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CUTLERY HANDLE.
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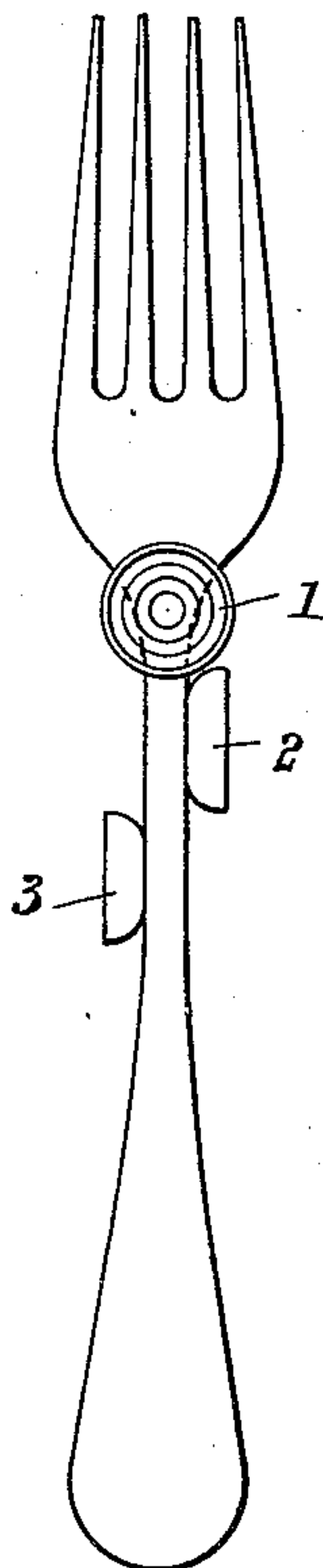


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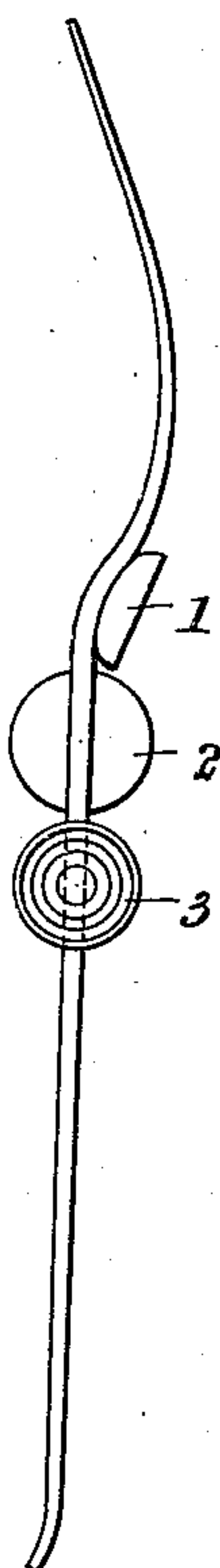


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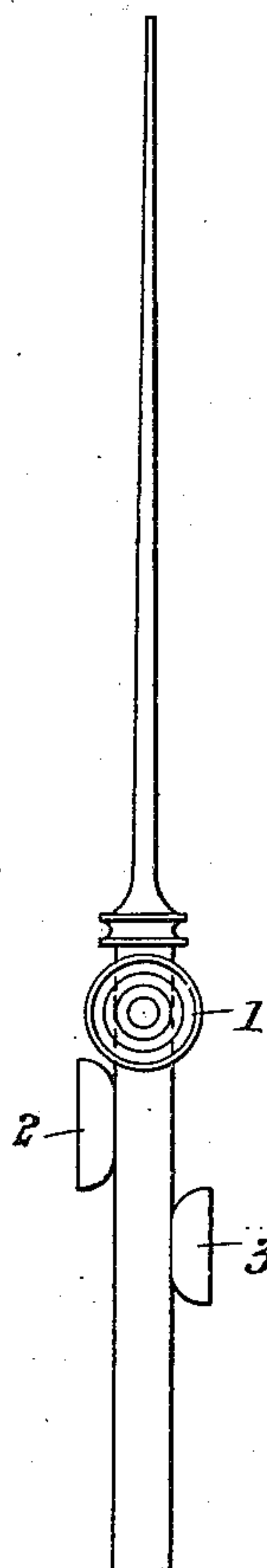


