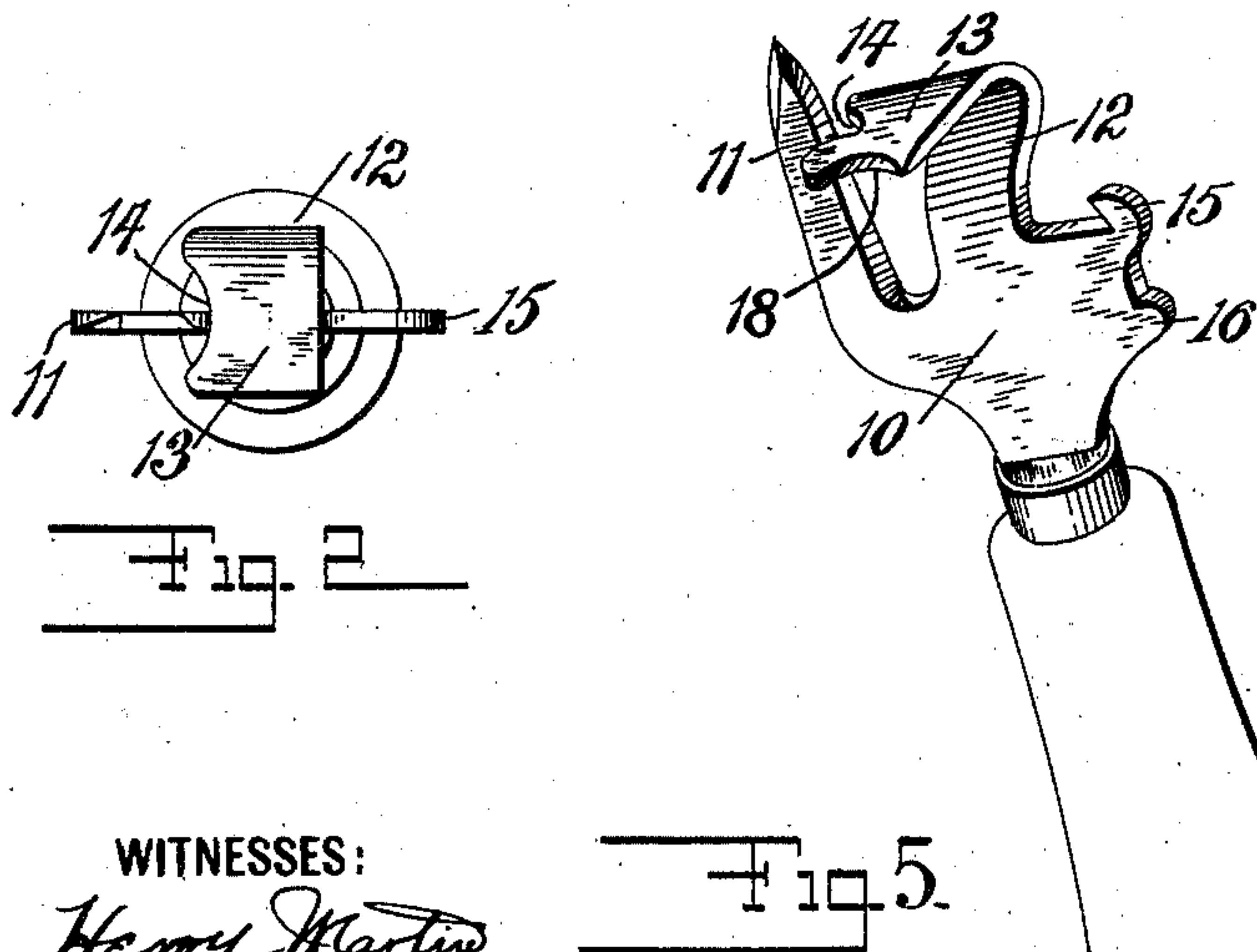
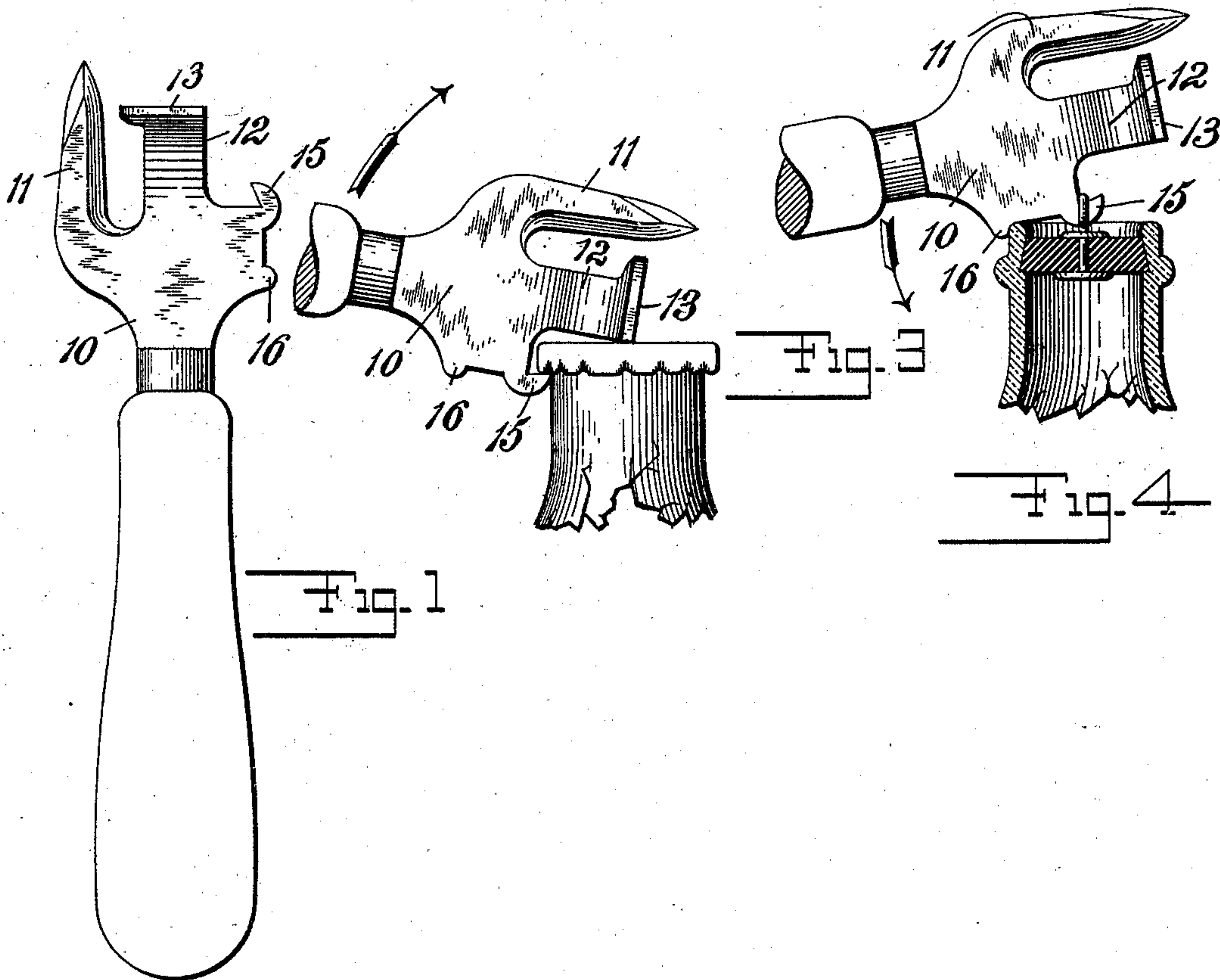


