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Fig. 1.

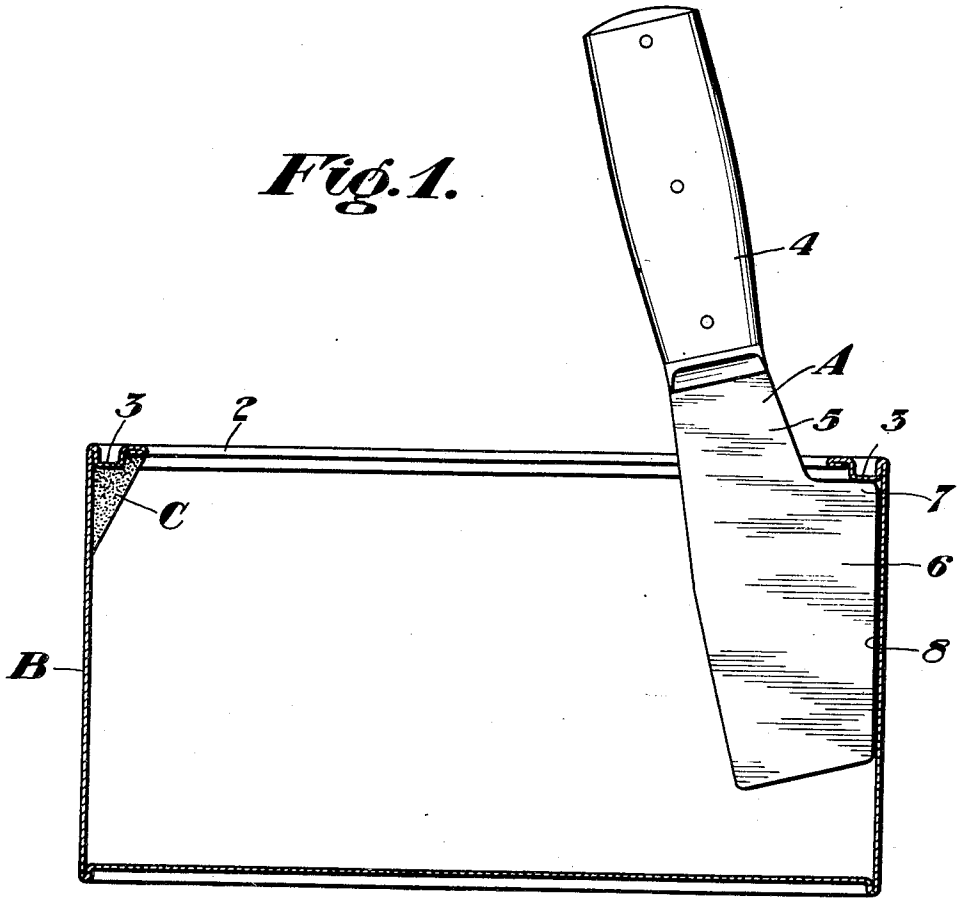
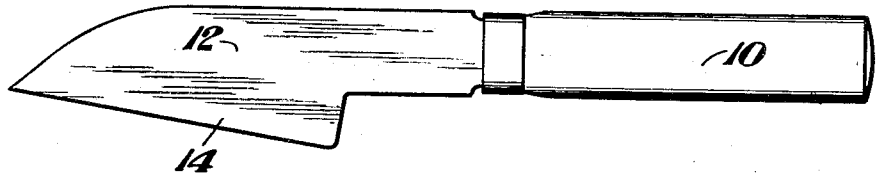


Fig. 2.



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This invention relates to cutlery articles, such as putty knives, kitchen knives and the like, and has for its object the provision of a novel form of blade provided with a projection primarily adapted for cleaning around the side edges of cans and other similar containers having the well known pressed and sealed top.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 shows a putty knife constructed in accordance with this invention positioned within a can.

Figure 2 shows an elevation of a kitchen knife, also constructed in accordance with this invention.