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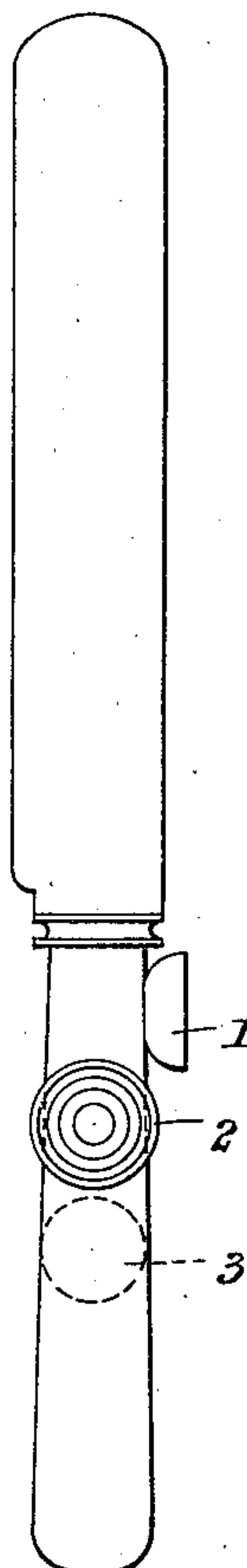


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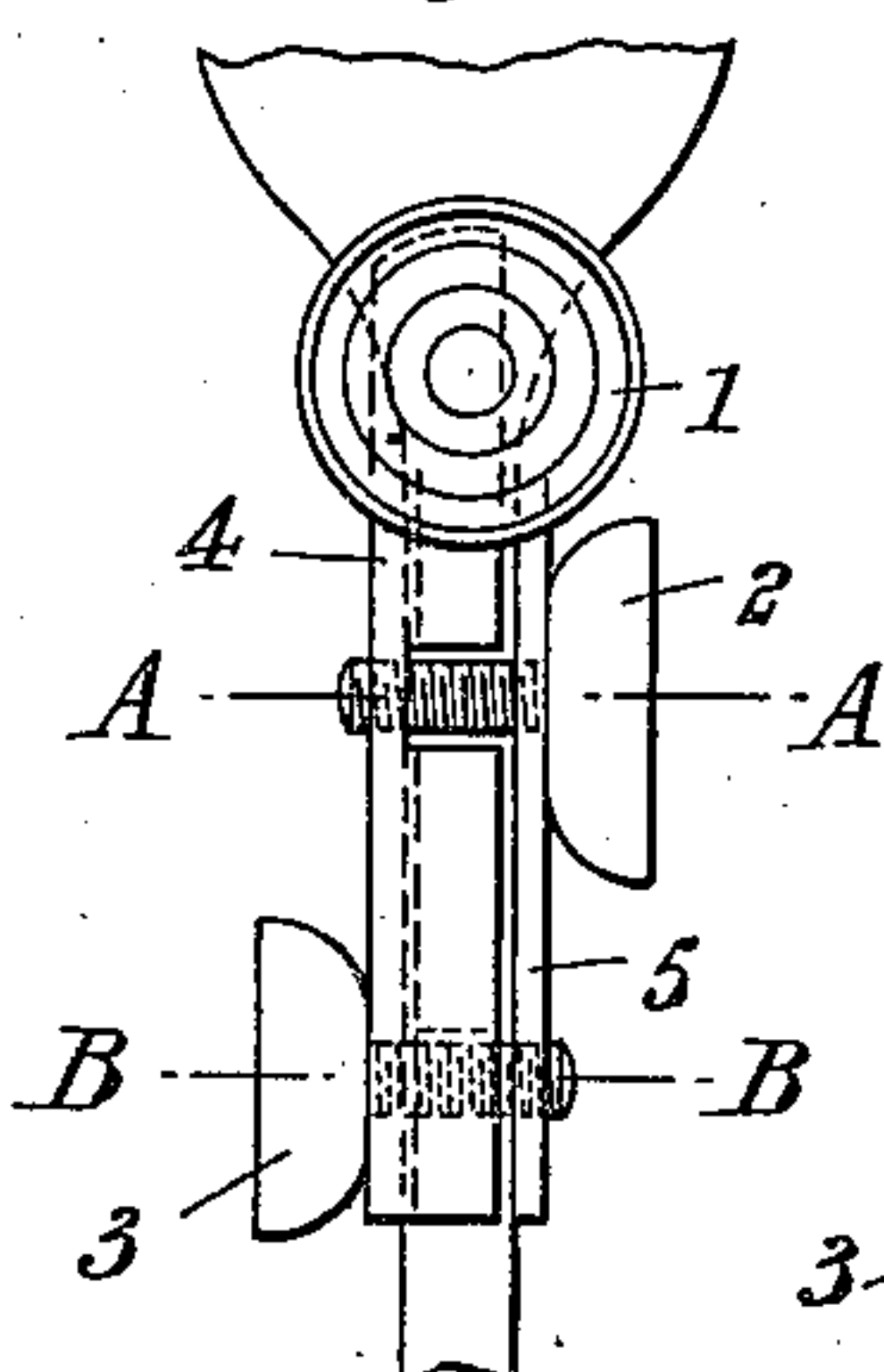


