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Fig. 1

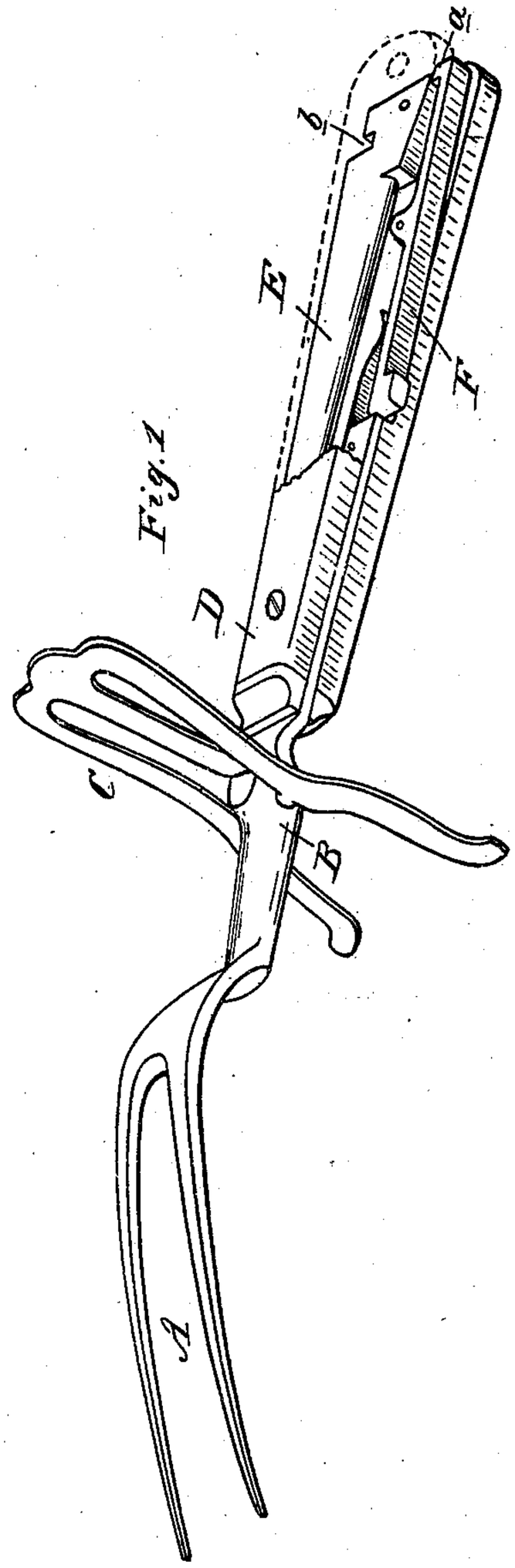
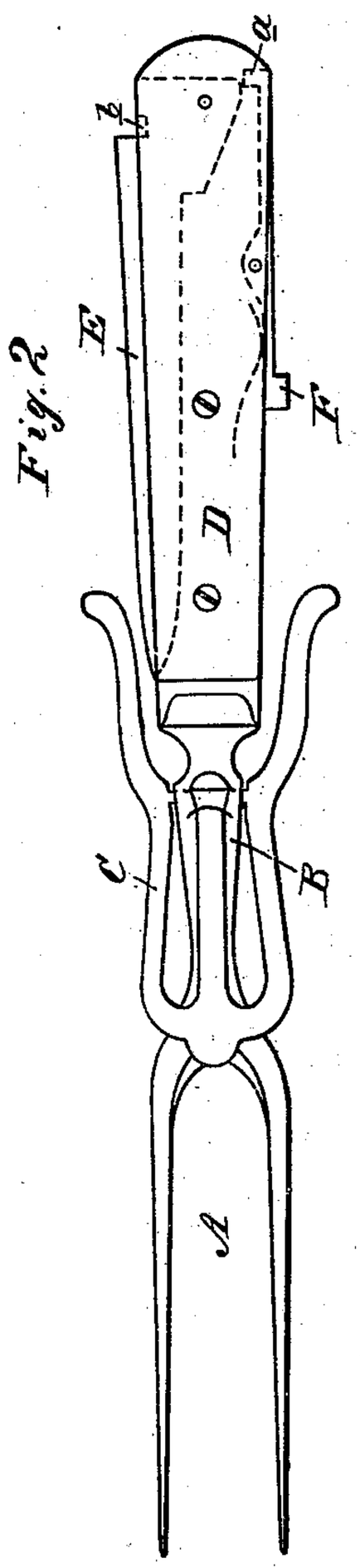


Fig. 2



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BARNEY RUSH, of Flint, in the county of Genesee and State of Michigan, have invented new and useful Improvements in Combined Carving-Fork and Steel; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in the manufacture of a combined carving-fork and sharpening steel.

The invention consists in a carving-fork with or without the usual spring-guard, the tang of such fork being inserted in the handle, such handle being grooved or partially hollow, to allow the sharpening-steel, pivotally secured in the opposite end of such handle, to be concealed within the latter, and having a spring-detent, by means of which such steel is locked in place, either when concealed or extended for use, as more fully hereinafter described and claimed.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved fork with the steel folded and one side of the handle broken away to show the locking mechanism. Fig. 2 is a plan view with the steel folded into the handle.

In the accompanying drawings, A represents the carving-fork, having secured upon its tang B the folding spring-guard C, the end of the forked tang being secured within the handle D, which latter is recessed to allow the steel E, which is pivotally secured in the opposite end of the handle, to be folded within the latter.

F is a spring-lever pivotally secured between the two sides of the handle, one end of said lever being provided with a catch, *a*, adapted to engage with the recesses *b* in the tang of the steel, for the purpose of locking the latter in position.

By this construction the fork and steel are combined, so that either may be used at will without interfering with the use of the other, and avoiding the necessity of having two distinct implements.

I am aware that the shank of a carving-fork has been formed to operate as a steel, and that a guard has been formed with file-teeth and pivoted within a recess in the shank of the fork, and make no claim to such construction.

What I claim as my invention is—

The combination, in a carving-fork, of the recessed handle secured to the tang of the fork with the steel E, pivoted within the recess in said handle and arranged, when extended, to lie in the same plane, substantially as described.

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