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Fig. 1.

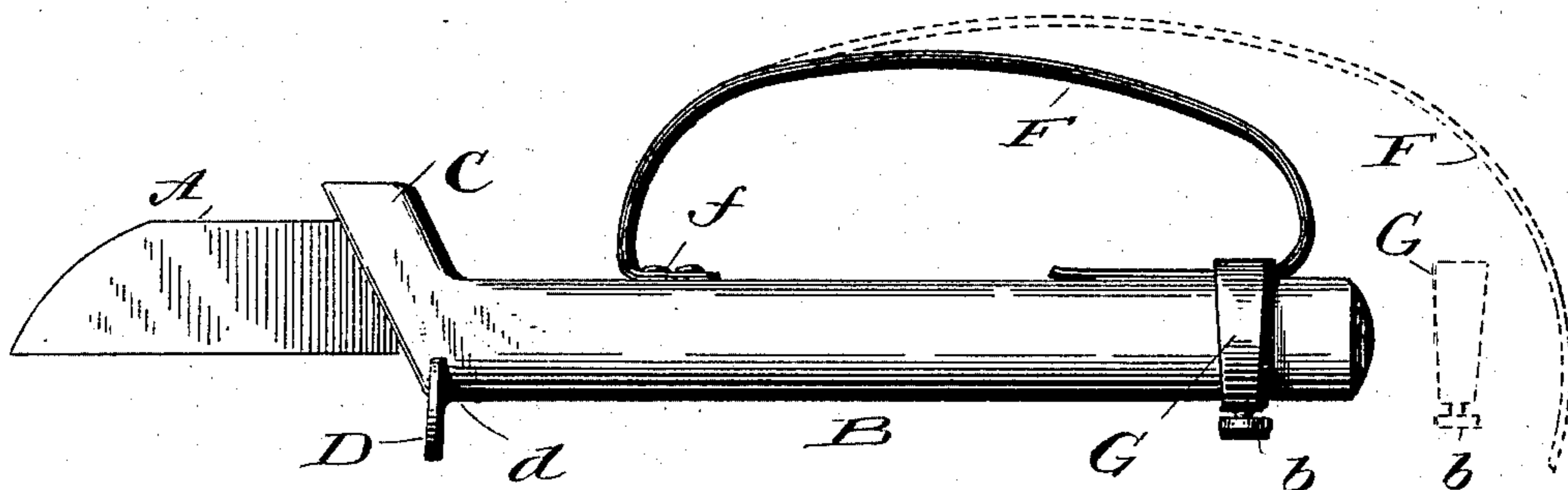


Fig. 2.

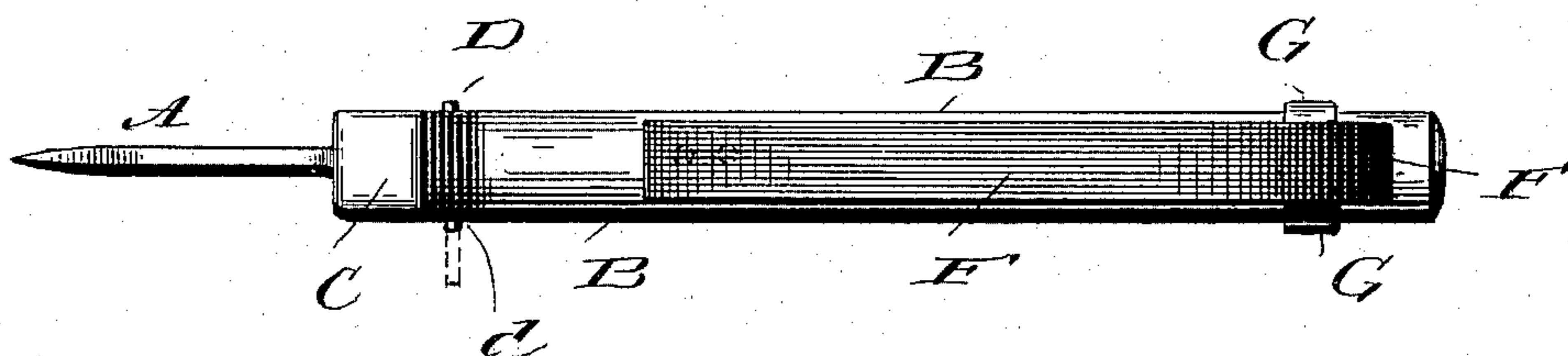
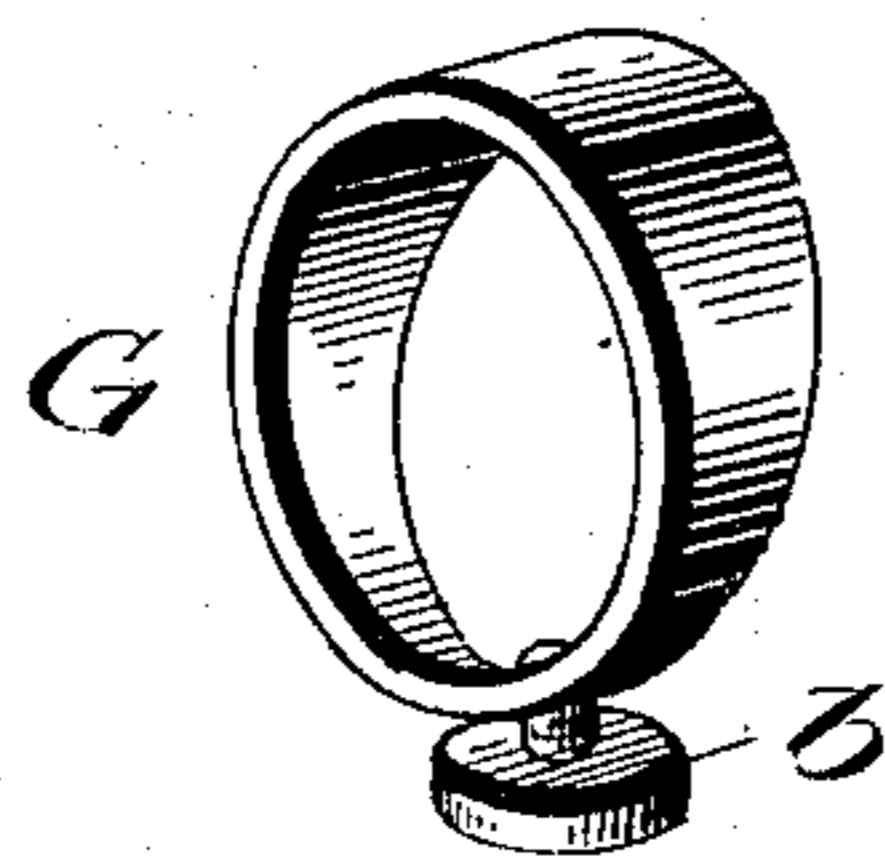