Referring more particularly to Figure 1 of the drawing, the letter A designates the putty knife as a whole positioned within a can B such as is usually used for paint, lead and the like. The can B is provided with the usual inwardly projecting rim 2 having a sealing groove 3 therein to receive an annular compression rib on the lid or closure of the can (not shown).

As is well known, cans such as the can B have a body of paint, lead or other contents remaining under the upper rim 2 after the contents have been poured out of the can or otherwise used up, which body of contents is designated by the letter C. Heretofore it has been impossible to remove the collected body of contents C from the can by the use of the ordinary putty knife, due to the fact that the knife blade did not reach under the rim 2.

The putty knife A of this invention consists of the usual handle 4 and flexible steel blade 5. The blade 5 is provided with a projection 6 at one side which is integral with the blade 5 and forms an extension thereof. The projection 5 extends outwardly from a point intermediate the ends of the blade 5, and has its end 7 nearest the handle 4 extending outwardly and away from the handle on an angle of more than 90° to the longitudinal axis of the blade. The outer or side edge 8 of the projection extends from the outer point of the end 7 downwardly and inwardly toward the main portion of the blade 5 at an angle materially less than 90° to the longitudinal axis of the blade 5. The angularly disposed projection 6 thus provides a means on the side edge of the putty knife which may be readily inserted under the top rim 2 of the can to remove the collected contents C from under the rim, either by moving the knife A around the can B or by rotating the can B and holding the knife A stationary.

Referring now to the kitchen or paring knife of Figure 2, it will be seen that this knife is generally of ordinary construction and consists of a handle 10 and blade portion 12. The blade 12 has an integral projection 14 extending from the rear edge of the blade 12, which projection is shaped in a manner similar to the projection 6 of the putty knife A of Figure 1. The projection 14 projects outwardly from a point intermediate the ends of the blade 12 and has its end nearest the handle of said knife extending outwardly and away from said handle at an angle of more than 90° to the longitudinal axis of the blade, and has its side edge extending from the outer point of the end nearest said handle inwardly and toward the point of the blade on an angle materially less than 90° to the longitudinal axis of the blade 12.

The knife of Figure 2 forms a useful kitchen tool, in that it may be used to remove lard or other material from under the edges of cans in exactly the same manner as the paint is removed from the can B.

While I have shown and described certain specific embodiments of my invention, it will be understood that I do not wish to be limited thereto, since various modifications may be made without departing from the scope of my invention, as defined in the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A knife comprising a blade and a handle, said blade having one side edge extending parallel with the longitudinal axis of said blade for at least the major portion of its length, and a projection extending outwardly from the other longitudinal edge and forming a continuation of said blade, said projection starting from a point intermediate the ends of said blade and having its end nearest the handle of said knife extending outwardly and away from said handle at an angle and having its side edge extending from the outer side of said end away from said handle and inwardly toward the main body of said blade at an angle to the longitudinal axis of said blade, the end edge and side edge of said projection forming a right angle with each other substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. A putty knife comprising a blade and handle, said blade having one side edge extending parallel with the longitudinal axis of said blade for at least a portion of its length, and an integral projection in the form of a continuation of said blade extending outwardly from the other longitudinal edge of said blade from a point intermediate the ends of said blade, said projection having its end nearest said handle extending away from said handle at an angle greater than 90° to the longitudinal axis of said blade, and the

side edge of said projection extending from the outer point of said end of said projection nearest said handle inwardly toward the main portion of said blade and away from said handle at an angle materially less than 90° to the longitudinal axis of said blade, the end edge and side edge of said projection forming a right angle with each other substantially as and for the purpose described.

3. A putty knife comprising a one-piece blade and a handle rigidly secured to said blade, said blade having one side edge extending parallel with the longitudinal axis of said blade for at least a portion of its length, and an integral projection in the form of a continuation of said blade extending outwardly from the other longitudinal edge of said blade from a point intermediate the ends of said blade, said projection having its end nearest said handle extending outwardly and away from said handle at an angle and having its side edge extending from the outer point of said end away from said handle and inwardly toward the main body of said blade at an angle to the longitudinal axis of said blade, the end edge and side edge of said projection forming a right angle with each other substantially as and for the purpose described.

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