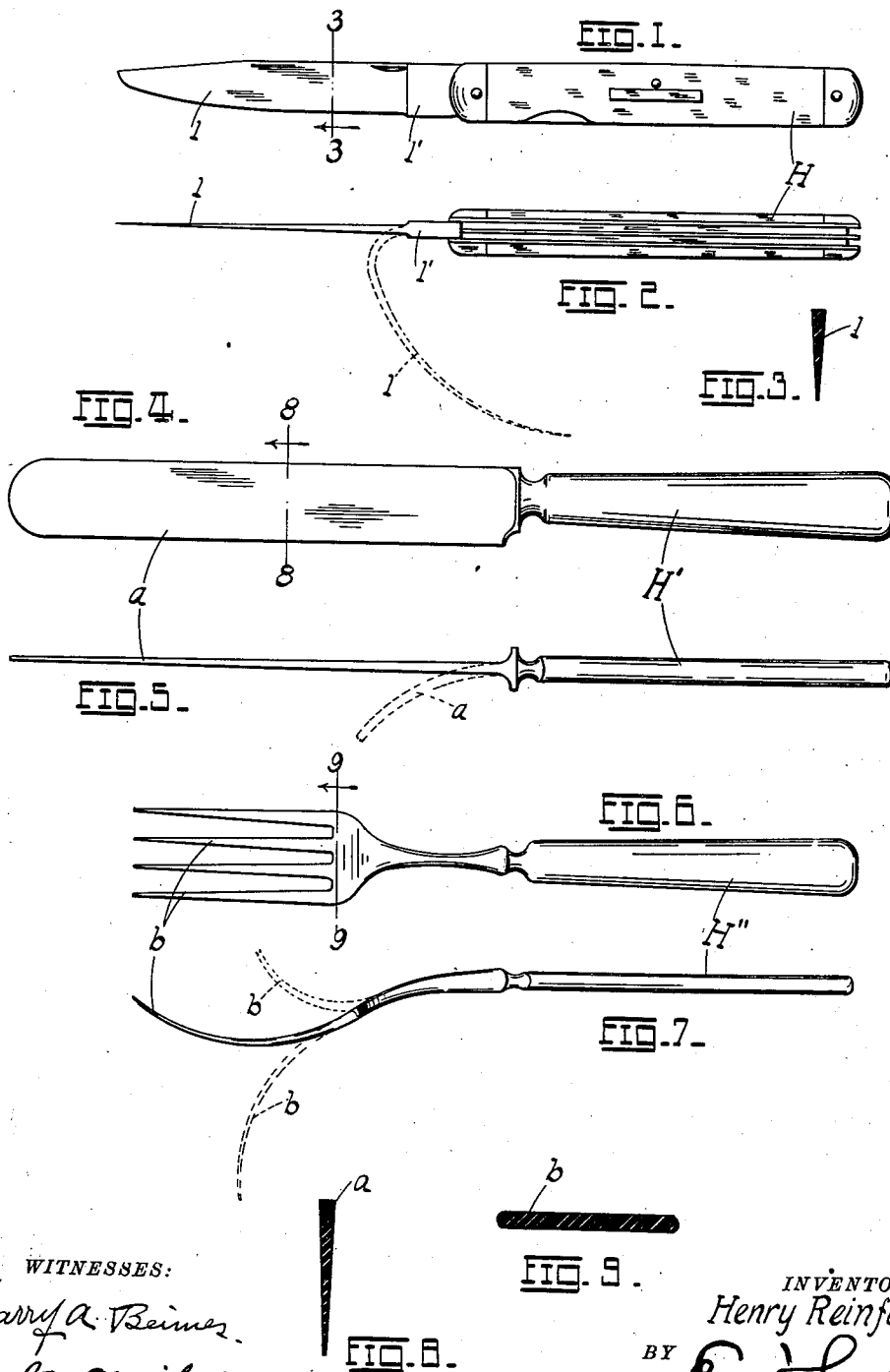


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY REINFELD, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Trick-Cutlery, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

My invention has relation to improvements in trick cutlery; and it consists in the novel features more fully set forth in the specification and pointed out in the claim.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a face view of a trick pocket knife with the blade open, showing my invention; Fig. 2 is an edge view thereof; Fig. 3 is a cross-section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1; Fig. 4 is a plan of a table knife; Fig. 5 is an edge view thereof; Fig. 6 is a plan of a fork; Fig. 7 is a side view thereof; Fig. 8 is a cross-section on the line 8—8 of Fig. 4; and Fig. 9 is a cross-section on the line 9—9 of Fig. 6.

The object of my invention is to construct articles of cutlery such as knives, forks, and the like, with the blade or prong composed of flexible non-cutting material such as rubber, celluloid and the like, having the color and general appearance of the real knife or fork, but intended to be used as a trick or for purpose of amusement so that no injury or damage may result therefrom. The general design of the article conforms to that of the real knife, fork, or other article of cutlery, except that the blade or prong portion is composed of a harmless flexible material of the character stated. An article of this character may be used by children, actors, and other persons, under conditions where the employment of metallic blades would be dangerous. For example, an imitation dagger with a rubber blade might be used in a drama by one of the characters and plunged (apparently) into the body of his victim with impunity.

The advantages of the invention will be best apparent from a detailed description of the invention, which is as follows:—

Referring to the drawings, and for the present to Figs. 1, 2 and 3, H represents the handle of a pocket-knife, and 1 the blade thereof. This blade is composed of flexible, comparatively soft rubber, which has been colored so as to resemble gun metal or steel, so as to present the appearance of a real cutting blade of steel. The base 1' of the blade is composed of hard rubber so as to permit the proper pivoting of the blade to the handle. In lieu of rubber, the composition of the blade may be celluloid, or any suitable harmless flexible substance colored to resemble steel. This false or "trick" blade may be used for purposes of amusement, for deception, or by an actor with perfect impunity, since when an attack is made, the blade simply bends back on itself (see dotted position Fig. 2) only to straighten out when released, it being understood that the rubber or its equivalent is flexible and resilient.

In Figs. 4, 5, and 8, I show a table knife provided with the usual handle H' and with a false blade or service member a.

In Figs. 6, 7 and 9, I show a fork with a conventional handle H'', and a prong or service member b. The examples may however, be indefinitely multiplied as must be obvious, and I wish it to be understood that my invention may be applied to any article of false cutlery, to be used for trick and amusement purposes too numerous to be detailed herein.

Having described my invention, what I claim is:—

As an article of manufacture, a cutlery tool provided with a handle, a flexible, resilient, rubber, imitation blade pivoted thereto, the base of the blade about the pivotal point being composed of hard rubber for the purpose set forth.

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

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