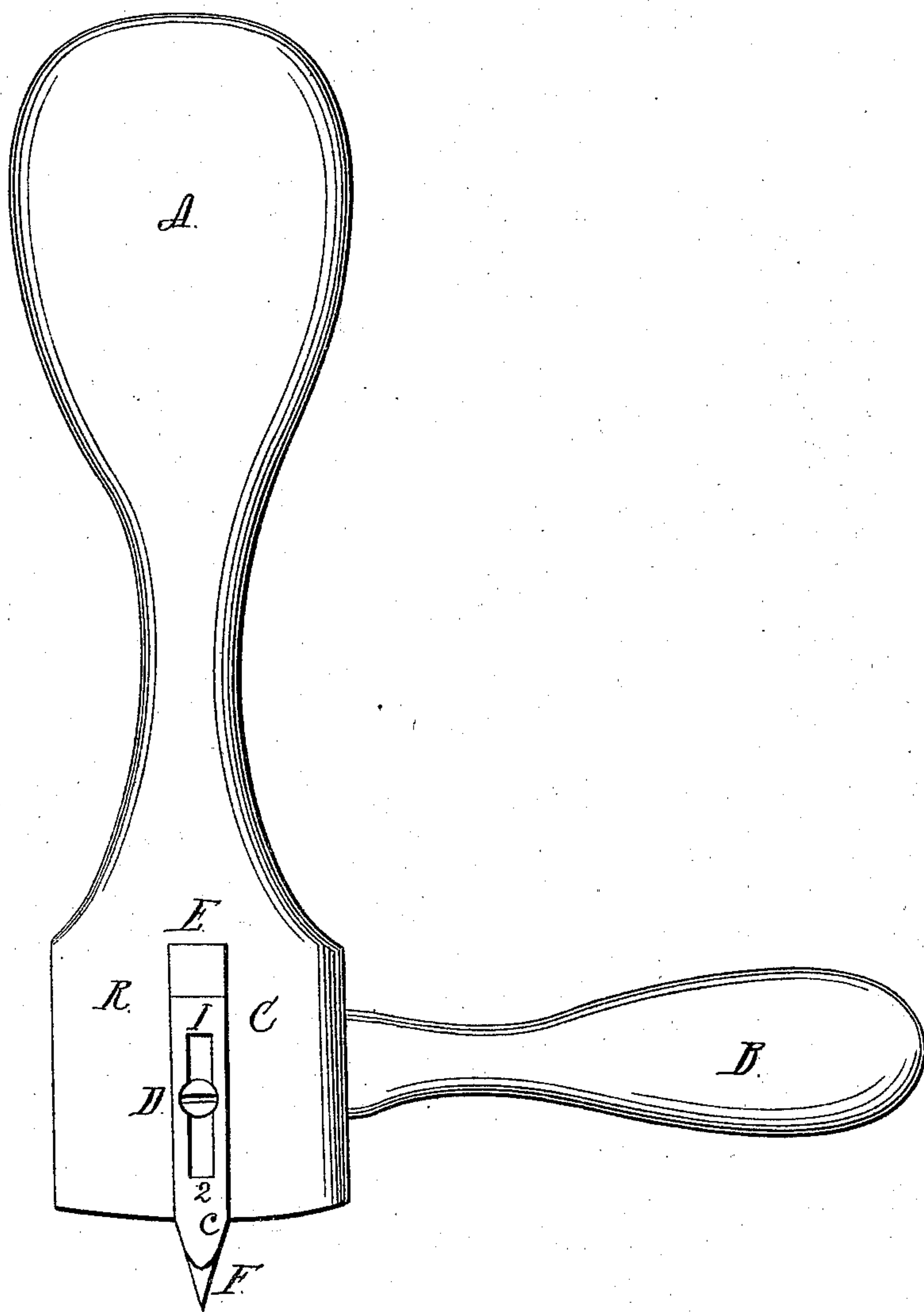


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*Can Opener.*  
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## IMPROVEMENT IN MACHINE FOR OPENING CANS.

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

### TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. FORKER, of the city of Meadville, in the county of Crawford, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and improved Tool for Opening Oyster and Fruit-Cans; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and the letters of reference marked thereon.

A is a handle, of wood, with a base, R, turned thereon. From this base R is another handle or lever, B, projecting at right angles to the handle A. In the base R are one or more grooves E cut into the base like a "key-seat" on a shaft of machinery. In this groove E is placed the knife C C, and attached to the base R by the screw D, which passes through a slot, 1 2, in the knife C C. By this slot and screw the knife may be adjusted so as to project below the base R as far as may be desired. F is a steel point fixed in the centre of the base R.

The operation is as follows, to wit: The point F is driven through the tin of the can to be opened by a blow on the handle A, as is also the point of the knife C C, when the tool is turned by the handle B, thereby cutting a circular piece out of the can. There may be one, two, three, or four knives attached to the base R, if the same may be desired.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is as follows, to wit:

I claim the handle A, with the base R, and the handle or lever B, constructed as described, when the same are in combination with the knife C C and the point F, as described, and for the purposes set forth.

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