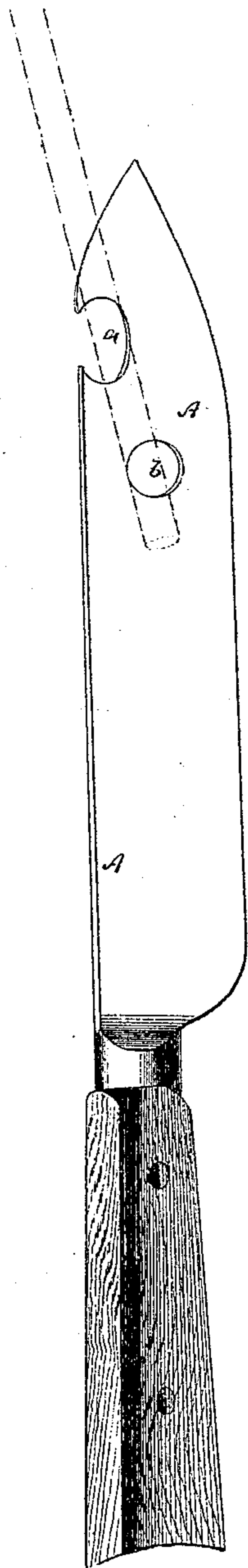


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IMPROVEMENT IN CARVING-KNIVES.

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, OWEN W. TAFT, of the city of New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Carving-Knives; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification.

The drawing represents a side view of my improved carving-knives.

This invention has for its object the provision in carving-knives of a device whereby they can be used to extract skewers from the meat.

The invention consists in forming a hook, notch, or aperture on the blade or body of the knife, whereby a clamp for holding and withdrawing the skewer is obtained.

The removal of skewers from meat is at present a process connected with considerable difficulty and annoyance, and, although instruments may be used, it is evident that only the carving-knife is appropriate and handy for the purpose.

A, in the drawing, represents the blade of a carving-knife, of suitable form and construction.

In the back of the blade, and preferably near the point of the same, is a notch, *a*, which forms a double jaw, in which a skewer can be clamped in an oblique position, as indicated by dotted lines in the drawing.

The same object is obtained by providing an aperture, *b*, through the blade, in which the end of the skewer may also be obliquely clamped.

The jaw may also be formed at the back or other part of the blade, by means of projecting ears or lugs, instead of having the notch cut into the blade.

The notch aperture or jaw may be of suitable form and size, and may be applied so as to ornament the blade, besides increasing the utility of the same.

The notch or extracting jaws may, if desired, be formed on the shank or handle of the knife with equal effect.

Having thus described my invention;

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

As a new article of manufacture, the combined carving-knife and skewer-extractor herein described.

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