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BISCUIT-CUTTERS.

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Fig. 1.

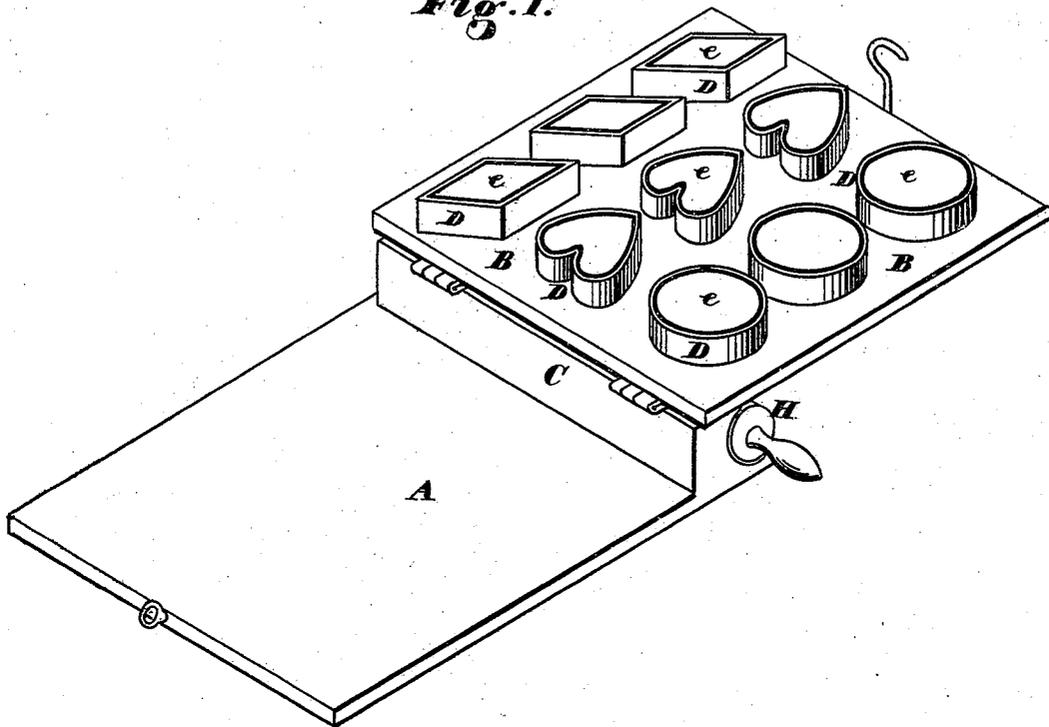
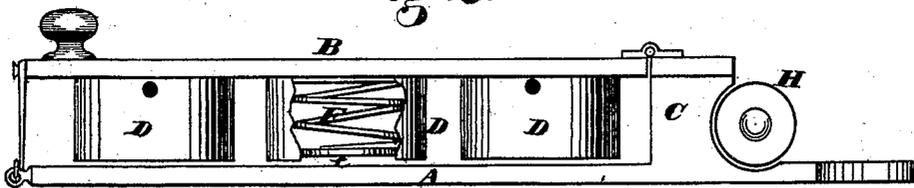


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN BISCUIT-CUTTERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALEXANDER P. ASHBOURNE, of Oakland, Alameda county, State of California, have invented a Biscuit-Cutter; and I do hereby declare the following description and accompanying drawings are sufficient to enable any person skilled in the art or science to which it most nearly appertains to make and use my said invention without further invention or experiment.

My invention relates to a novel domestic utensil, which I term a biscuit or cake cutter; and it consists of a molding-board, having hinged to one side or end a cover, which is provided with the desired shaped cutters upon its lower side.

These cutters have plates inside and springs, which allow the plates to recede when the cutters are pressed down upon the material, but which forces them out when the cover is lifted.

Referring to the accompanying drawings for a more complete explanation of my invention.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my device with the top thrown back. Fig. 2 is a side elevation with section of one cutter.

A is a molding-board of ordinary construction, upon which the paste for cake or biscuits may be molded and rolled out as thin as required. The cover or cutter holder B is made of about the same size as the board A, and is hinged to a cross-bar, C, which is secured to the board A near its edge, as shown. This bar is of such a height as to admit the necessary depth of

the cutters D, which are secured to its lower side, and may be made of metal, and in any fancy shape desired. Each of these cutters is provided with a plate, *e*, which nearly fills the outline of its shape, and is set upon a spiral spring, F. When the cover is shut down upon the paste upon the molding-board it will be seen that as many cakes or biscuits will be formed instantaneously as there are cutters. As the plates *e* touch the paste they will be forced to recede, and thus allow the biscuit to enter the cutter as the latter is forced down. When the cover and its cutters are raised the spring will force the plates out again, thus releasing the biscuits upon the board A ready for removal.

The back of the cross-bar C is made concave, as also is the board A at this point, so that the rolling-pin H will fit into the concavities sufficiently to be held in place when not in use.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The molding-board A and recessed cross-bar C, in combination with the hinged cutter-holder B and cutters D, provided with plates *e* and spring F, all constructed to operate substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand.

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