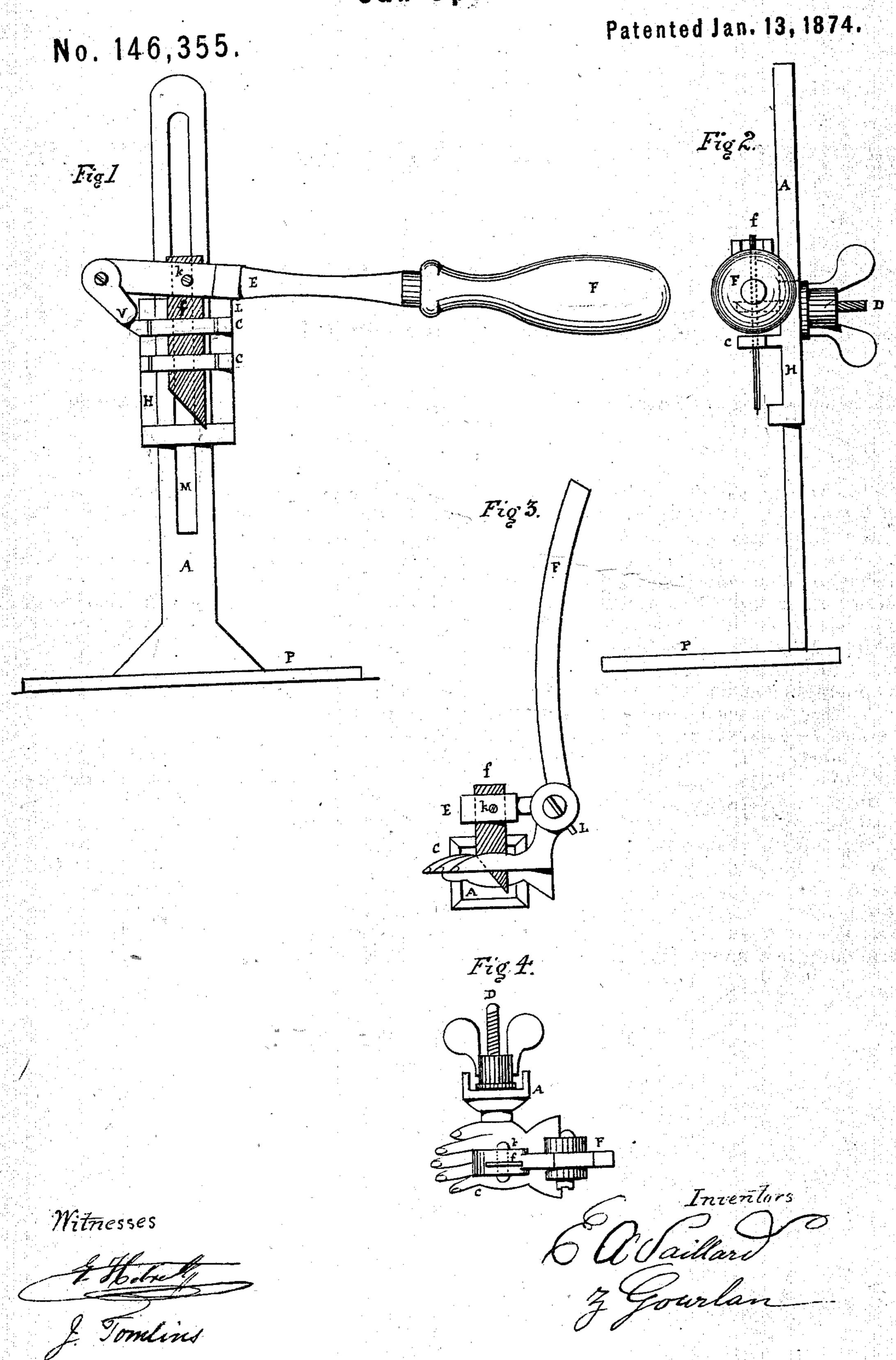
## E. A. PAILLARD & Z. GOURLAN. Can-Openers.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN CAN-OPENERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, EDME ACHILLE PAIL-LARD and ZACHARIE GOURLAN, of Paris, France, have invented an Apparatus for Opening Preserved Meat and Fish Tins, of which the following is a specification:

The object of our invention is to facilitate opening preserved-meat and other tins expe-

ditiously and without danger.

The apparatus consists of a vertical slotted frame, A, fixed to a bottom plate, P. On this frame slides a movable carriage, H, bearing the cutting-blade f. This carriage is adjustable at the desired height, in accordance with that of the tin to be operated on, and is fixed by an adjusting-screw, D. The blade slides with the carriage up and down the slot or vertical aperture M in the frame A, and is actuated by a movable lever, E, which is attached by a pin, k, to the blade f. One end of this lever is articulated at v to the carriage H, and the other end terminates in a handle, F.

On acting by a downward pressure on the lever E, the blade f penetrates the tin. The blade is directed in its movements by two guides, c c, and the course of the lever E is determined by a detent, L.

Figure 2 is a side elevation of the apparatus. Fig. 1 is a front view of the same. Instead of the lever acting by a downward pressure,

of the lever acting by a downward pressure, it may be arranged to act by an upward motion. Fig. 3 is a side view, and Fig. 4 a plan,

of this arrangement.

We claim as our invention—

The combination, with a vertical slotted frame, A, of a vertically-adjustable carriage, H, in combination with a cutting-blade, f, and lever E, as and for the purposes substantially as described.

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