

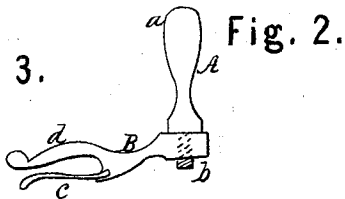
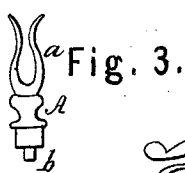
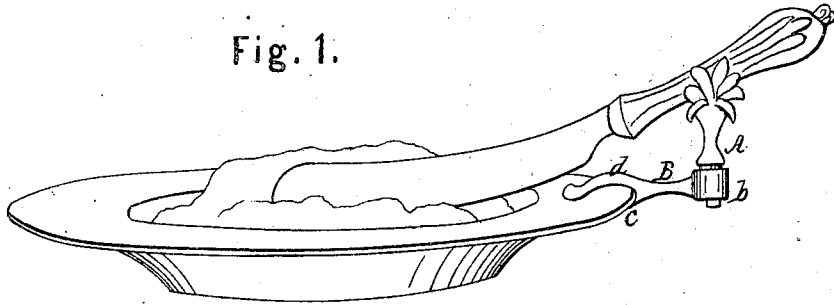
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*Butter Knife Rest.*

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Fig. 1.



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**IMPROVED BUTTER-KNIFE REST.**

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN D. REED, of Westfield, Hampden county, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improved Butter-Knife Rest; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and clear description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

In the drawings—

Figure 1 is a perspective view, and

Figures 2 and 3, detail views of my invention.

This invention consists of a device for holding the handle of a butter-knife up, while it is resting upon the plate.

In construction, my device is formed of an upright piece, A, which is forked at the top at *a*, into which fork the knife-handle or blade rests, the other end resting in the dish, as shown in fig. 1.

This upright piece A has, at its lower end, a tenon, which may be threaded or not, the tenon *b* fitting into the end of a shank, E, so that it may be turned at pleasure.

This shank B is attached to the side or edge of the

plate by means of a spring-tongue, C, extending from the lower side of the other end, forming, with the part *d* of the shank, a pair of jaws, which may be padded or lined with buckskin, or other suitable material.

Various forms and designs may be adopted in this device, without altering its principle, and it will form a very ornamental piece of table-ware, when made with taste, while its utility in preventing the knife-handle from getting smeared with the butter, recommends it to the public.

Now, having described my invention,

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of the upright forked rest A and shank B, with spring-tongue C, the parts being arranged and constructed so that the forked rest A can be turned horizontally, when the device is set upon a plate or dish, substantially in the manner and for the purpose set forth.

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