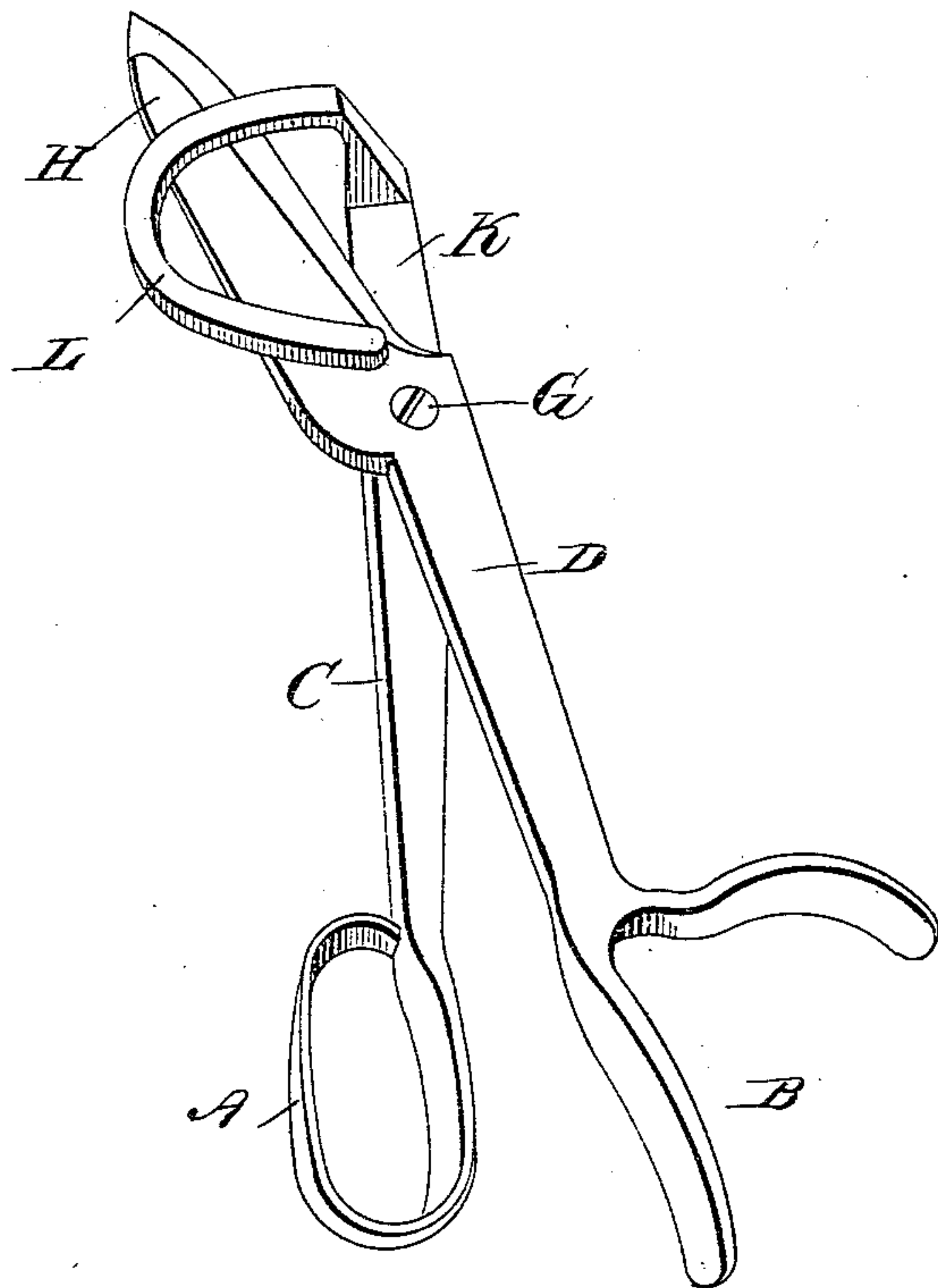


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK E. GARNER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Cornwall, in the county of Litchfield and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Can-Openers, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part thereof, in which
10 similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to can-openers. The object thereof is to provide a simple and effective device of this class by means of which
15 the entire head of the can can be cut out, or rather the end thereof containing the head cut off; and with this and other objects in view the invention consists in the construction, combination, and arrangement of parts
20 hereinafter described and claimed.

The invention is fully disclosed in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawing forms a part, said drawing being a perspective view of my improved can-
25 opener.

In the practice of my invention I provide a can-opener comprising a pair of handles, as A and B, and each handle is provided with a shank, as C and D, said shanks being pivoted
30 together at G in the manner of a pair of shears, and beyond this pivotal connection said shanks are projected to form blades H and K. The blade K is preferably shorter than the other and is provided at its outer end or point
35 with a curved segmental arm, which is adapted to rest upon or over the end or head of a can in the operation of the device and to serve as a guide for the can-opener in such operation.

The operation will be readily understood

from the foregoing description, when taken 40 in connection with the accompanying drawing, and in view of the following statement thereof: The blade H is pointed and slightly longer than the blade K, and the segmental arm L is formed at a slight angle to said blade 45 K, and in operation the blade H is inserted into the side of the can immediately below the head, in which position the segmental arm L extends over the head or end and serves as a guide as the shears or openers are 50 moved around the can.

My invention is not limited to the exact form of blades H and K, or to the form and location of the arm L, and I therefore reserve the right to make all such alterations in the 55 construction herein shown and described, and modifications thereof, as fairly come within the scope of my invention.

Having fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters 60 Patent—

A can-opener consisting of a pair of handles A and B, provided with a shank C and D, and being pivoted together, the projection of the shanks forming blades, one of which is shorter 65 than the other, and is provided at the outer end thereof with a segmental arm L, formed at an angle to the blade with which it is connected and adapted to rest upon the head of the can, substantially as described. 70

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of the subscribing witnesses, this 5th day of November, 1895.

FRANK E. GARNER.

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