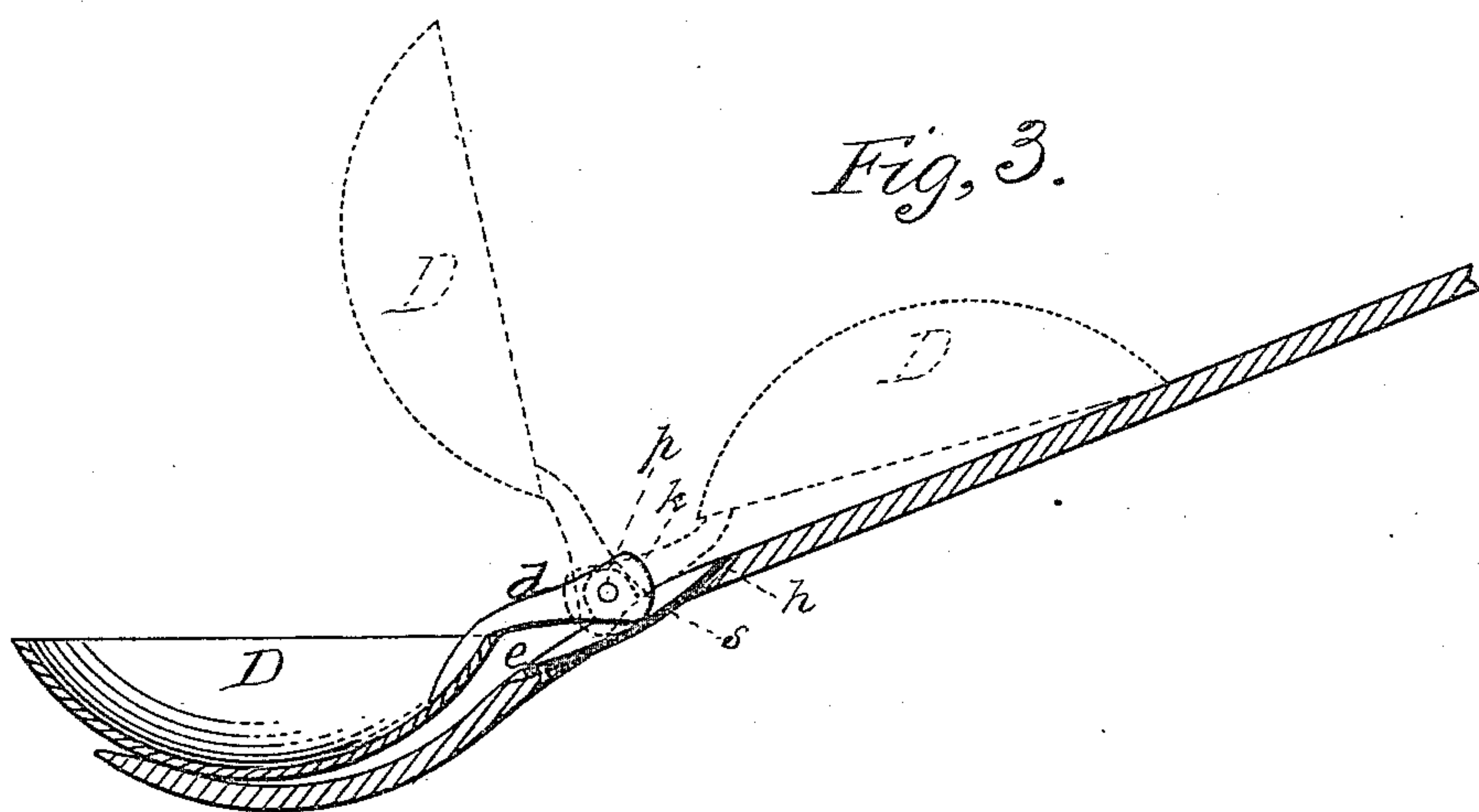
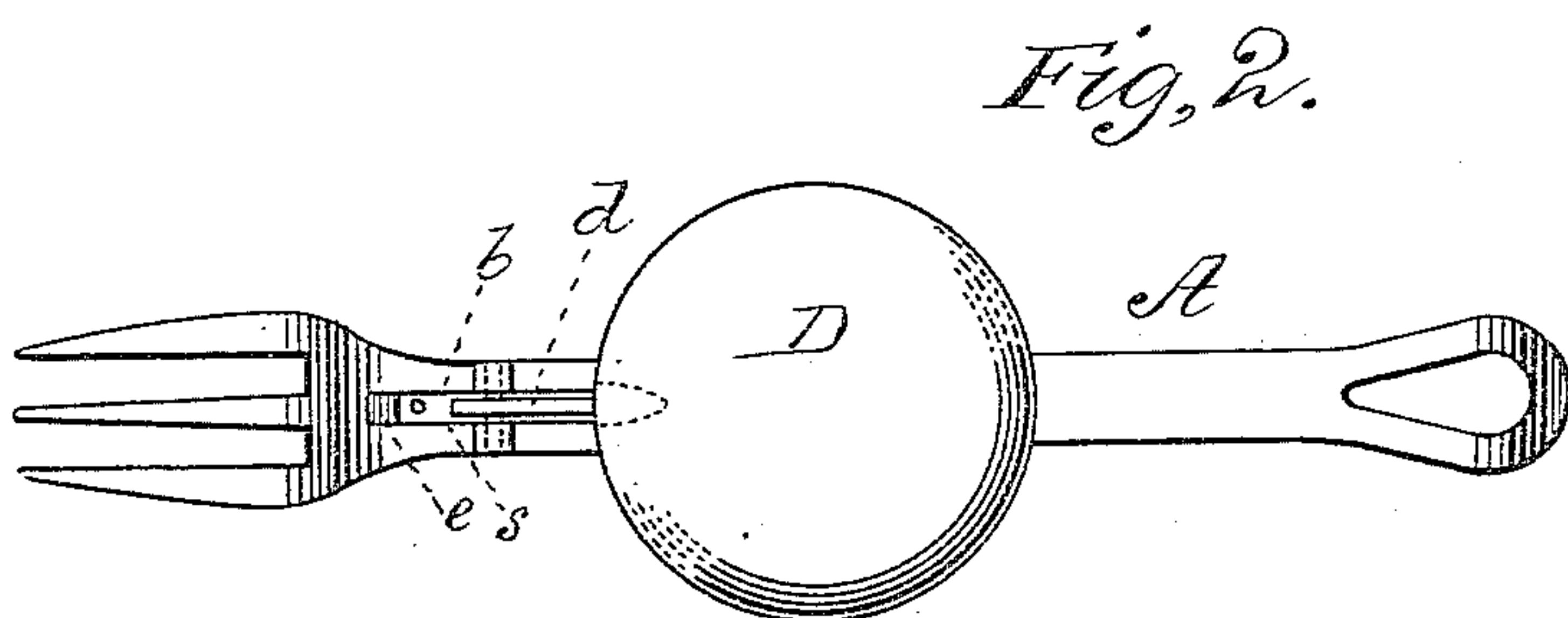
