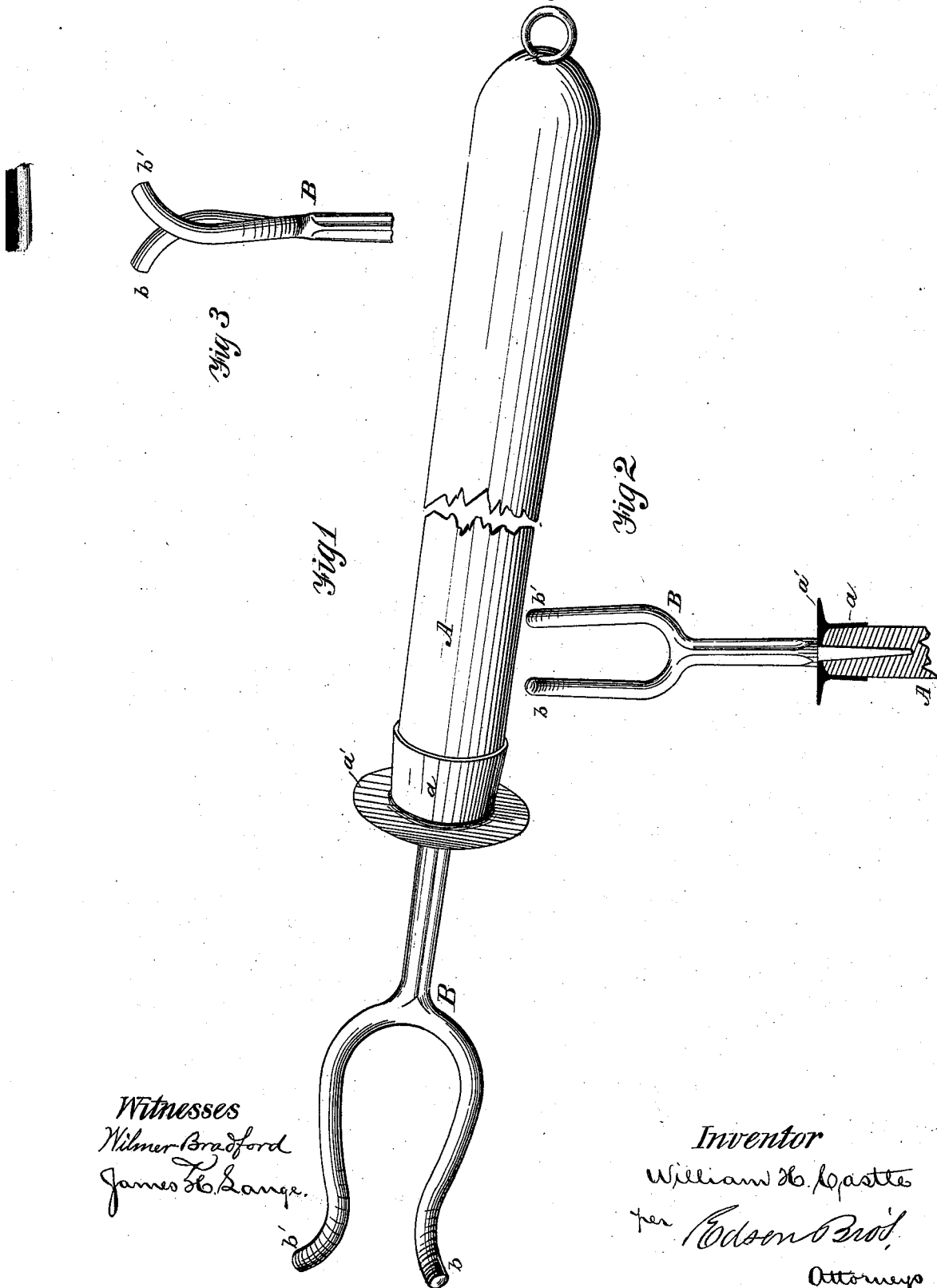


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## IMPROVEMENT IN CLOTHES-FORKS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. CASTLE, of Geneva, in the county of Ashtabula and State of Ohio, have made certain new and useful Improvements in Clothes-Forks; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved clothes-fork with a section removed from the handle or staff. Fig. 2 is a front elevation, partly in section, and Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the same.

Corresponding parts in the several figures are denoted by like letters.

The object of my invention is to provide a cheap, neat, and efficient device for use in manipulating clothes in and removing them from a wash-boiler during the process of washing.

My invention appertains to that class of invention termed "clothes forks or sticks;" and it consists of a staff or handle having a flanged ferrule, in connection with a fork having tines whose ends are curved in opposite directions, substantially as hereinafter more particularly set forth.

In the annexed drawing, A refers to a staff or handle of suitable size and shape, which has firmly secured upon its lower end a metal

ferrule, *a*, having a disk or flange, *a'*, its purpose being to prevent the running of the hot water, when removing the clothes from the boiler, down the handle upon the hands or dropping on the stove, and to turn its course back into the boiler.

Driven in or otherwise suitably fastened to the ferruled end of the staff or handle A is a two-tined fork, B, preferably made of galvanized malleable iron, and having its tines curved in opposite direction to form a broad bearing or pressing surface, as clearly shown in the drawings. An eye or staple, C, is placed in the upper end of the staff A, so that it can be hung on a nail or hook.

When the clothes are to be taken from the boiler the fork is inserted into them and a turn given to it, which causes the clothes to adhere, when they can be held up to drain and be removed from the boiler.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As a new article of manufacture, a clothes-fork consisting of the staff A, having the flanged ferrule *a a'*, and fork B, having tines *b b'*, substantially as shown and described, and as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I hereunto affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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