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CARVING FORK.

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Fig. 1.

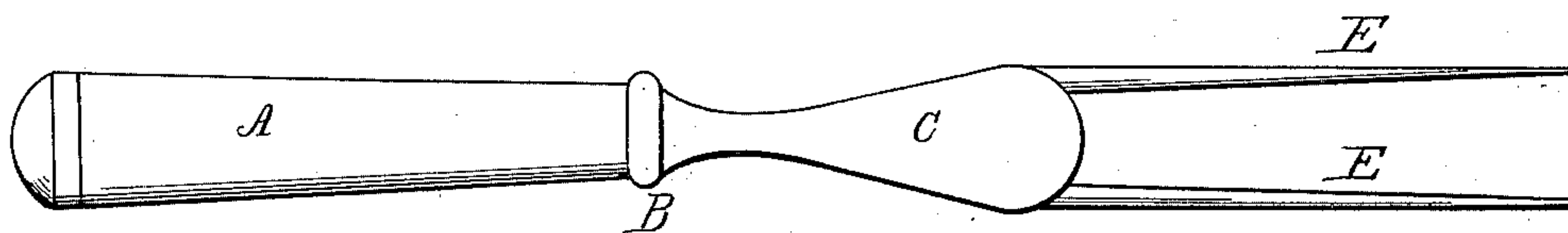


Fig. 2.

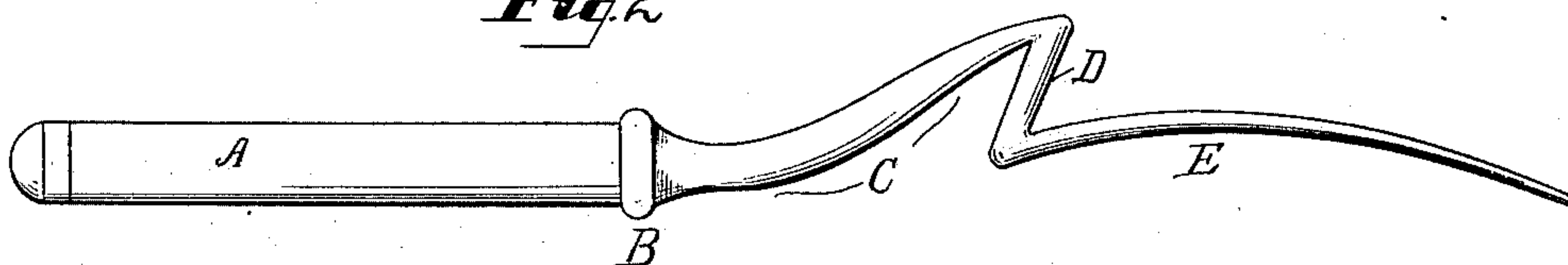


Fig. 3.