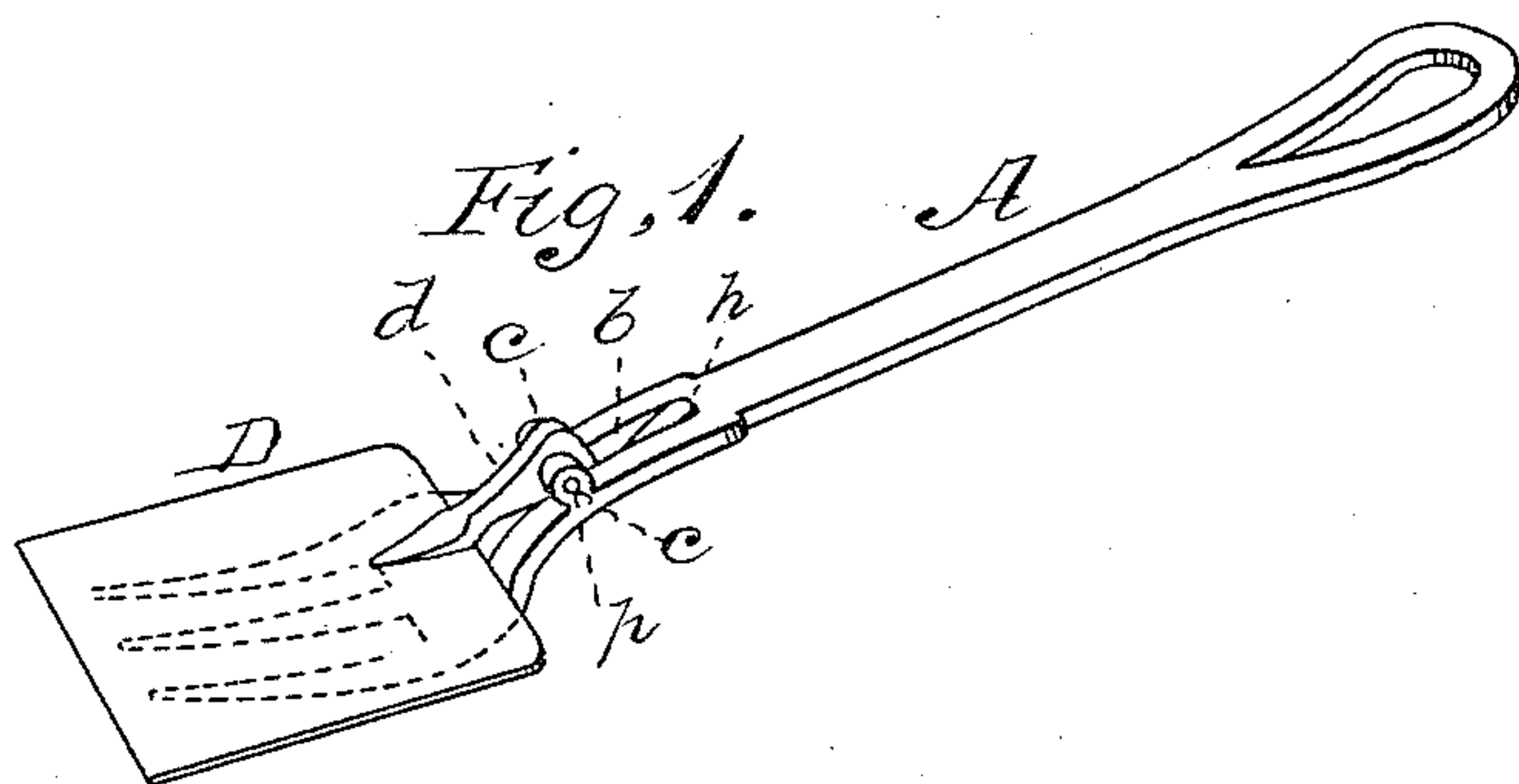


