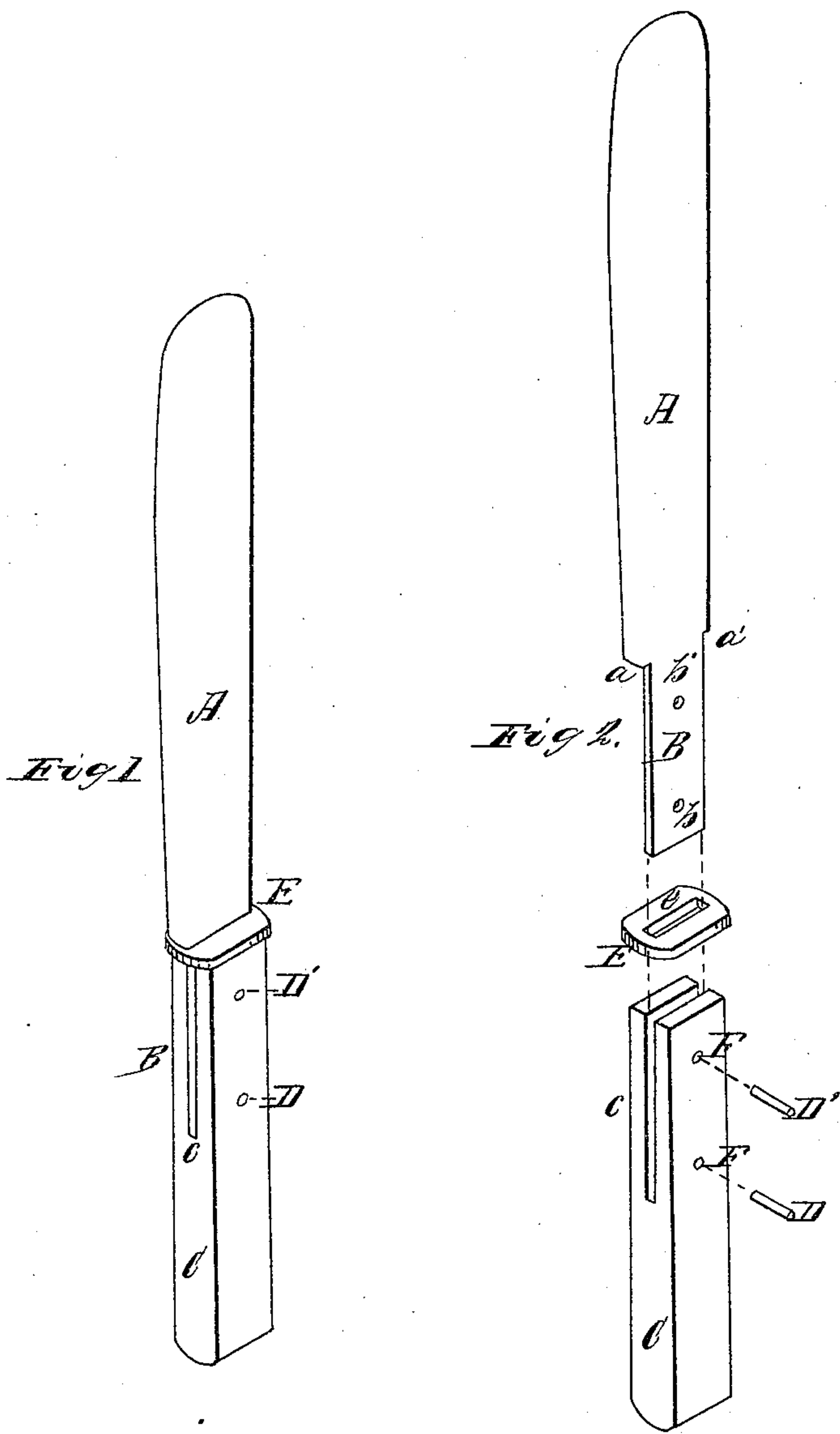


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IMPROVEMENT IN TABLE-KNIVES.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, PETER NEFF, of Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton, and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Table-Knives; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification.

My invention relates to a combined blade and tang and a movable bolster or collar, each cut out of steel, and a slotted handle, all secured together by rivets, as hereinafter described. In the accompanying drawings—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a knife embodying my improvements.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the various parts in a detached condition.

A represents the blade of the knife, which, with its tang B, is cut out of a strip of cold steel by a suitable die and press. The tang is cut of the exact width to fit the handle C, and said tang is provided with apertures *b b'*, through which the rivets D D' are inserted, by which the tang is secured to the handle. After the tang has been cut, the blade A is forged into shape by means of a trip-hammer. E is the detachable bolster or collar, of steel or any other metal, and it is furnished with a rectangular or other non-circular slot, *e*, of a suitable size and shape to receive the tang B. The bolster and its slot are cut from a cold piece of steel at a single operation, and the bolster may have such an ornamental form given to it as may be desired. The handle C has a kerf, *c*, extending about one-half of its length, into which the tang B exactly fits. F F' are the holes in the handle for the reception of the rivets D D'.

The different parts of the knife having been formed as above described, they are then connected together in the following manner: The bolster E is slipped over the tang B until it strikes the shoulders *a a'* of the blade A, and the tang is then inserted in the kerf *c*, after which the rivets are placed in their appropriate holes, *b b'* F F', and are then secured by the usual riveting process.

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

As an improvement in table-knives, the combination of the blade A and tang B, cut out of a single piece of steel, and having shoulders *a a'*, the handle C having a slot or recess, *c*, and the slotted bolster E *e*, secured upon the tang B, between the shoulders *a a'* and the end of the handle, all as herein described.

In testimony of which invention I hereunto set my hand.

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