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## CAN OR BOTTLE OPENER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, BYRON R. BACON, a citizen of the United States, residing at South Orange, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, (whose post-office address is South Orange,) have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Can or Bottle Openers; 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention is designed to provide a can-opener of the usual square-cut style, in which the blade and fulcrum are made integral with one another and also with a device for opening bottles.

The device is one of great utility and also a construction that is simple and of a slight cost of manufacture.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view, and Fig. 2 a top view, of my improved can and bottle opener. Figs. 3 and 4 illustrate two methods of using the uncorking device. Fig. 5 is a modification of the article.

In said views, 10 is a plate of metal or suitable material which is provided with a blade 11. A lip 12 is bent away from the body of the plate and then across the plane of its surface and the knife to form the fulcrum 13, which may be cut away, as at 14, to straddle the cut. On the other side of the fulcrum I place a hook 15 and a small tongue 16, the function of which will be described herein-after.

The can-opener is operated in the manner usual with this kind of opener, and the structure is simple and cheap. When it is desired to remove the tin tops of bottles, the tool is used as in Fig. 3, which causes raising of one side of the top as the hook 15 is in engagement with the edge. In Fig. 4 I illustrate a stopper which is provided with a staple and show the way it may be removed. The hook 15 is inserted in the staple, and the tongue 16, resting

on the edge of the bottle, prevents slipping and acts as a fulcrum.

As shown in Fig. 5, I may provide the device at the end of the fulcrum 13 with a sharp edge to form a cutting or scraping blade 18, which is made concave and can be used in conjunction with the opener for removing the heavy tin-foil wrappers usual around the necks of bottles containing imported goods. The edge being concave and sharp readily fits the neck of the bottle, and by drawing it around the foil would be cleanly scraped off.

I may change slightly my arrangement of parts without going beyond the limits of my invention and not confine myself to the arrangements shown.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A can and bottle opener comprising a plate provided with a blade and a hook, with a common fulcrum arranged between them, substantially as set forth.

2. A can and bottle opener comprising a plate provided with a blade and a hook, a lip bent away from and then across the plane of the plate and knife, and acting as a fulcrum to the blade and hook, substantially as set forth.

3. A can and bottle opener, comprising a plate provided with a blade and a hook, a common fulcrum between them and a tongue below said hook substantially as set forth.

4. A can and bottle opener, comprising a plate provided with a blade and a hook, a fulcrum common to them arranged between them, the end of the fulcrum being provided with a cutting edge, substantially as set forth.

5. A can and bottle opener, comprising a plate provided with a blade and a hook, a fulcrum common to them arranged between them, a tongue below the hook, the end of the fulcrum being provided with a cutting edge, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the invention set forth above I have hereunto set my hand this 14th day of September, 1901.

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