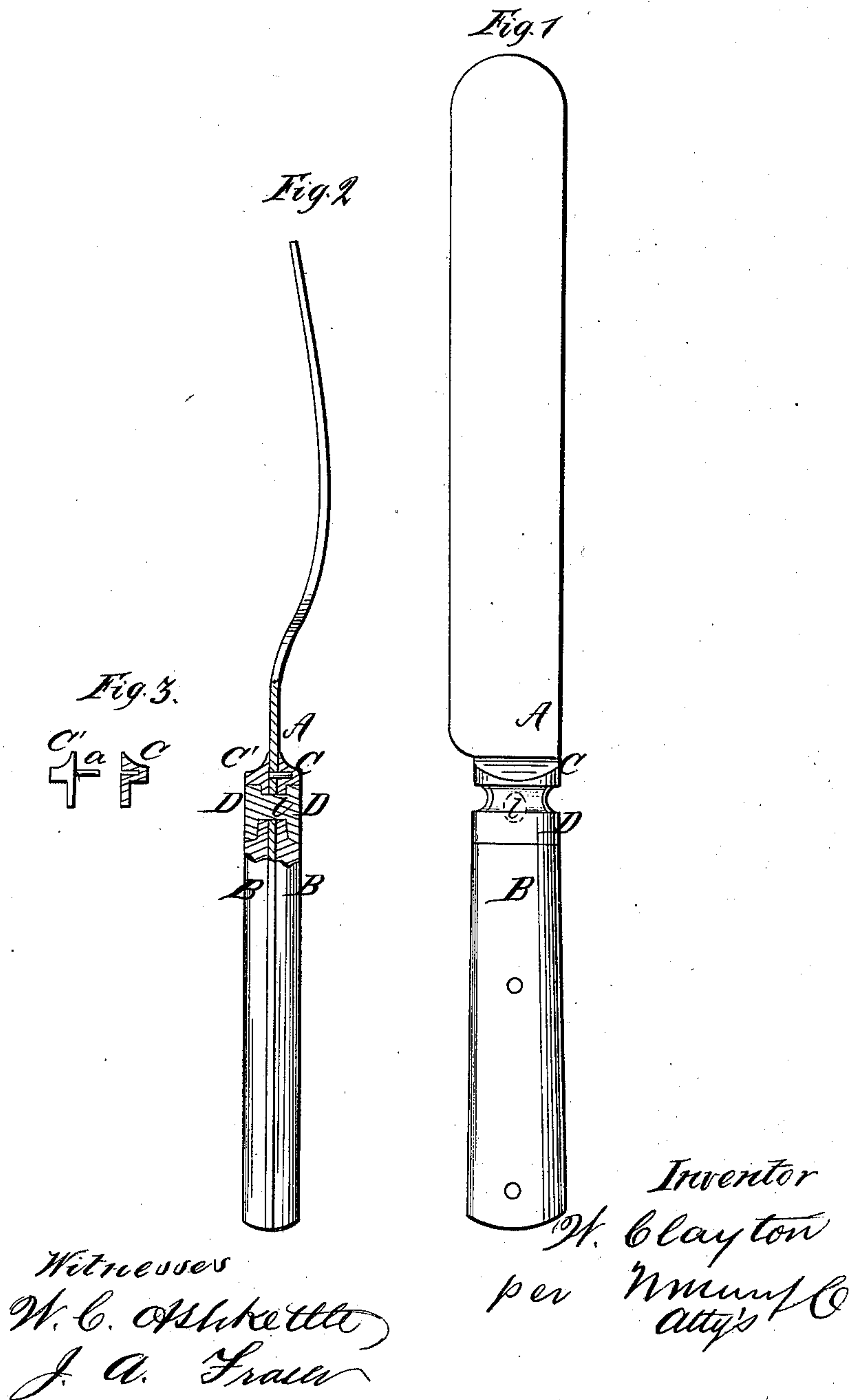


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Table Cutlery.
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IMPROVEMENT IN TABLE-CUTLERY.

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, WILLIAM CLAYTON, of Bristol, in the county of Hartford, and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Table-Cutlery; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable those skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a side view of my invention.

Figure 2 is a transverse section of the same.

Figure 3 is a detail sectional view of the bolster.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to a new manner of attaching the bolster to the shanks and handles of knives and forks, and consists in attaching a wrought or cast-metal bolster to the shank and handle by means of Babbet or other metal cast around the lower part of the bolster.

The shank is perforated, and the upper edges of the scales or handle are recessed, as well as the lower edge of the bolster, so that a slot is formed through the handle, bolster, and shank, through which the metal is cast, its two parts being thereby connected to lock the two parts of the bolster firmly together, and to the handle.

A, in the drawing, represents the shank of a knife or fork.

B B are the scales.

C C', the two parts of the bolster.

On the inner face of one of the pieces C C' is formed a pin, *a*, which fits through a hole in the shank A into the other piece of the bolster, as shown in fig. 2, for the purpose of suspending the bolster from the handle before it is definitely fastened thereto.

The lower edges of the bolsters may fit against the upper edges of the scales, as indicated in fig. 2.

A slot, *b*, is formed through the shank A, and through the lower part of the bolster, and upper part of the scales, as is shown in fig. 2.

The bolster is definitely fastened to the handle by means of metal, D, which is cast around the lower part of the bolster, and upper part of the scales, and through the slot *b*, in such a manner that it will appear to be a continuation of the bolster, as shown in fig. 1.

The bolster is thus fastened to the handle without the use of rivets, and still a more durable fastening than can be obtained by riveting, and a more elegant article is produced by my improved process.

This invention is applicable to cutlery having round handles, as well as to such having scales, and can be used in connection with bolsters, shanks, and handles of any suitable form or size.

I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

Securing the bolster of a knife or fork to the handle and shank of the same by means of a metal block, D, which is cast through a slot, *b*, and around the bolster and scales or handle, substantially as herein shown and described.

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