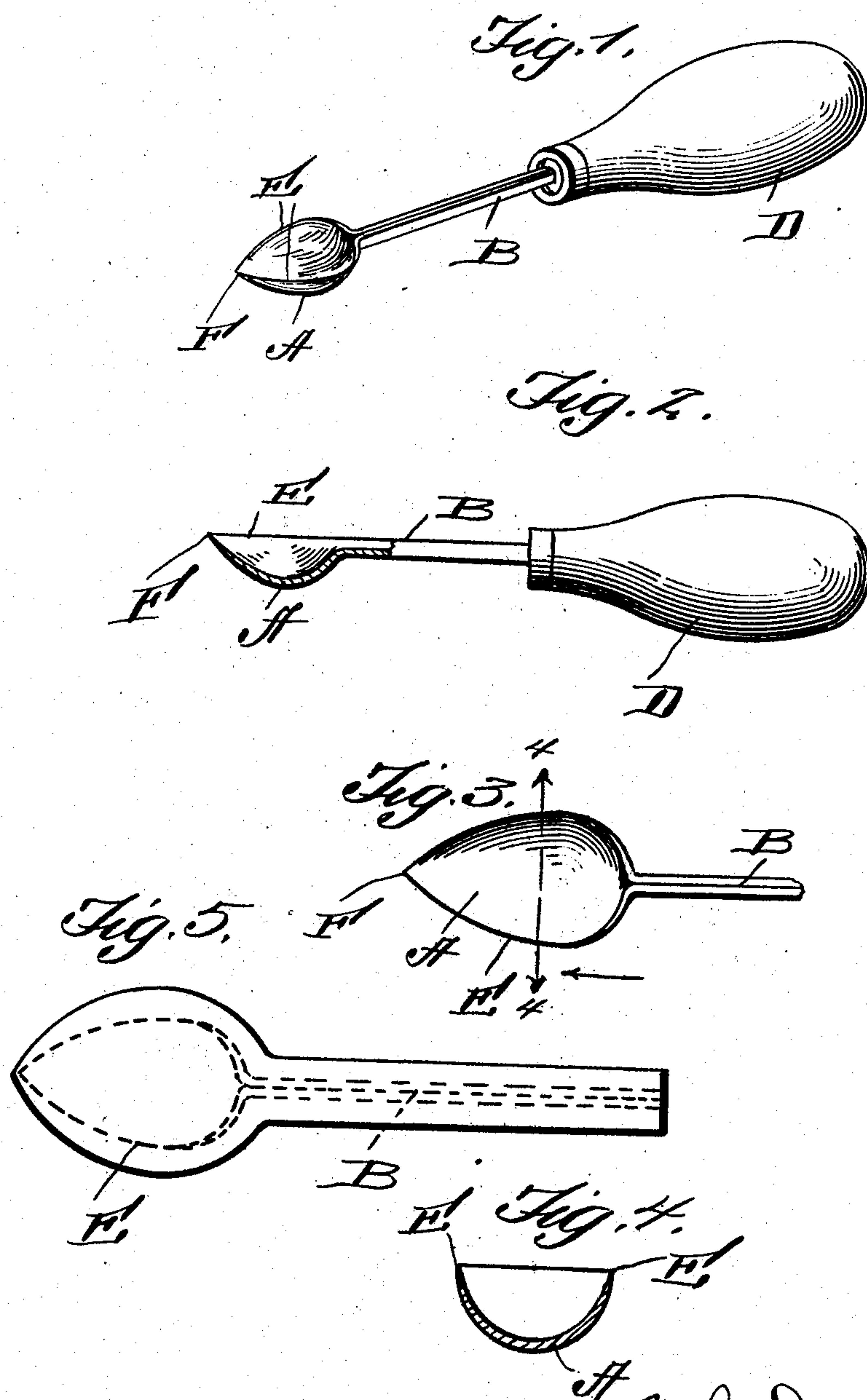


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN D. HOUCK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Toledo, in the county of Lucas and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tools for Removing Eyes from Vegetables; 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 the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in devices for cutting eyes from pine-apples, potatoes and other fruit, and comprises a simple and efficient instrument having a bowl of substantially spoon-shape, the marginal edges of which taper to a point and brought to a cutting edge and so arranged that when the instrument is inserted in the fruit and given a one-half revolution, a conical-shaped piece may be cut therefrom.

The invention comprises other details of construction and combinations and arrangements of parts which will be hereinafter fully described and then specifically defined in the appended claim.

I illustrate my invention in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved device for cutting eyes from fruit. Fig. 2 is a sectional view longitudinally through the same. Fig. 3 is an enlarged detail in top plan view of the cutting end of the device, and Fig. 4 is a cross sectional view on line 4—4 of Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is a top plan view

showing the blank from which the shank portion of the spoon is struck up.

Reference now being had to the details of the drawings by letter, A designates a bowl of a spoon made from a blank of sheet metal having a portion thereof doubled upon itself to form a shank B which is rigid in a plane perpendicular to the body of the bowl. A suitable handle D is fastened to the shank B in any suitable manner. The edges forming the upper surface of said shank and the rest of the blank are formed as a spoon bowl having a point F and cutting edges E which are in a plane of the upper surface of the shank. By this construction, the median line of the plane will form a straight axis free from deviations or obstructions, around which the bowl revolves in performing its function. It will also be noted that the channel-like section of the shank, when doubled as shown, will afford extra rigidity in the right direction.

What I claim to be new is:—

An eye-removing implement for pineapples, etc., formed from a spoon-blank of sheet metal, part of which is doubled upon itself to form a shank rigid in a plane perpendicular to the body of the bowl, the edges forming the upper surface of said shank, and the rest of the blank formed as a pointed spoon-bowl with cutting edges in the plane of the upper surface of the shank, as set forth.

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

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