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Fig 1

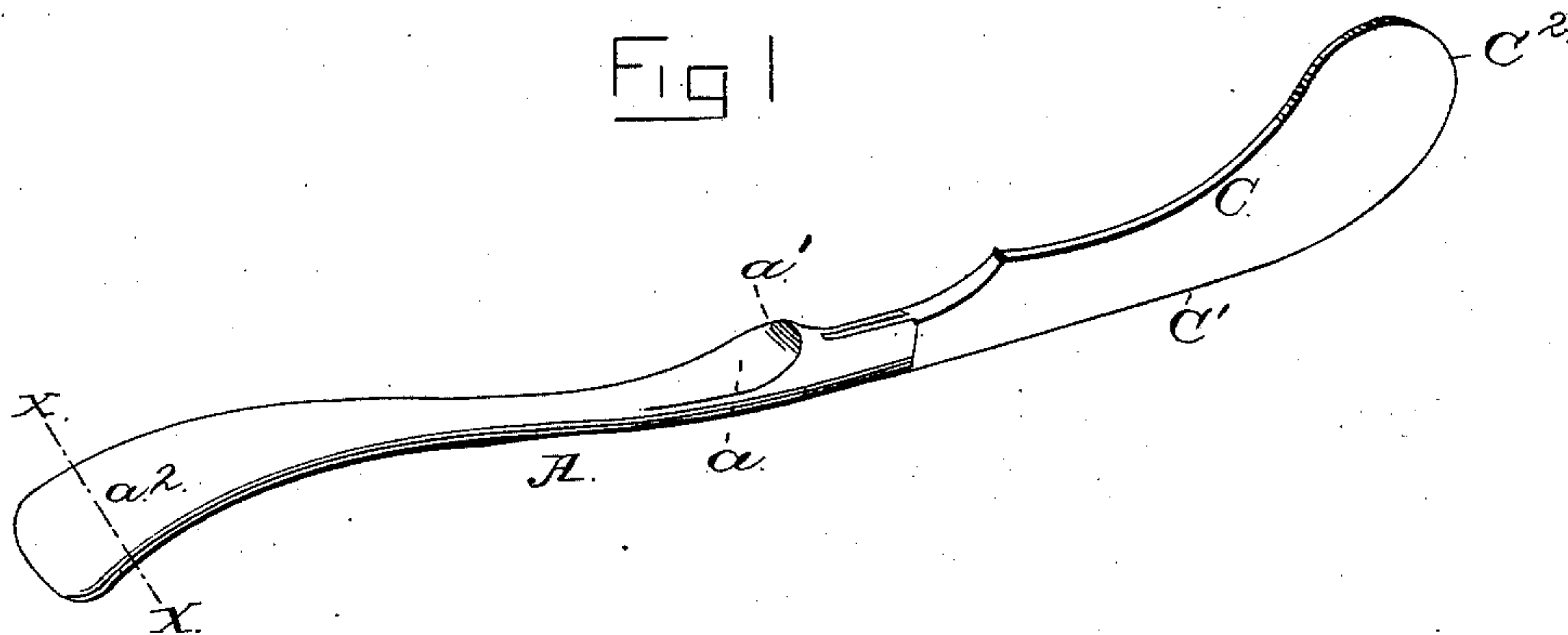


Fig 2

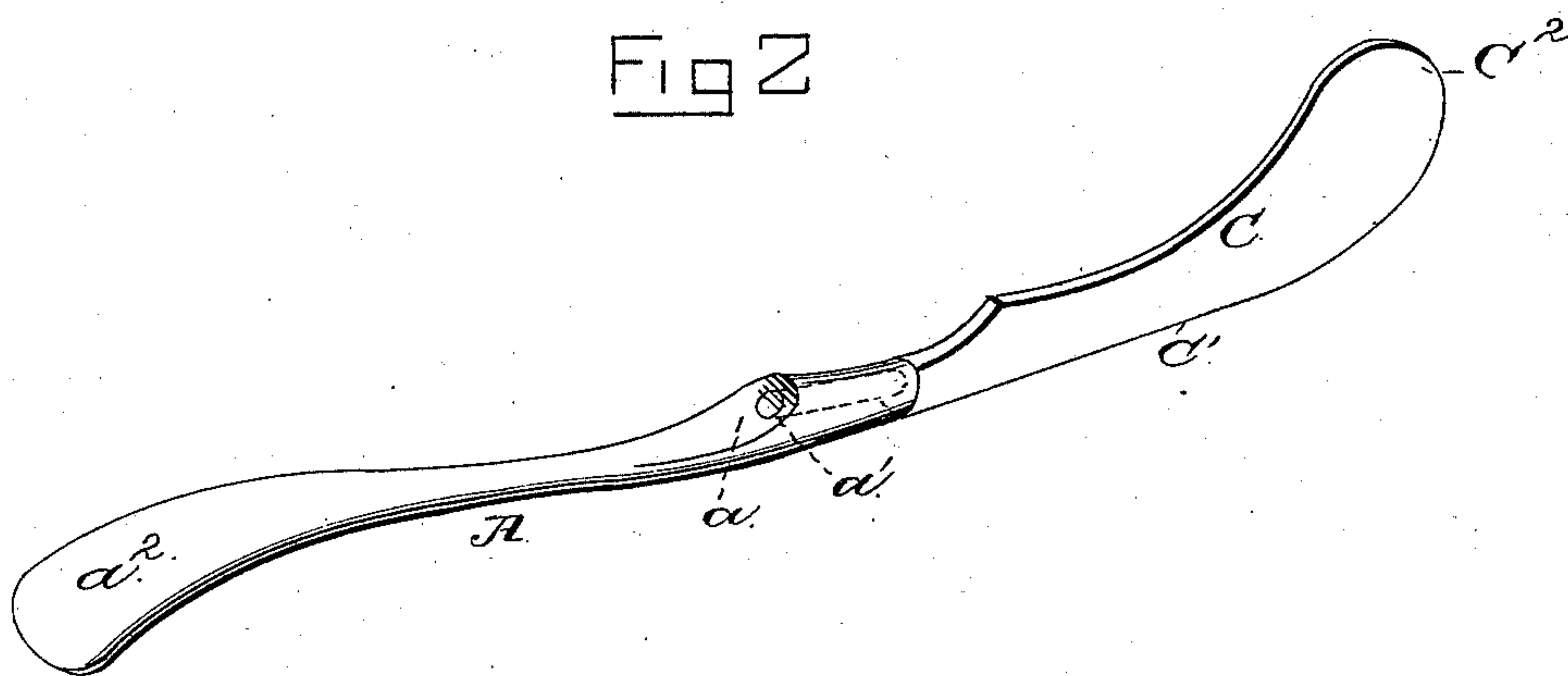
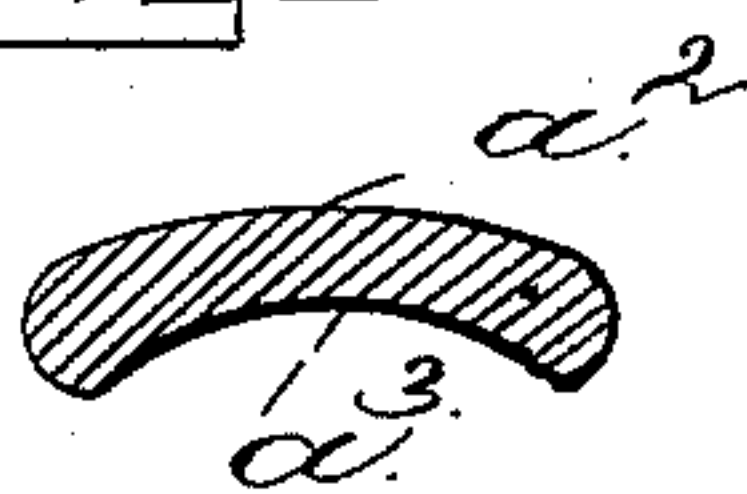


Fig 3



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TABLE-KNIFE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR W. COX, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Table-Knives; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to knives, and has for its object a simple inexpensive knife which will be light, and so formed that it may be firmly grasped by the hand.

To this end it consists in a knife constructed substantially as hereinafter explained.

In the drawings, Figures 1 and 2 are perspective views of my handle, in which views are shown different modes of securing the blade. Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view on line *x x*, Fig. 1.

The handle *A*, near its forward end, is formed on its upper side with a flattened finger-rest, *a*, which is curved upwardly in front at *a'*, so as to enable the proper and easy application of forward as well as downward pressure in using the device, as is frequently desirable. This finger-rest *a* is fitted to receive the forefinger of the user, and the handle is extended in advance of the said rest, and is suitably formed to receive the tang or shank of the blade, which may be fitted into or on said forward extension. In Fig. 1 is shown the blade with a flat tang fitted into a slot cut longitudinally from the front end of the handle. In Fig. 2 the blade is shown with a round tang fitted into a similar opening or socket in the end of the handle. These methods of connection, or any of the well-known forms, may be employed at the will of the maker.

I make the blade *C* with a front cutting-edge, *C'*, and curve its front end or point around from said edge *C'* until I provide an edge, *C''*, on the point of the blade. This point-edge *C''* will be frequently desirable in ta-

