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COMBINED TABLE-KNIFE AND SPOON.

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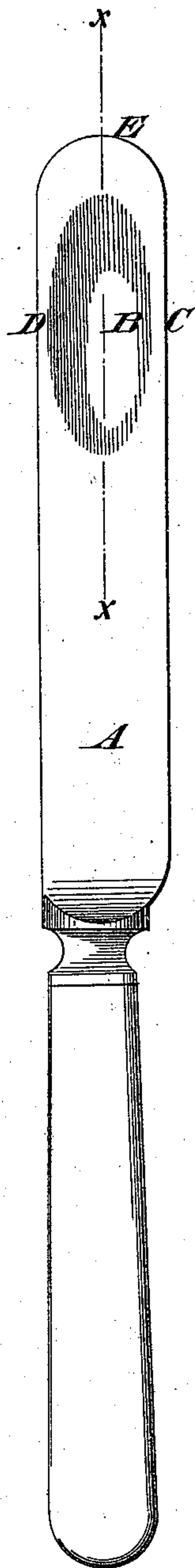
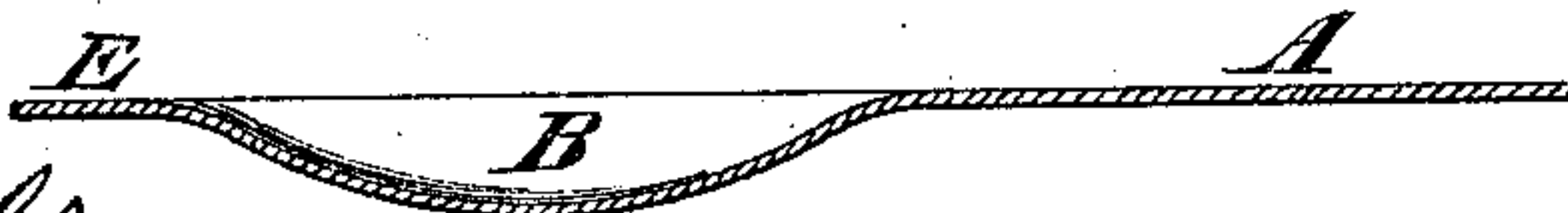


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

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IMPROVEMENT IN COMBINED TABLE KNIVES AND SPOONS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES HIGGINS, of Detroit, Wayne county, Michigan, have invented a new and Improved Combined Table-Knife and Spoon, of which the following is a specification:

My invention consists of a spoon-bowl-shaped cavity formed in the blade of a table-knife, near the point of the blade, but without destroying the integrity of the edge, point, and back of the blade, so that the blade remains in suitable form for its functions as a blade, and at the same time it combines a spoon-bowl useful for liquid or semi-liquid food, sometimes occurring more or less with solid food, and for which spoons are not commonly used.

The drawing is a side view of a combined table-knife and spoon of my invention.

A is the blade, and B the spoon-bowl, the

former being of any common or approved kind, and the latter being a cavity formed in the blade by striking or pressing it in dies to the required shape, care being taken to preserve a portion of the edge C, back D, and points E in the original form, so as not to interfere with the use of the blade for its legitimate purposes.

I am aware that it is not, broadly, new to make knives with spoon-bowls; but

What I claim is—

A table-knife having a swaged cavity therein, near the point, without alteration of the edge, back, or end, as shown and described.

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