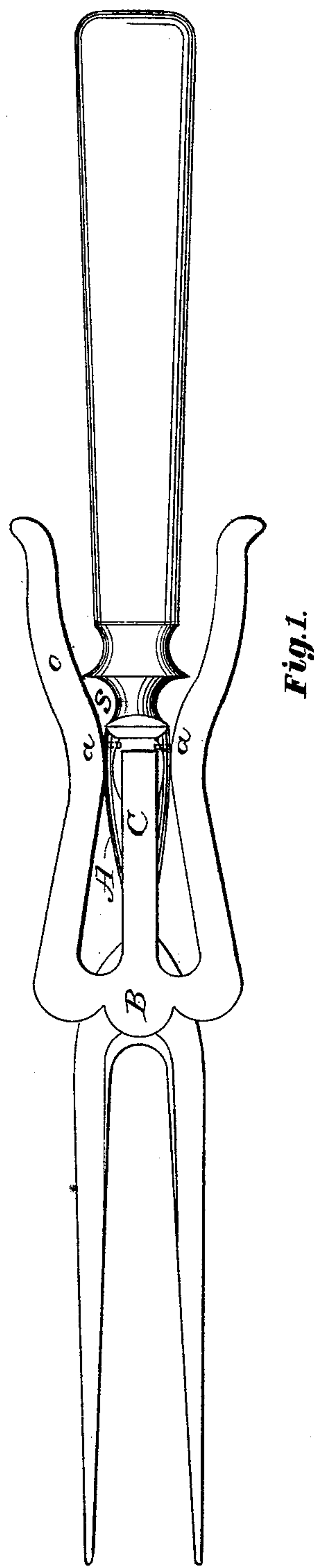
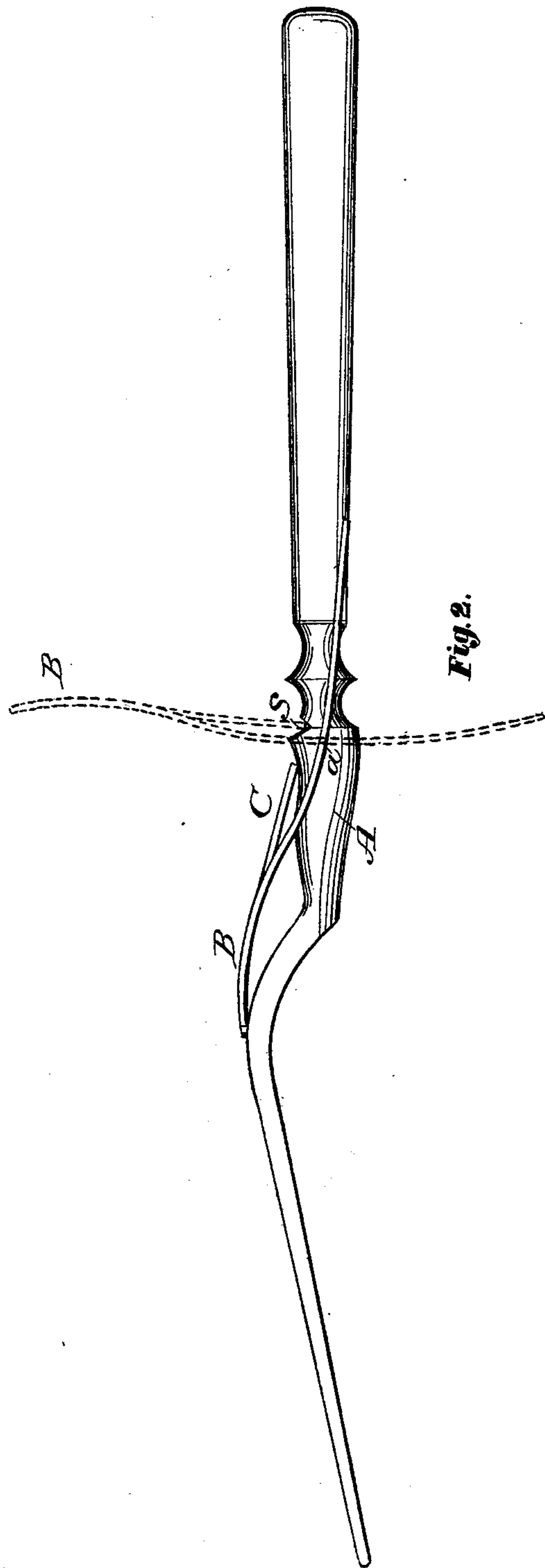


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CALVIN L. BUTLER, of Greenfield, State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Carving-Forks, of which the following is a specification.

The invention consists in providing a guard so hinged to the shank of a carving-fork as to serve also as a rest with a spring the free end of which catches against one side or the other of the shoulder to keep the guard in position whether opened or closed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan of a carving-fork embodying my invention and showing the guard closed. Fig. 2 is a side view of same, also showing the guard closed, the dotted line, however, representing the position taken by the guard and its spring when the guard is open.

A is the shank, and B the guard, hinged to the shank at *a*. C is a spring-tongue, cast in

one piece with the guard, and *s* is a shoulder, cast in one piece with the shank, and against one side or the other of which the free end of the spring catches, accordingly as the guard B is closed or open, as seen in Fig. 2. The shoulder *s* is of such form that the free end of the spring can be carried over it in either direction with the requisite extra pressure upon the guard.

I claim—

In combination with a carving-fork having a shoulder formed on its shank, a hinged guard branching upon each side of the shank and provided with a spring-tongue, which forms a part thereof and works in connection with said shoulder, substantially as described, for the purpose specified.

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