ble use, and by forming the handle at its forward and rear ends so that I can exert pressure directly against said point-edge, I furnish a knife having a blade which may be used with its front or point edge, and a handle adapted to facilitate either of the said uses, as will be understood from the foregoing description.

In order to enable the firmer holding of the handle, I form its rear end rounded or convex at *a''*, so as to fit in the hollow of the hand, against which it may be tightly held by the third and fourth fingers pressing against the under side of the said rear end. By preference I form the under side, *a'''*, of the rear end of the handle concave, so the points of said third and fourth fingers may rest therein, so that all slipping may be prevented. Thus I provide a handle which can be firmly held and operated by the hand while in the position usually taken by it in using a knife, and so conform the handle that it will fit in the hand and be braced almost its entire length.

I prefer to curve the handle from its forward to its rear end in compound curve, about as is usually termed the "curve of beauty," as this curve gives the handle a handsome graceful appearance, and also fits it to the hand, so that in use, with the forefinger on the rest and the rear end of the handle bearing in the hollow of the hand, the intermediate portion bears or rests against the side of the handle, so that the latter is braced almost its full length.

This description of table-knife may be made solid (in one piece of metal) or otherwise, as desirable.

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

A handle, substantially as described, formed with a broad finger-rest at its forward portion, and having its rear portion or end made convex in its upper side, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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