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Table Fork.

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Fig. 1.

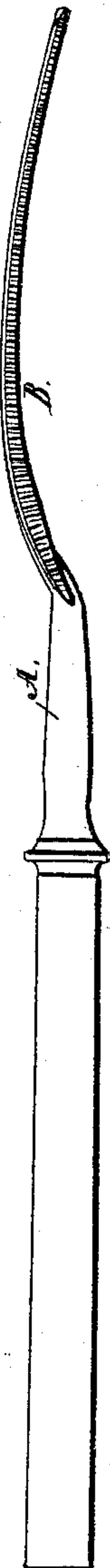
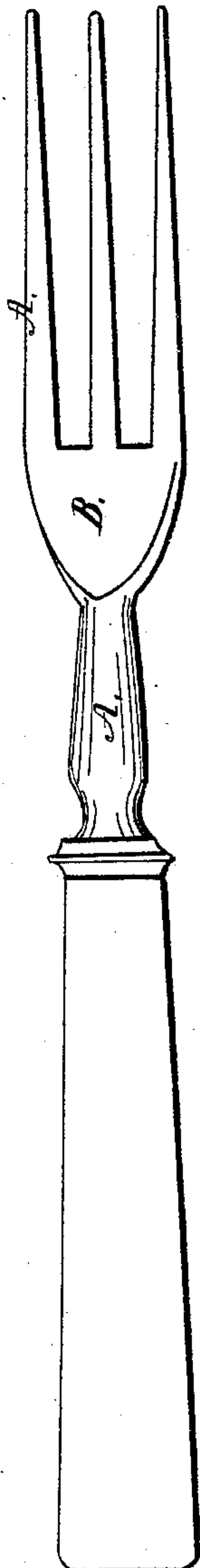


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN TABLE-FORKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN D. EDMOND and WILLIAM W. WIRT, both of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Knife-Sharpening Forks; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference thereon marked.

The nature of our invention consists in providing forks for table use with a file surface or edge, for the purpose of sharpening the knives.

Figure 1 shows a fork with the file formed upon the outer edge of each outer prong, and this, perhaps, is the most convenient form of construction. Fig. 2 represents a fork with the file-surface cut at the base of the prongs.

When the file is to be used with a silver or plated fork, the file can be let into the fork at the desired point.

In the drawings, A represents the fork, and B the file-edge.

It is more particularly intended that carving-forks shall be made in the manner described by us.

The file should be about what is termed a

"second-cut" file, neither very coarse nor very fine, and may be cut upon any desired part of the fork.

By our invention we are enabled to dispense with the common steel, so frequently mislaid, and each person who is provided with our fork can easily sharpen his own knife.

We are aware that devices have heretofore been attached to table-forks for the purpose of making them answer the purpose of a knife-sharpener, and that a patent has been granted for combining an angle-whetter with a fork. We do not therefore desire to claim, broadly, the idea or plan of making table-forks serve as knife-sharpeners, but simply to claim our particular mode of so doing.

Having fully described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

Providing a table-fork with a file edge or surface, substantially as specified, for the purpose of sharpening a knife.

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