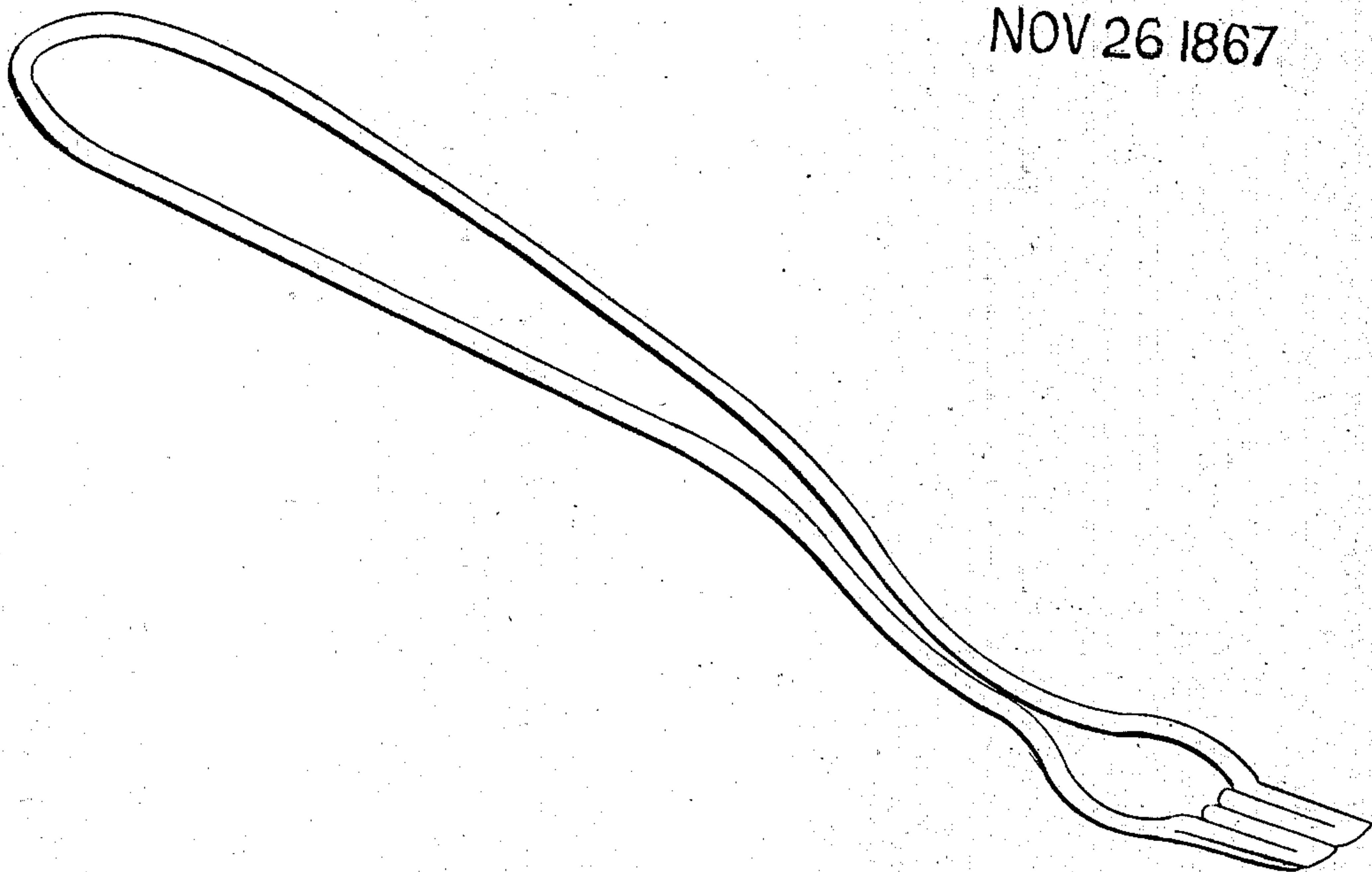


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Improved Stove-Cover Lifter

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STOVE-COVER LIFTER.

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, GEORGE W. HUNT, of Winchendon, in the county of Worcester, and State of Massachusetts, have invented an improved Stove-Cover Lifter; and I do hereby declare that the following, taken in connection with the drawings which accompany and form part of this specification, is a description of my invention sufficient to enable those skilled in the art to practise it.

This device is designed as an improvement on others now in use for the same purpose, it being extremely simple, cheap, effective, and convenient, as it is not liable to the breakage incident to cast-iron lifters, is cheaper than forged ones, and does not require a handle like other wire lifters made of a single wire shaft, or of two wires, or one wire doubled, twisted together into a single shaft.

The device is shown in the drawing in the best form known to me.

My lifter is made of one piece of wire, bent into a loop at the end which is to be grasped by the hand, the distance apart of the two portions of the wire at said end being such as to admit of a firm hold, and to prevent turning, while at the other end of the implement the wires are united together, such a formation or shape being given to said end as will adapt it to the means provided in or on any given cover for the coupling therewith of the lifter.

In the drawing the free ends of the wire are shown as bent inward and toward the hand-end, in which condition there are four parallel parts of wire, which are welded together and shaped as desired.

As the formation of the lifter is entirely open, it is easily hung in its appropriate place on a nail; and, as such form gives great radiating surface in proportion to its cross-section and bulk, the hand-end remains cool enough to be grasped, even if the point is coupled with a very hot cover. There is also a peculiar spring or yield to the implement, which is an advantage in its practical use.

The free ends of the wire may be united by or to a cast piece, of suitable shape for coupling with a cover; or wrought iron may be welded to said ends and suitably shaped.

The longitudinal curvature of the entire lifter may be made as desired; but I prefer to have it such that, when resting on any plane surface, some part of the hand-end can be grasped without contact of the hand with the supporting surface.

I claim, as a new article of manufacture, the lifter, when constructed substantially as described.

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