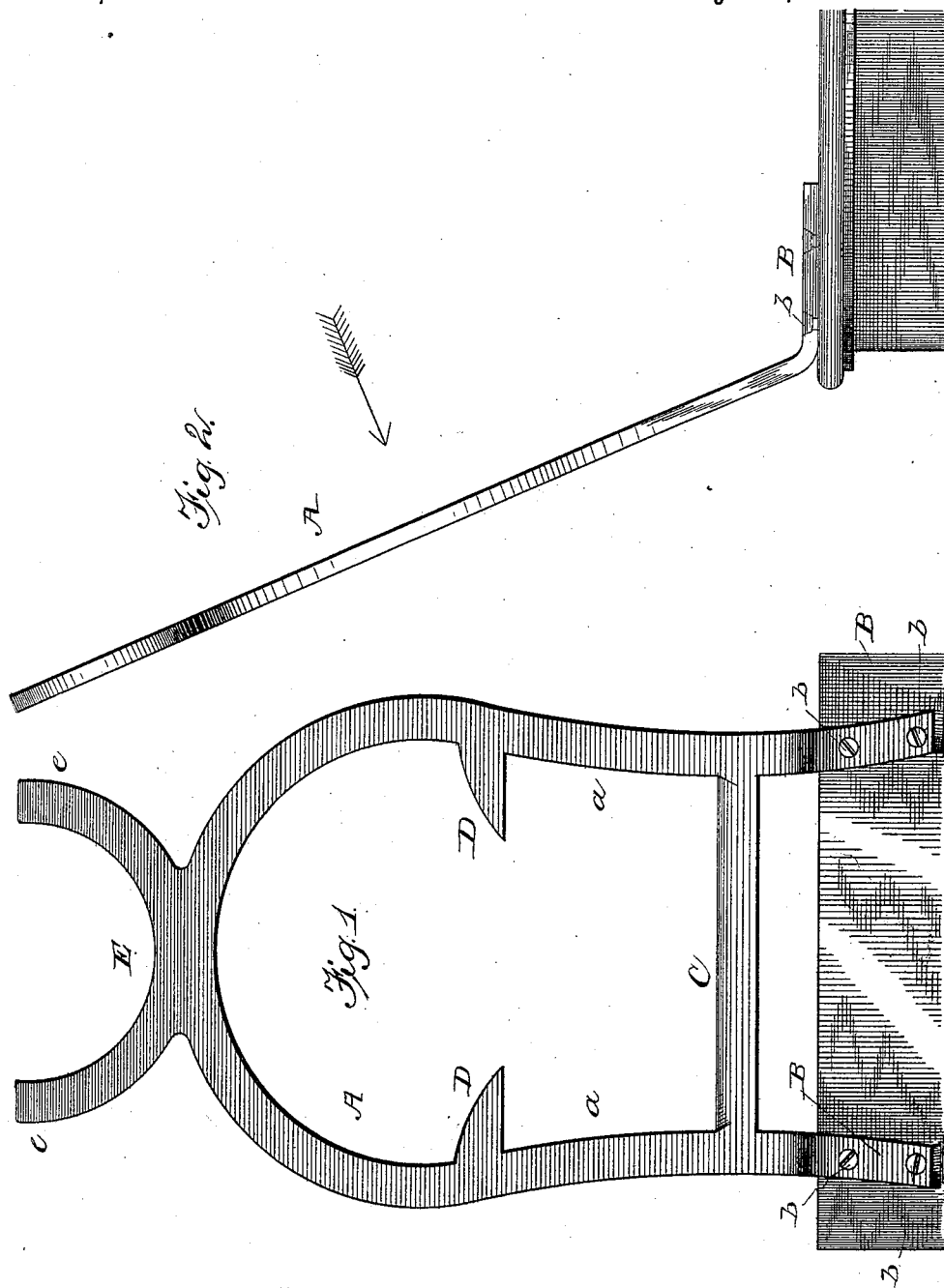
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, PURLEY A. SCOVEL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Terrell, in the county of Kaufman and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Boot Cleaners, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to improvements in boot and shoe scrapers, and has for its object the provision of an article which will be simple and durable in construction, effective in operation, cheap of manufacture, and which can be easily applied to and removed from the door-step or other suitable support; and to these ends the invention consists in the construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

In the drawings hereto annexed, Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved scraper, and Fig. 2 a side elevation thereof.

Referring to the drawings, in which like letters of reference indicate like parts in both figures, A designates the frame, which consists of two side pieces, *a a*, curved as shown, the lower ends of which are provided with bent arms B, whereby the scraper is fastened to a door-step by means of nails or screws *b*, the upper ends of said side pieces being arched or bowed at the top. A cross-bar, C, extends from one side to the other, and is preferably beveled on its upper front edge. Projections D D are formed on the inner edges of the side pieces.

E is a semicircular piece at the top of the arch, and is preferably cast in one piece therewith.

It will be seen that my device affords facilities for readily and conveniently scraping all parts of the boot or shoe. The heel is scraped on the semicircular portion E, located at the top of the arch, the sides of the sole by the arms *e e*, the upper hollow of the foot by the projections D D, the toe by the lower side of the arch or bow.

The projections D D are adapted to scrape the dirt and mud from the seam formed by the sole and upper, while the cross-bar C, the sole from the heel outward.

If desired, the edges of the scraper may be beveled, to more readily remove the mud from the shoe.

Having now described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

A boot and shoe scraper comprising a frame, A, having the lower bent ends, B, a cross-bar, C, projections D D, formed on the inner adjacent edges of the frame A, and a segment or circular piece, E, arranged at the upper end of the frame, as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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