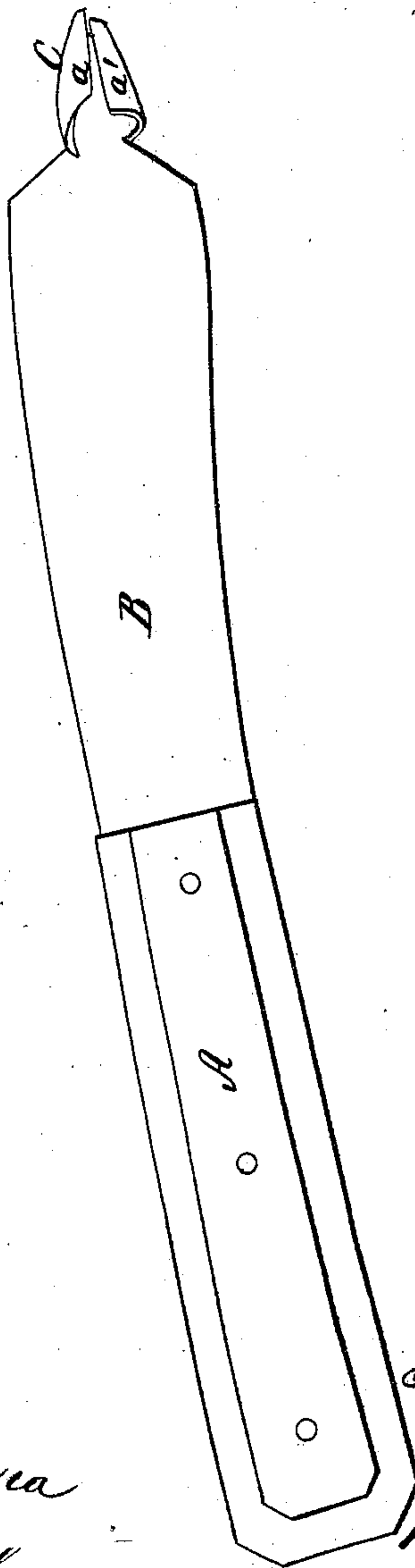


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## IMPROVED POTATO-PARER.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 43,725, dated August 2, 1864.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY UNDERWOOD, of Tolland, in the county of Tolland and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and Improved Knife for Paring Potatoes; 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 make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, making a part of this specification, said drawing representing a side view of my invention.

Many kinds of potatoes have deeply sunken eyes, which render it impossible to pare them with an ordinary knife without great waste, as the blade of the latter cannot be inserted in the small recesses, and much of the potato is therefore cut away all around the eyes in removing the skin.

My invention consists in providing an ordinary knife-blade with a bit or reamer at its end, so constructed that after the skin is cut or pared from the body or principal part of the potato the bit or reamer may be inserted in the recesses or eyes, turned within them, and the exterior coat or skin within said recesses removed with the greatest facility and without any waste.

A represents the handle, and B the blade, of a knife. These parts may be constructed like those of an ordinary case-knife, and therefore do not require any special descrip-

tion. At the end of the blade B there is formed a bit or reamer, C, which may be formed by slitting the blade B obliquely at each edge, and then curling the blade at each side beyond the slits, so as to form a conical tube, one edge, *a*, of said tube slightly projecting beyond or farther outward than the other, and provided with a cutting-edge, the space between said edge *a* and the edge *a'* of the opposite side of the bent portion of the blade forming a throat for the cutting-edge. The potato is first pared in the usual way, by means of the blade B of the knife, and the bit or reamer C is then inserted in the recesses of the eyes, and by turning the bit or reamer or the potato once or twice the recesses will be pared or the skin taken off all around the recesses, each recess of course being operated upon separately or one after the other. Thus, by this simple device potatoes may be pared very expeditiously and without any waste.

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

A knife for paring potatoes, provided with a bit or reamer, C, at the end of a blade, B, substantially as herein set forth.

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