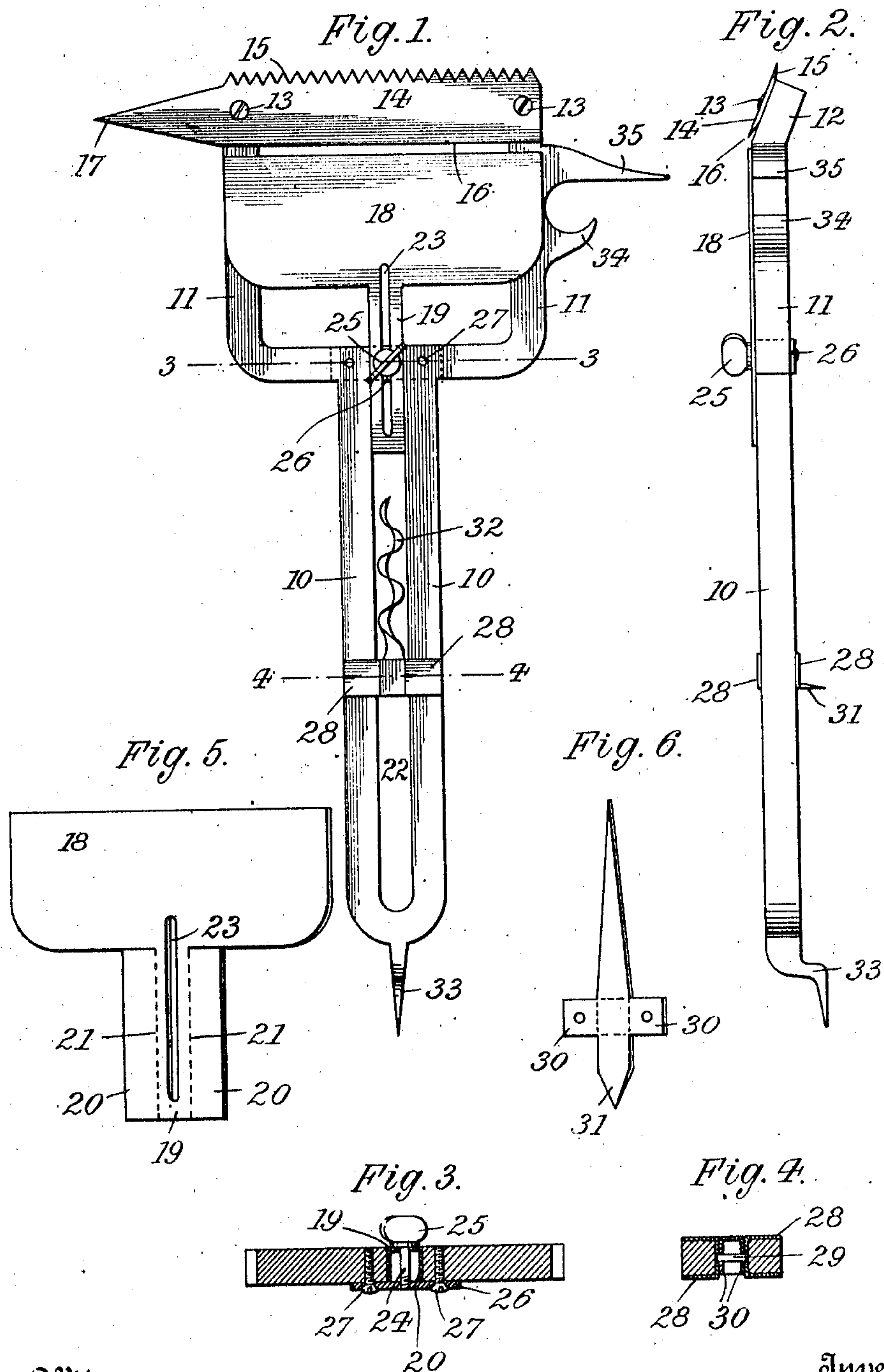


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE HAHN, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York city, Brooklyn, county of Kings, and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Vegetable-Cutters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a vegetable cutter of novel construction, which may be readily manipulated; is compact in form, and well adapted for use while camping, or during outdoor life.

