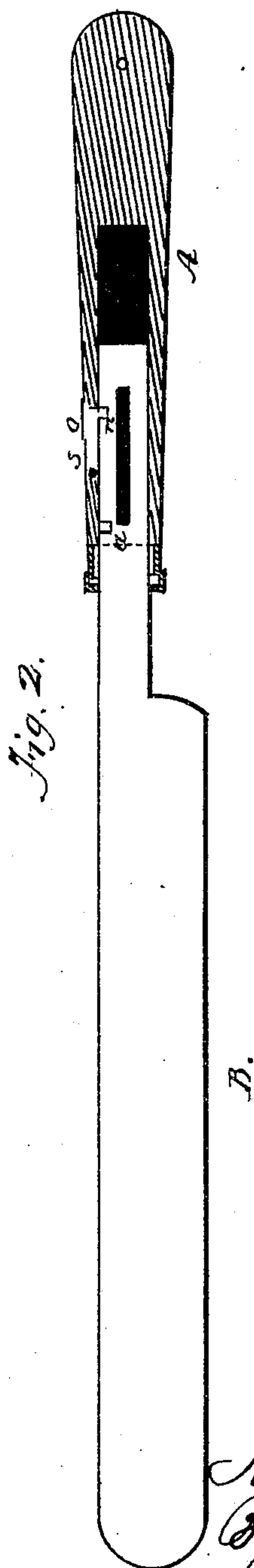
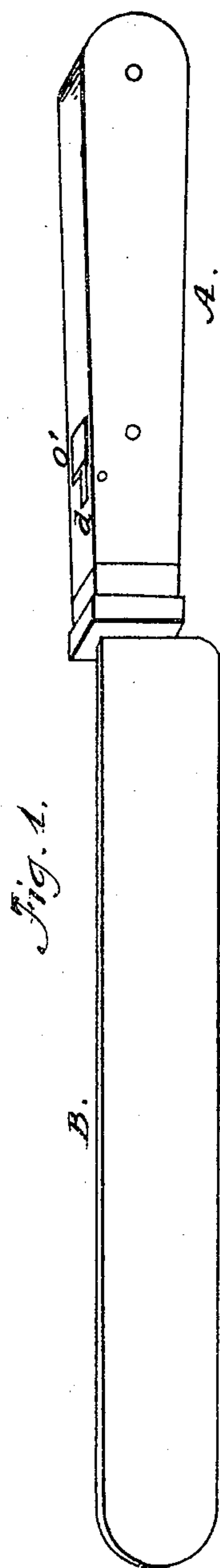


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## IMPROVEMENT IN KNIVES.

*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, N. W. CAUGHY, of Baltimore, in the county of Baltimore, and State of Maryland, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Table-Cutlery; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective side view of my invention, and

Figure 2 is a longitudinal section through the centre of the instrument, dividing it into two similar parts. Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

In this invention, the knife or fork is made adjustable and extensible in the handle, so as to serve for use at both the dinner and the tea-table.

In the drawings, A represents the handle and B the blade of an ordinary table-knife. Upon the back of the tang are two or more transverse notches, *n n*. A small slot, *s*, in the back of the handle, extends down to the tang. In this slot works a hinged dog, *o*, pivoted at one end, and provided at the other with a tooth, which enters one of the notches *n n*, when the dog is shut down, as shown in fig. 2, thereby effectually holding the blade in position in the handle.

The back of the dog may be shaped into a neat ornamental plate, *o'*, silvered, and used as a scroll for marking the knife, if desired. The handle is slightly cut away at the rear end of the plate *o'*, so that the thumb-nail can be inserted far enough under the plate to lift the dog and liberate the blade.

The notches are so situated that the blade may be pulled out, and confined in the position shown in fig. 2, for use on the dinner-table, or may be thrust in, and fastened in the position shown in fig. 1, for use on the tea-table.

With this improvement, one set of knives and forks may be made to subserve the purposes which require two sets, as such articles have hitherto been constructed, thereby saving fifty per cent. of the outlay necessary for table-cutlery. The instrument is easily adjusted, simple, not liable to get out of order, and not expensive in construction. Should one of the blades or handles become broken or injured, it may be thrown away, and the handle or blade used in connection with it be used with another, until worn out.

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

As a new article of manufacture, a knife, constructed and arranged to operate substantially as herein shown and described.

To the above specification of my improvement, I have signed my hand, this first day of November, 1867.

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