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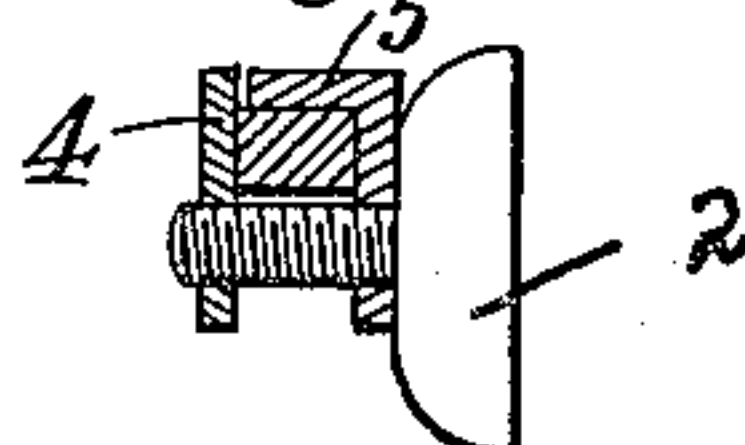


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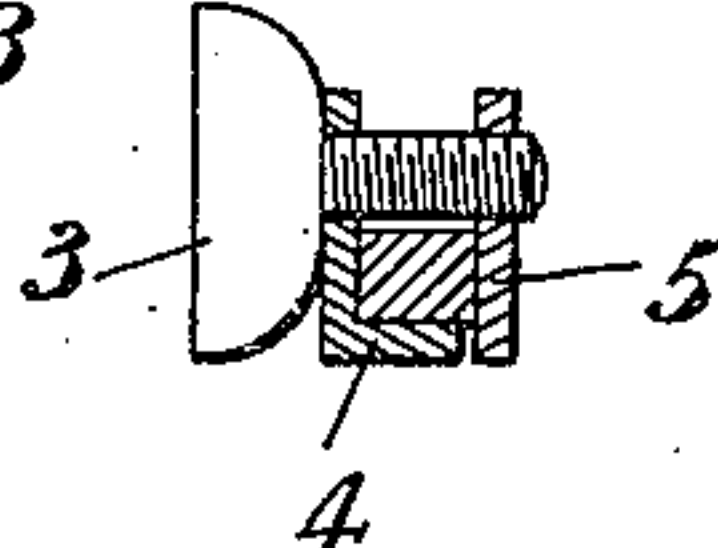


