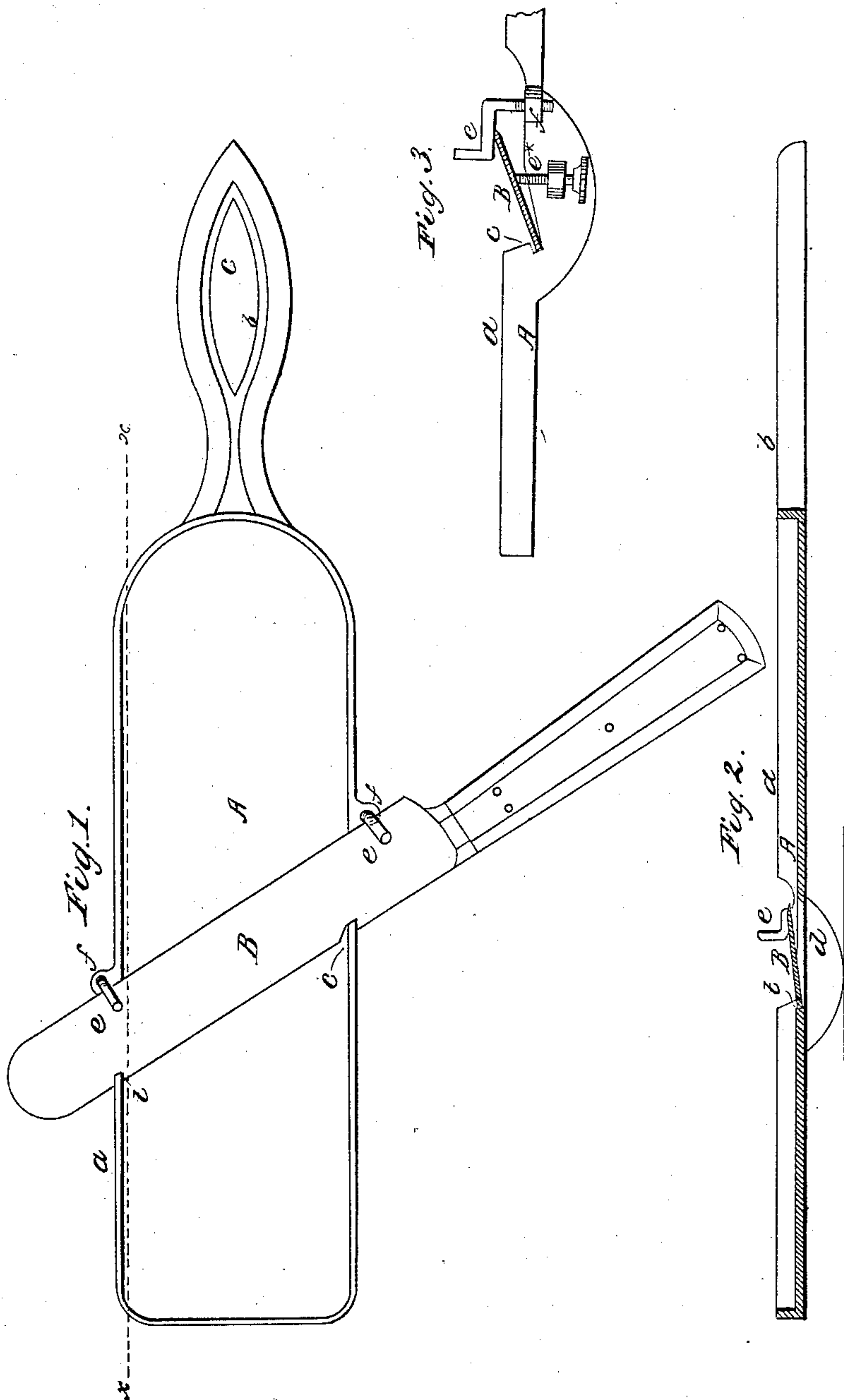


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IMPROVED VEGETABLE-SLICER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BERNARD MORAHAN, of South Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Vegetable-Slicer; 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 drawings, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a plan or top view of my invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical section of the same, the line *xx*, Fig. 1, indicating the plane of section. Fig. 3 is a partial side elevation of the same, showing a modification.

Similar letters of reference in the several figures indicate corresponding parts.

This invention consists in a flat oblong dish or plate, of cast-iron or other suitable material, provided with nicks and set-screws, in combination with an ordinary table-knife, or with a blade of the shape of an ordinary table-knife, in such a manner that when the plate or dish is to be used as a vegetable-slicer it can readily be rigged up for that purpose by inserting an ordinary table-knife in the nicks and securing it with the set-screws, and if the operation of slicing has been accomplished the knife can be removed and cleaned and then used as usual, and the plate or dish can be readily cleaned and hung up to the wall.

A represents a flat plate or dish, of cast-iron or other suitable material, provided with a projecting rim, *a*, and with a handle, *b*, which may be furnished with a hole, *c*, so that the plate can be easily hung up on a nail. The rim *a* is provided with two nicks, *e*, which are situated at the ends of an oblique slot, *d*, extending clear across the plate or dish, and sufficiently wide to let the slices of vegetables pass through it without difficulty. The nicks *e* are just large enough to take in the back of an ordinary table-knife, and a blade, B, inserted in said nicks, rests upon two inclined edges on the ends of the slot *d*. Two set-screws, *f*, serve to fasten the blade in the nicks

c, and these set-screws screw into lugs *f* projecting from the edges of the dish, as clearly shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings, and they may either be made in the form of little cranks, as shown in the drawings, or in any other suitable form or shape. By turning the set-screws down they hold the blade B firmly in place, and the vegetables to be sliced are placed on the dish A and pushed against said blade in quick succession. The slices drop down through the slot *d*, and if the slicing operation is finished the blade B can be easily removed, and both the dish A and the said blade can be readily cleaned, and the knife can be used as usual.

In order to adjust the thickness of the slices, the cutter may be arranged as shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings. In that case two set-screws, *e*, are placed underneath the blade B, on either side of the dish A, and by these set-screws the cutting-edge of the blade can be adjusted up or down, as may be desirable.

This vegetable-cutter is of great convenience for every family, because it is so arranged that any ordinary table-knife can be inserted in it and used for the cutter. The cutting-edge can thus be easily kept sharp, and if one knife should be dull another can readily be inserted; and, furthermore, by the ease with which the blade is inserted and removed the operation of cleaning the several parts of the vegetable-slicer is considerably facilitated. As soon as the blade is taken out access can be had to all parts of the dish, and the knife can be cleaned in the usual manner.

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

The dish A, provided with an oblique slot, *d*, and nicks *e*, in combination with the set-screws *f*, and knife B, arranged as specified, so that an ordinary table-knife can be readily inserted and removed and a simple and effective vegetable-slicer is produced.

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