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Fig. 1.

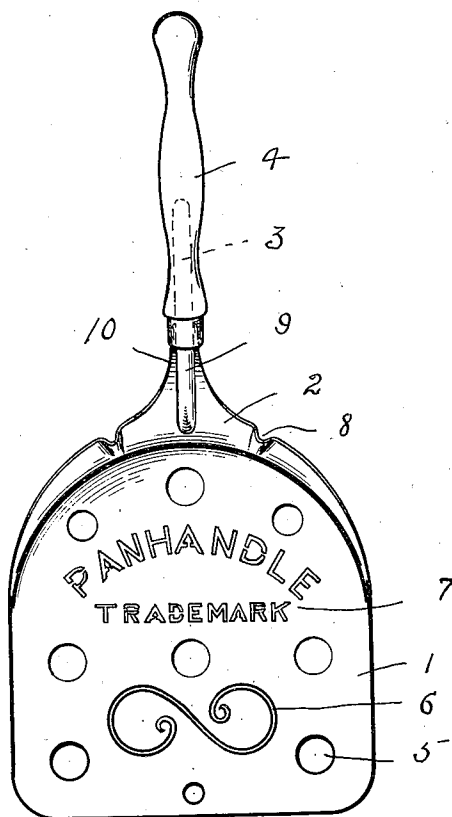
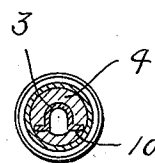


Fig. 2.

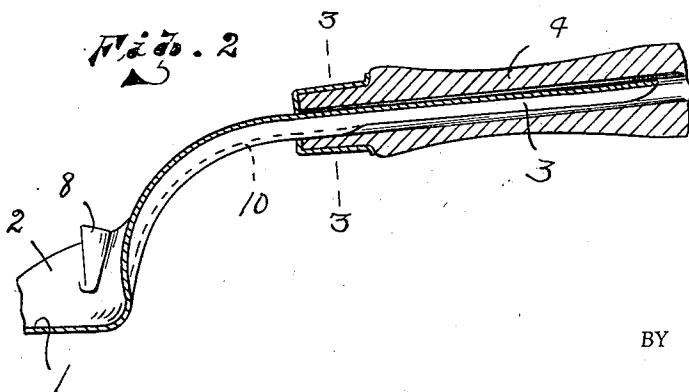


Fig. 3.

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This invention relates to improvements in culinary instruments, and has special reference to such a device for use in connection with the lifting of hot plates, pans, or the like, and has for its principal object the provision of means in combination with such an instrument whereby the same more readily functions as a means for cooling an object being handled thereby.

Another object is to provide a novel form of reinforcing tang for such an instrument.

Still other objects and advantages of the invention will appear in the following description thereof.

Referring now to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this application, and wherein like reference characters indicate like parts:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of one of the improved hot dish lifters.

Figure 2 is an enlarged fragmental sectional view of the handle and flare connection.

Figure 3 is an enlarged section on the line 3—3, Figure 2.

This invention is a modification of my co-pending application, Serial Number 666,998, and is the result of extended experimentation and use of the device as now being marketed.

1 represents the flat body portion of the instrument, which is of sheet metal, 2 the reinforcing flare which terminates in the tang 3 for penetrating the handle 4.

It has been found in practice that the utility of the device is materially augmented by having the body portion 1 thereof perforated to act somewhat as a colander, and for which purpose I have illustrated the holes 5 or other shaped openings as illustrated at 6 which may be of any desired form. Further than this it has been determined to utilize such openings as a means to convey intelligence, as illustrated at 7, which, for example, represents a fanciful trade-mark for such a device. It is obvious that this feature of combining intelligence indicia with the strainer feature of the instrument may be greatly varied without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In respect to the reinforcing of the flare and novel construction of the tang it may be said that it is common to crimp or pucker the marginal edge of an object to thereby reduce its normal lineal dimension, but the matter of sanitation in an instrument of this character being very essential, such puckers or loops in the instant device are made relatively large as illustrated at 8 and preferably semi-circular in shape at their uppermost or outer marginal edge, ter-

minating short of the juncture of the flare with the body portion of the instrument so that they may be readily cleansed from both sides and yet adequately function as a foreshortened and reinforcing element.

The tang is reinforced by the semi-circular rib 9 centrally and longitudinally thereof, terminating slightly above the juncture of the flare with the body of the tang and continuing its uniform size throughout its length for insertion within the handle 4, and the flare is carried upwardly and outwardly converging as at 10 towards the rib 9 to a point well within the handle where it blends into the side edges of the tang, thus forming means for conveniently cutting its way into the sides of the bore of the handle which is round and of a snug fit about the remainder of the tang, so that when the handle is forced onto the tang the flanges 10 answer as a positive prevention against rotation of the handle on the tang, well known to be an essential feature in connection with an instrument of this character, upon which the handle is prone to become loosened at times.

It is to be understood that the handles are in this instance of wood, and the blade or body portion of the instrument of sheet metal and of uniform thickness throughout.

While the instrument has been described principally as a hot dish lifter, it is to be understood that its convenience as a means for transferring, for example, baked or broiled foodstuffs such as fish, fowl, or the like, from the pan in which cooked to a serving platter, wherein it is desirable to strain off the juices or liquor, the device is exceptionally convenient, and thus the obvious advantage of the perforations in the body portion thereof.

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

1. A culinary instrument of the type described comprising a relatively wide, flat body portion, the rear wall only of which is upwardly turned forming a flange and having corrugations therein to decrease its normal lineal length and to provide additional strength, an upwardly arched handle tang formed integral with and extending from the upper edge of said rear wall, a reinforcing corrugation extending the entire length of said tang and height of said flange, and a handle forced upon said tang.

2. A culinary instrument of the type described stamped from a single blank of material and having a flat body portion with rounded forward corners, the rear end of said body portion being

substantially semi-circular in form and provided with an upwardly and rearwardly inclined flange the forward ends of which flange merge into the side walls of the body portion, an upwardly arched rearwardly extending handle tang
5 formed integral with the upper edge of said flange, a reinforcing corrugation extending the

entire length of said tang and height of said flange, laterally extending flanges on said tang decreasing in width progressively toward the rear end of said tang to facilitate the forcing of a handle thereon, and a handle on said tang. 5

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