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## IMPROVEMENT IN TABLE-KNIVES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ARTHUR W. COX, of Auburn, county of Androscoggin, and State of Maine, have invented an Improvement in Table-Knives, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification.

My invention consists in table-knives having cutting-surfaces on both edges, with finger-rests disposed on both edges between the cutting-surfaces and the chori.

Before my invention it has been proposed to hinge a thumb-rest to the handle of a butcher's knife, and to seat such rest in a depression in the back of the blade. It has also been common to reduce the width of the blade toward the handle by removing a portion of the metal of the back.

Figure 1 represents, in side elevation, a table-knife embodying my invention; Fig. 2, an edge view thereof; Fig. 3, a section through the blade on the line *xx*, and Fig. 4 a section taken through the knife at one of the finger-rests.

The knife is composed of a handle, *a*, and a blade, *b*, separated by a chori, *c*. The blade is sharpened or made to cut at its two edges 2 3; but the blade—say from the portions 4 back toward the chori—is, at both its edges, made thick or dull, (see section at Fig. 4,) so that the thumb or finger of the user of the knife will not be cut when pressed thereon.

To greatly add to the efficiency of the knife the dull or thick-edge portions of the blade between the cutting-edges 2 3 and the chori

are waved or made irregular, as at 6, to enable the finger of the user to readily remain in position on the finger-rest. The number of these concavities or projections at each edge of the blade may be more or less, according to fancy.

The knife, preferably made of a single piece of steel, is specially adapted to table or dinner use, and furnishes two cutting-edges along all that portion of the blade which when the knife is held in the hand, as in cutting food for eating, will naturally come in contact with the meat or other food being cut.

I do not broadly claim a two-edged blade; but I am not aware that a knife with a two-edged blade has, between the outer end of the blade and chori, ever been provided with finger-rests at each edge of the blade, so that the knife could be readily used either edge up.

I claim—

As an improved article of manufacture, a table-knife composed of a handle, a chori, and a blade having two cutting-edges for a part of its length, and finger-rests in each edge of the blade between its cutting-edges and chori, substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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