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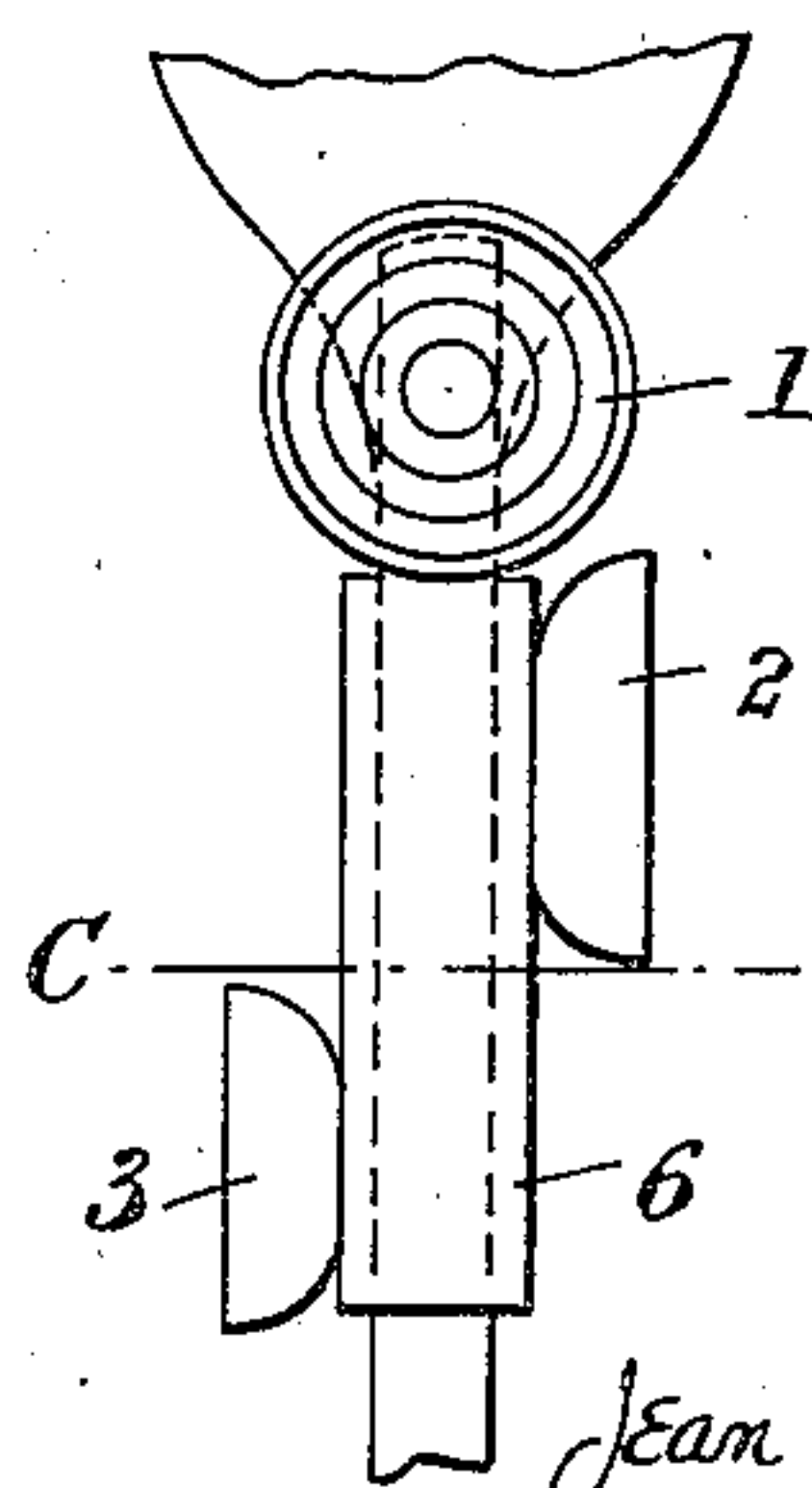
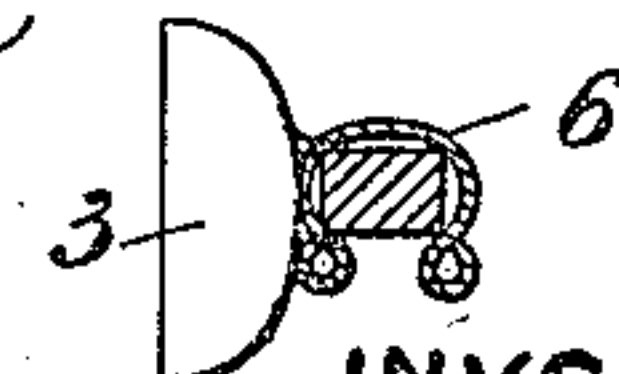