Fig. 3.



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KNIFE-HANDLE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THEODORE E. MILLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Le-
5 ando, in the county of Van Buren and State
of Iowa, have invented certain new and use-
ful Improvements in Knife-Handles; and I do
declare the following to be a full, clear, and ex-
act description of the invention, such as will
enable others skilled in the art to which it ap-
10 pertains to make and use the same, reference
being had to the accompanying drawings, and
to the letters of reference marked thereon,
which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in
15 paring-knives; and it consists in a metallic
handle having its inner end turned at an an-
gle to its length for the reception of the blade
and to form a thumb-rest, and which handle
is provided with a finger-guard, as will be
20 more fully hereinafter described.

The object of my invention is to so form the
inner end of the handle that a longer bearing
is made for the end of the blade than is done
upon ordinary handles, and hence the full
25 width of the blade is preserved from one end
to the other; to enable the cutting-edge of the
blade to be raised above the lower edge of the
handle, and to form a thumb-rest and a fin-
ger-guard upon the handle adjacent to the
30 inner end of the blade.

To these ends and to such others as the in-
vention may pertain the same consists in the
novel construction, combination, and adapta-
tion of the parts, as hereinafter appears, and
35 which will be specifically defined in the ap-
pended claims.

I clearly illustrate my invention in the ac-
companying drawings, which, with the letters
marked thereon, form a part of this specifica-
40 tion, and in which drawings similar letters in-
dicate like parts throughout the several views,
in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of my improved
knife-handle. Fig. 2 is a plan view of same.
45 Fig. 3 is an enlarged detailed view of the
clamp.

Reference now being had to the details of
the drawings by letter, A designates the blade
of the knife; B, the handle; C, the thumb-
50 rest; D, a finger-guard, which is secured to or
is integral with the handle at any suitable
point, as at *d*.

The inner end of the handle is turned at an
angle to form both a thumb-rest and a long
bearing for the inner end of the blade and at 55
the same time elevate the cutting-edge of the
blade above the lower edge of the handle.
The thumb-rest is brought into use when the
point of the blade is to be forced into vegeta-
bles having thick rinds and similar articles 60
and where the leather holder cannot be used
for this purpose. The upturned end allows
the full width of the blade to be used at the
point of contact with the handle, and hence
there is no need to weaken it by forming a 65
shank upon or narrowing the blade at its in-
ner end. The blade being short, it is more
convenient for use where the cutting-edge of
the blade is raised above the lower edge of
the handle than where the cutting-edge of the 70
blade extends below or on a line with the lower
edge of the handle. The finger-guard D pre-
vents any slipping of the fingers upon the
knife, especially when the thumb-rest is be-
ing used. 75

Secured to one side of the handle at any
suitable place, as at *f*, is one end of the leather
holder F, the said end being preferably held
to the handle by means of a rivet. The other
end of the said holder is adapted to be adjust- 80
ably held at any point along the handle by
means of the clamp G, which is slidingly held
on the handle and is designed to hold the
free end of the leather holder to the handle
by means of the thumb-screw *b* binding the 85
curved surface of the clamp against the end
of the holder.

By my improved construction of paring-
knife it will be seen that the adjustable holder
may be applied to various forms of handles 90
and may be adjusted so as to conform to the
size of the hand which has hold of the knife.

My holder, while described as being made
of leather, may be constructed of any suitable
material, as rubber, cloth, or of metal, which 95
will not shrink when it comes in contact with
water of various temperatures.

Having thus described my invention, what
I claim to be new, and desire to secure by Let-
ters Patent, is— 100

1. A paring knife having the inner end of
its handle turned upward at an angle and its
blade projecting from this upturned end, the
cutting edge of the knife being raised above

or out of line with the lower edge of the handle, substantially as set forth.

2. A paring knife having the inner end of its handle turned upward at an angle and provided with a finger guard projecting from the opposite edge of the handle; the blade being made to project from the turned up end and the cutting edge of the blade being raised above the lower edge of the handle, substan-

tially as described and for the purpose specified.

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

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