In the accompanying drawing: Figure 1 is a front view of a vegetable cutter embodying my invention, Fig. 2 a side view thereof, Fig. 3 a cross section on line 3-3, Fig. 1, Fig. 4 a cross section on line 4-4, Fig. 1, Fig. 5 a plan of the gage-forming blank, and Fig. 6 a plan of the cork screw and cutter-forming blank.

The frame of the tool is made in the form of a stepped U being composed of two handle forming shanks 10, which are connected at their lower ends, and are bent sidewise and upward at their upper ends to form two head forming shanks 11. Of these, shanks 10, are placed at greater proximity to each other than shanks 11, so that they may be readily grasped by the hand. The upper ends of shanks 11, are deflected or inclined rearward as at 12, and to these inclined ends there is attached by screws 13, a blade 14, which thus extends at an obtuse angle to the body of the frame. The upper edge 15 of blade 14 is serrated to constitute an implement adapted for the scaling of fish or similar purposes; the lower edge 16 of the blade is knife-edged to constitute a slicer, while one of the ends 17 of the blade is pointed to constitute a parer.

With knife-edge 16 coöperates a gage 18 which is of a width to overlap shanks 11, so as to be guided thereby. Gage 18 is provided with a foot 19, the two sides 20 of which are bent up at right angles along dotted lines 21 (Fig. 5). The width of foot 19 is such as to be accommodated within the slot 22 formed between shanks 10, while the bent up sides 20 take a bearing against the inner sides of said shanks. Foot 19 is slotted as at 23 for the reception of a thumb

screw 24 having head 25 and tapped into a plate 26, which is secured to the back of shanks 10 by screws 27. It will be seen that by slacking screw 24, the distance between gage 18 and knife-edge 16 may be adjusted, so as to set the device for cutting slices of different thicknesses.

Each shank 10 is straddled by a U-shaped slide 28, and these slides are connected by a pintle 29, bridging slot 22. Upon pintle 29 is fulcrumed a combined can opener and cork screw, accommodated within said slot and formed from the cruciform blank shown in Fig. 6. The two side arms 30 of this blank are turned backward at right angles and are perforated to constitute bearings for pintle 29. The lower arm of the blank is also turned backward and is of a length to project beyond the back of the frame. This rearwardly extending arm is sharpened and constitutes a cutter or can opener 31. The upper arm of the blank is spiraled to form a cork screw 32. Integral with the lower end of the frame, there is formed a downwardly extending prong 33, adapted to be forced into a can head and constituting a fulcrum for opener 31.

Integral with one of the shanks 11, is formed a laterally projecting hook 34, constituting a bottle opener, and a laterally extending finger 35 for unseating flanged covers by prying them off the can bodies.

I claim:

1. A device of the character described, comprising a frame having a pair of spaced head-forming arms, and an integral pair of spaced handle-forming arms, arranged at closer proximity to each other than the head-forming arms, a blade secured to the head-forming arms, a gage guided upon said arms, said gage and arms having contiguous flat surfaces, a foot integral with the gage and accommodated within the slot intermediate the handle-forming arms, and means for adjustably securing said foot to said handle-forming arms.

2. A device of the character described, comprising a frame having a pair of spaced head-forming arms, and an integral pair of spaced handle-forming arms arranged at closer proximity to each other than the head-

forming arms, a blade secured to the head-
forming arms, a gage guided upon said arms,
said gage and arms having contiguous flat
surfaces, a slotted foot integral with the
5 gage and being provided with turned up
sides that bear against the inner sides of
the handle-forming arms, a plate secured to

said arms, and a thumb screw passing
through the slotted foot and tapped into the
plate.

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