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FOWL DECAPITATOR.

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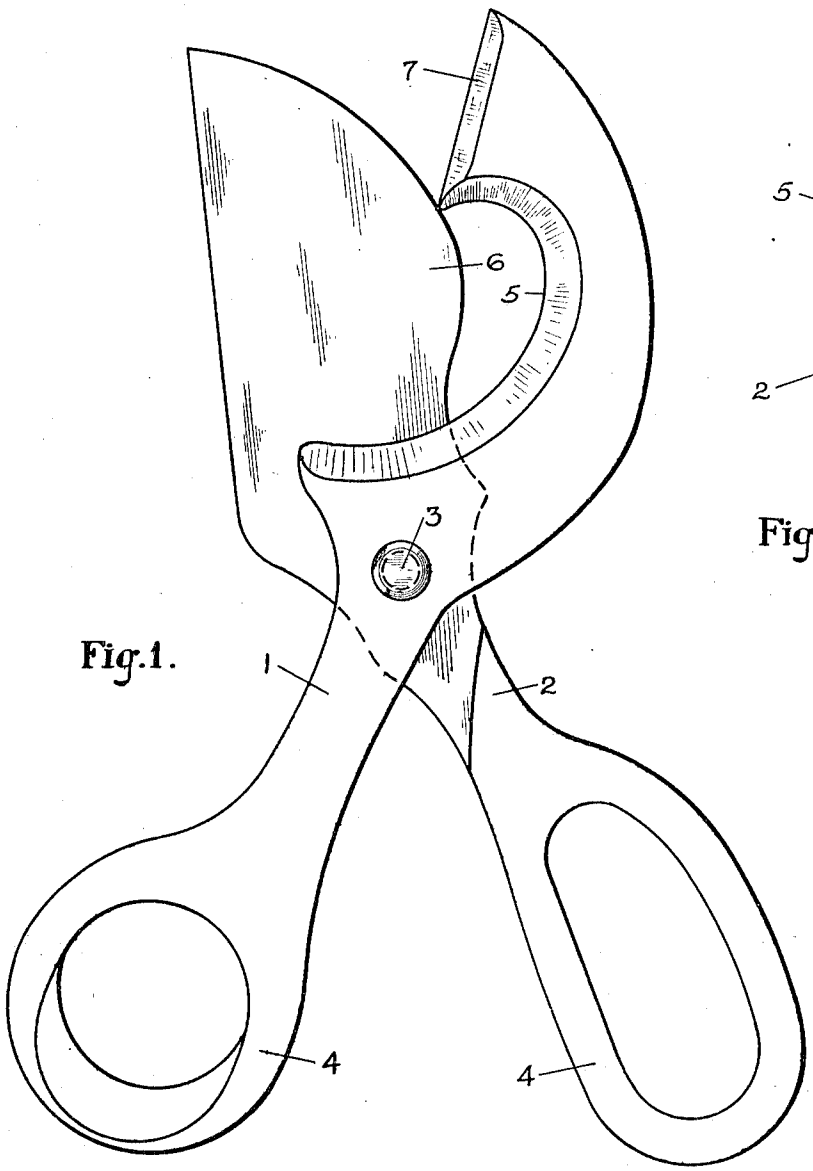


Fig. 1.

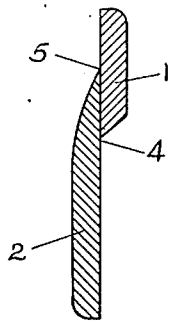


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ULYSESES S. MICHAEL, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of Celina, county of Mercer, and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fowl-Decapitators, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in fowl decapitating devices, and has for its object the production of a device of this character which will be of improved construction and efficient in operation.

Other objects will appear hereinafter.

With these objects in view, my invention consists in the combinations and arrangements of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

My invention will be more readily understood by reference to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a top plan view of a fowl decapitating device embodying my invention, and Fig. 2 is a transverse section taken through the outer end portions of the blades comprising the device, said blades being shown in closed position.

The preferred form of construction, as illustrated in the drawing, comprises a pair of levers 1 and 2 which are pivotally connected at 3. Formed at corresponding ends of the levers 1 and 2 are suitable handles 4 provided with finger openings so that, when the device is in use, the same may be operated with one hand. The outer ends of said levers 1 and 2 are formed with coöperating beveled cutting edges 5 and 6, respectively. The inner end portion of the edge 5 is concave in form, as shown, so that in operating the device the neck of the fowl, after being positioned between the former and the convex edge 6, will be securely imprisoned between said edges, and so that sliding of the portion of the fowl engaged by said edges to disengagement will be prevented. The outer end portion 7 of the edge 5 is left straight, as shown, so that the outer end portion of the coöperating cutting edges of the device may be used in the ordinary manner.

Through the employment of a device of the construction set forth, the decapitation of fowls, such as chickens, may be effected with ease and expedition.

The device is simple and economical in construction, and the same is of high efficiency in use.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred form of construction for carrying my invention into effect, this is capable of variation and modification without departing from the spirit of the invention. I, therefore, do not wish to be limited to the exact details of construction set forth, but desire to avail myself of such variations and modifications as come within the scope of the appended claim.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

An article of manufacture comprising a pair of pivotally connected blades, one of said blades having a convex cutting edge, the cutting edge of the coöperating blade being straight for a distance adjacent its extremity and concave at its medial portion, said concave portion extending outwardly and downwardly from its juncture with the said straight edge forming a hook shaped portion to the cutting edge, the depth of said concave portion being such that the edge of the convex blade passes said juncture of the straight edge with the concave edge before the shearing action commences.

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

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