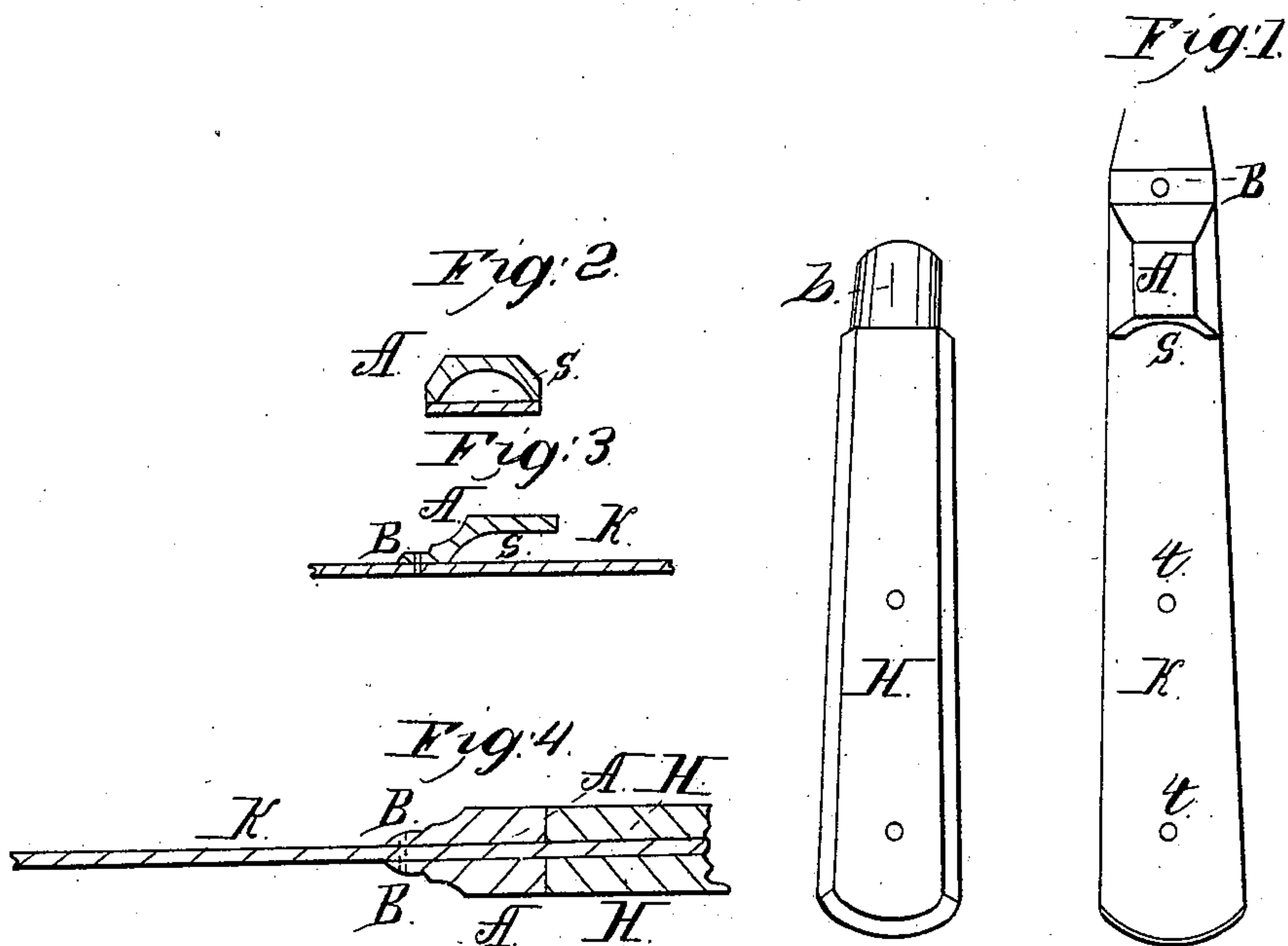


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## IMPROVEMENT IN CUTLERY.

*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, R. E. CURTIS, of Great Bend, in the county of Susquehanna, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in the Manufacture of Cutlery; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view,

Figure 2 a transverse section,

Figure 3 a longitudinal section, and

Figure 4 a view of the improvement when applied to a knife, fork, or other article of cutlery.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

This invention relates to the manner of making a bolster for cutlery, and fastening the same to the shank of the blade,

The bolster A is made in two parts, one half of which is shown in figs. 1, 2, and 3. In fig. 1 the part A is shown attached to the shank or handle K, the part B projecting sufficiently to form a brace to the blade, and to be brazed to the blade. A cavity is left at S, for the reception of the shoulder *b*, upon the scale H of the handle.

When the scales of the handle H H are placed upon the shank K, with the shoulder *b* fitting into the cavity or socket S, they may be secured by one or more rivets, as at *t t*. By brazing the bolster upon the shank of the knife, I avoid putting rivets through the main part of the bolster, leaving the tenon upon the end of the scale entirely whole.

This method of securing and forming the bolster and sides of the handles allows a smooth finish to be put upon the article of cutlery, and being cheaper and more substantial, is believed to be preferable to anything now in use.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As a new article of manufacture, knives or forks constructed substantially as described.

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