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JEAN WEBB MACONOCHE, a subject of the King of Great Britain and Ireland, of 8 Porchester Gate, Hyde Park, in the county of London, England, have invented new and useful Improvements in or Relating to Cutlery-Handles, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has for its object to provide means in connection with the handles of forks, spoons, knives, and like table articles, whereby the correct manner of holding the article is conveniently and correctly indicated. For this purpose I provide plates, or the equivalents, either forming part of, or fixed, or adjustably attached, to the handle in proper position for the accommodation of the index finger, thumb, and other finger, or fingers.

The invention is intended more particularly for teaching children how to hold a fork, spoon, knife, or the like table article correctly.

The accompanying drawings show arrangements in accordance with this invention.

Figures 1 and 2 show an arrangement with the plates fixed, or soldered, to a fork. Figs. 3 and 4 are similar views, showing plates similarly attached to the metal handle of a knife. Fig. 5 shows in elevation, and Figs. 6 and 7 in section, on the lines A A and B B respectively, the plates removably and adjustably attached to a handle. Fig. 8 is an elevation, and Fig. 9 a section on the line C C, showing a modification.

In Figs. 1 to 4 the plate 1 is for the accommodation of the index finger, the plate 2 is for the accommodation of the thumb, and the plate 3 is for the accommodation of the second finger. These three plates will be found sufficient, without adding plates also for another finger, or both the other fingers.

In the arrangement shown in Figs. 5, 6,

and 7, two L-shaped pieces or carriers, 4 and 5, are employed to embrace the handle, the plate 1 for the index finger being fixed to the piece 4. The plates for the thumb and second finger are respectively provided with screws, which pass through a hole in the one piece, and screw into a screw-threaded hole in the opposite piece so that, when the two L-shaped pieces are placed in position on the handle, and the said screws are screwed home, the handle is firmly embraced by the said pieces and the plates are in position for accommodation of the thumb and fingers, as in the first arrangement.

In the arrangement shown in Figs. 8 and 9, the plates 1, 2, and 3, are shown secured by a spring clip 6, which embraces the handle, and is sufficiently strong to hold the plates in proper position on the handle.

What I claim is—

1. Table flatware or cutlery having on the handle thereof a plurality of finger plates so positioned thereon as to indicate to the person holding the implement the polite manner of grasping the same for table use.

2. Table flatware or cutlery having on the handle thereof a plurality of detachable finger plates so positioned thereon as to indicate to the person holding the implement the polite manner of grasping the same for table use.

3. Finger guide plates for table flatware or cutlery, comprising angled carriers, finger plates thereon and means for securing said plates upon the flatware or cutlery in positions to guide the holder of the implement in the polite manner of grasping the same for table use.

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

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