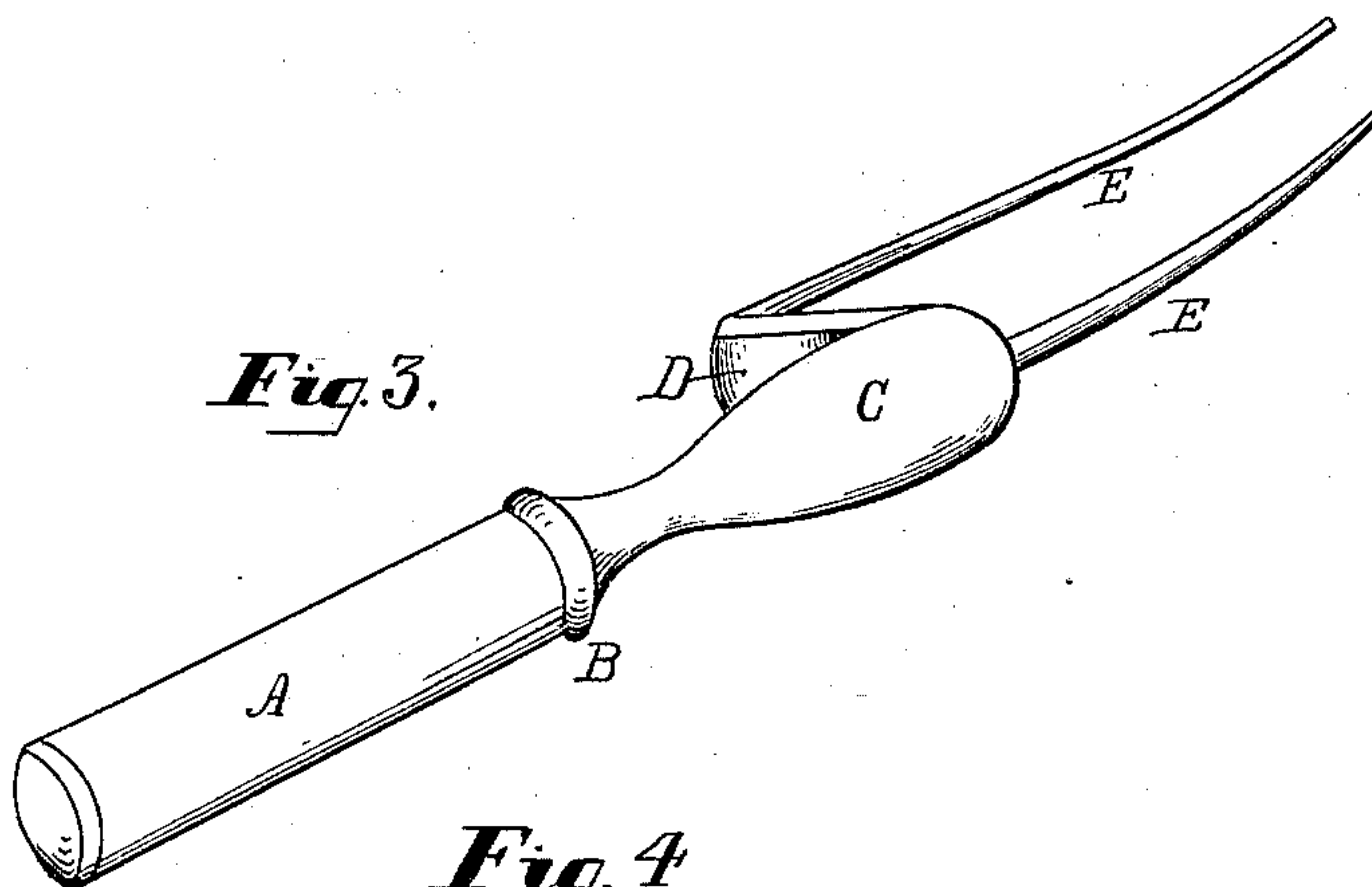


Fig. 4.



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CARVING-FORK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LIONEL BERESFORD BETHELL, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, residing at Chelsea Lodge, Tite street, Chelsea Embankment, London, England, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Carving-Forks, of which I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part thereof.

My invention consists of a carving-fork in which the shank is conformed, after a manner hereinafter set forth, to constitute a permanent guard. I effectuate this construction and manufacture the implement by forging the shank from the shoulder outwardly with an upward turn, curve, or angle, the forward portion or outer extremity of which is a given distance and considerably above the plane of the forwardly-projected axis of the tang or handle, by then forging it with a downwardly and rearwardly projecting flange, (doubling the shank back upon itself, so to speak,) the lower portion of which flange registers with or in propinquity to the projected plane of the axis of the handle, and by projecting the tines of the implement from the base of said flange. The conjoint effect of the upwardly-angled shank and downwardly-projecting continuation thereof, or flange, is such as to result in the production of a guard between the tines and the handle, which is constituted by the peculiar conformation above described of the flange connecting the shank with the tines.

In the drawings I have represented in Figure 1 in top plan view, in Fig. 2 in side elevation, and in Fig. 3 in perspective, a fork conveniently embodying a preferred form of my improvements. In Fig. 4 I have represented a modified form also embodying the invention.

In the drawings, A represents the handle; B, the shoulder of the shank; C, the upwardly-curved portion of the shank; D, the down-

wardly-curved portion or flange thereof, and E E the tines.

It is obvious that, if desired, the flange portion may be curved at its region of connection with the shank proper, and also at or near its points of connection with the tines—a form represented in Fig. 4, and which is perhaps more convenient for the cleaning of the implement than the angular form represented in the first three figures, while it is equally serviceable in its function of protecting the hand. It is not essential that the angle of the flange with the plane of the axis should be that represented, as a right angle would produce the guarded effect.

My fork can not only be cheaply manufactured, but is safe, durable, and not liable to become broken or unfitted for use.

Having thus described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a carving-fork the shank of which is first curved, turned, bent, or angled outwardly and upward from the plane of the axis of the handle, and then turned, curved, bent, or angled downward and toward said plane to form a flange or guard, at or near the lower portion of which flange or guard the tines are connected and from which they project, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

2. The combination, to form an inherently-guarded carving-fork, of the handle A, curved shank C, flange D, and tines E E, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name this 17th day of April, A. D. 1885.

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