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IMPROVEMENT IN COMBINED FORK AND SPOON, &c.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AARON B. NOTT, of Fairhaven, in the county of Bristol and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Combined Fork and Spoon, Dipper, or Flipper; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a perspective view of my improved culinary implement. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same with the spoon, dipper, or turner thrown back; and Fig. 3 is a longitudinal central section of the said implement.

This invention has relation to culinary instruments; and it consists in the construction and novel arrangement, in connection with a fork, of a spoon, dipper, flat turner, or similar device, which is hinged in a slot in the handle of the fork, and bears against a spring secured to one end of the slotted portion, and engaging with the other end of the slot by its free end, the same forming an improvement upon the instrument upon which Letters Patent No. 165,117, dated June 29, 1875, were granted to me.

In the accompanying drawings, the letter A designates the fork, having in the handle, near the breast, a longitudinal slot, *b*, and raised on each side of said slot a pivot-lug, *c*.

D represents a spoon, cake-turner, dipper, or similar article, having a short shank, *d*, which extends into the slot *b* at about its central portion, and is pivoted to the fork-handle by a pin, *p*, passing through perforations in the lugs *c*. A spring, *s*, extends in the slot under the pivoted shank *d*, and is secured at one end of the slot in a step or recess, *e*, so

that there is no excrescence or projection on the surface of the fork outside of the slot. The other end of the spring is loose, but plays on the beveled end *h* of the slot, which forms a long bearing therefor. The end *k* of the short shank *d* is cam-shaped, being usually made with a squared end and rounded corners, so that it can be held by the spring at right angles to the shank of the fork when desired; or it can be laid down upon the prongs of the fork, or turned back against the handle thereof, the spring holding it in either position with sufficient force for the ordinary purposes to which such an article is likely to be applied.

The spring, being located entirely within the slot, and having its free end guarded by the beveled end bearing thereof, is not liable to form an obstruction, or to be damaged by catching against other articles.

The raised lugs allow the cam end of the short shank to project sufficiently below the pivot to secure proper leverage against the holding-spring.

Having described this invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The fork A, having a bevel-ended slot, *b*, and raised pivot-lugs *c* on each side thereof, the holding-spring *s*, secured in one end of said slot and bearing on the other, and a dipper, cake-turner, spoon, or similar article having a short cam-shank pivoted to said lugs, and bearing in the slot against the holding-spring, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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