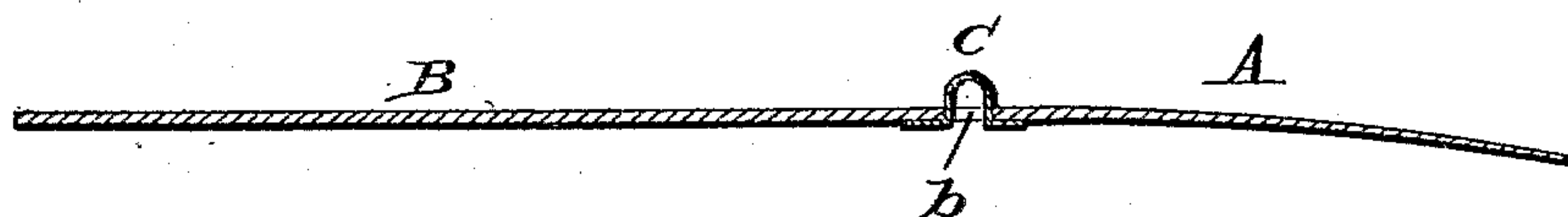
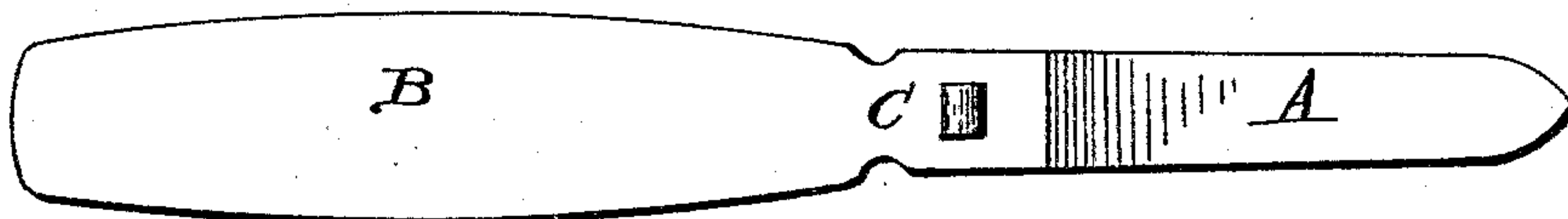
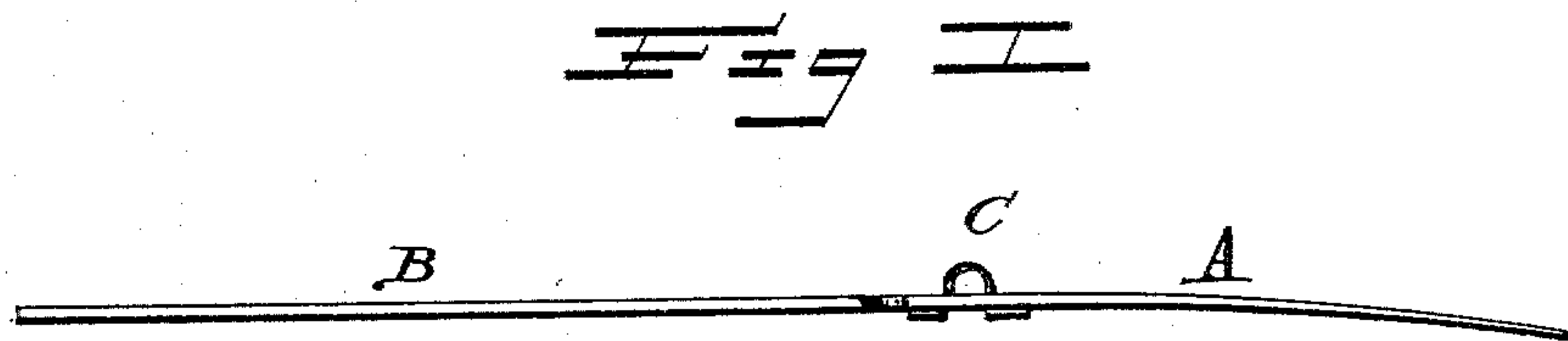


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK HENRY WILKS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newport, in the county of Newport and State of Rhode Island, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Knives; and I do hereby 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.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in knives, and which, though designed primarily for a fruit-knife, is applicable to other uses.

It has for its objects, among others, to provide a simple and cheap knife having a cutter on the back thereof by which the fruit may be peeled without danger of cutting the hand or of soiling the hands.

It consists of a knife of any desired shape and having upon its back a cutter so constructed as to readily remove the peel and formed so that the peel will free itself as it comes through the cutter.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will hereinafter appear, and the novel features thereof will be specifically defined by the appended claims.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which, with the letters of reference marked thereon, form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is an edge view of the knife. Fig. 2 is a side view. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section through the cutter.

Like letters of reference indicate like parts throughout the several views.

Referring now to the details of the drawings

by letter, A designates the blade, and B the handle, which may be formed integral with the blade or may be of wood or any other desired material affixed thereto in any suitable manner. The blade is preferably curved and has upon the back thereof a cutter C, formed of thin steel and affixed thereto in any suitable manner—such, for example, as shown in this instance, where it is shown as having its ends passed through an opening *b* in the blade and seated in and secured in recesses in the opposite side of the blade. This cutter is conical in form, so that the peel as it is removed by the cutter will free itself, entering the smaller end and passing out at the larger end.

Modifications in detail may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention or sacrificing any of its advantages. The cutter may assume a different form from that shown, if desired.

What is claimed as new is—

1. A fruit-knife having a blade with an opening and a cutter secured therein, and curved and disposed transversely of the blade, as set forth.

2. A knife having a blade with a conical cutter on the side thereof, disposed transversely of the blade and having its ends bent and secured upon the underside of said blade as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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