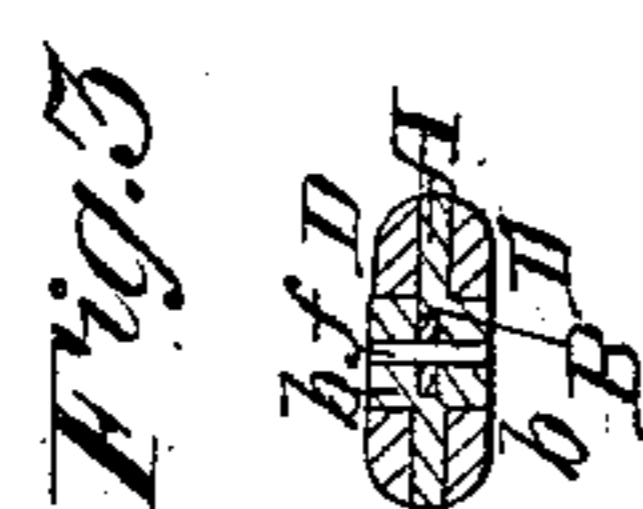
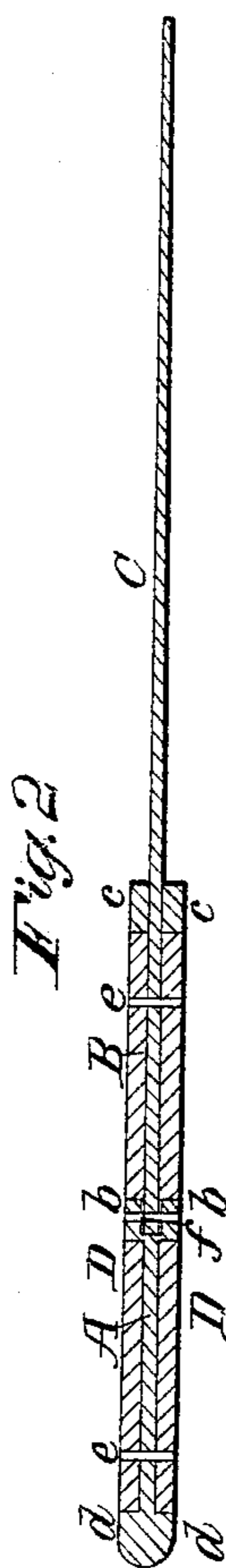
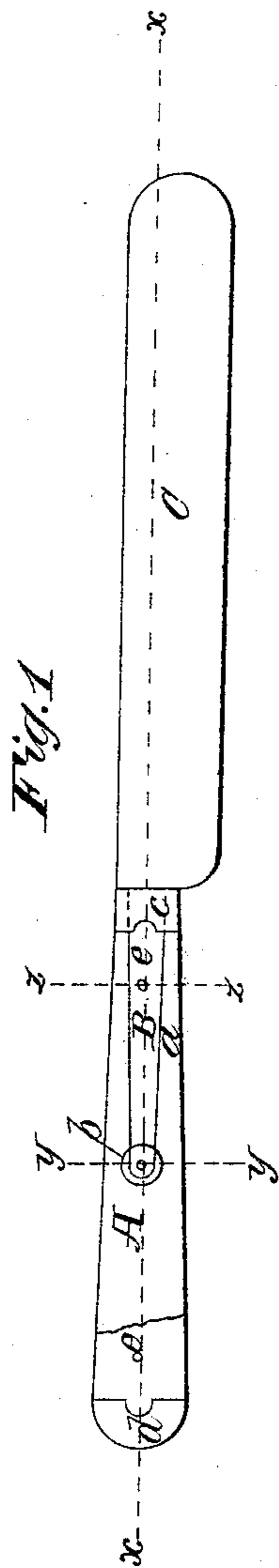


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IMPROVED HANDLE FOR CUTLERY.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 57,521, dated August 28, 1866.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, TAYLOR D. LAKIN, of Hancock, Hillsborough county, and State of New Hampshire, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Handles for Cutlery; 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, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of a table-knife provided with a handle, partly in section, constructed and applied according to my invention; Fig. 2, a longitudinal section of the same, taken in the line *x x*, Fig. 1; Fig. 3, a transverse section of the same, taken in the line *y y*, Fig. 1; Fig. 4, a transverse section of the same, taken in the line *z z*, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

The object of this invention is to obtain a neat and ornamental handle for cutlery, more especially for table-cutlery, and one which may be securely fastened on the tang of the blade, and constructed at a very moderate cost.

The central portion, A, of the handle is of cast metal. Malleable cast-iron will probably be used for the cheaper sort of handles and white-metal for the superior kinds. This central portion, A, is cast on a core in order that it may be provided with a longitudinal taper-opening, *a*, to receive the tang B of the blade C of the knife. By this means the drilling of part A to form a hole to receive the tang B is avoided, and considerable trouble and expense thereby saved. This central portion, A, is cast with a central hub or projection, *b*, at each side, and also with a projection, *c*, at each side, at the junction of the tang B and blade C, said projections forming what is technically

termed the "bolster." A projection, *d*, is also cast at each side of A, at its outer end, and to each side of A there is secured, by rivets *e*, side pieces, D D, of wood or other suitable material, the ends of said side pieces fitting snugly within or between the projections *c d*, the outer surfaces of the former being flush with the outer surfaces of the latter. The hubs or projections *b* also pass through holes made in the side pieces, D D, the outer surfaces of the former being flush with the outer surfaces of the latter, and a rivet, *f*, passes centrally through *b b* and the tang B, and one of the rivets *e* also passes through the tang. The tang B extends within the cast-metal portion A of the handle, to the lower sides of the hubs or projections *b b*, as shown in Fig. 2.

By this means a very neat and economical handle for cutlery is obtained, and one which is firmly attached to the tang. No cement of any kind is used, and the tang cannot become loose in the handle by the knife being immersed and washed in the water, nor can the tang become casually detached from the handle.

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

The central cast-metal plate, A, cast on a core to form a longitudinal taper-opening, *a*, to receive the tang B of the blade, and also cast with projections *b c d* at each side, in combination with the side pieces, D D, secured to A by rivets, and the tang also secured in the opening *a* by rivets, substantially as and for the purpose herein set forth.

The above specification of my invention signed by me this 11th day of June, 1866.

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