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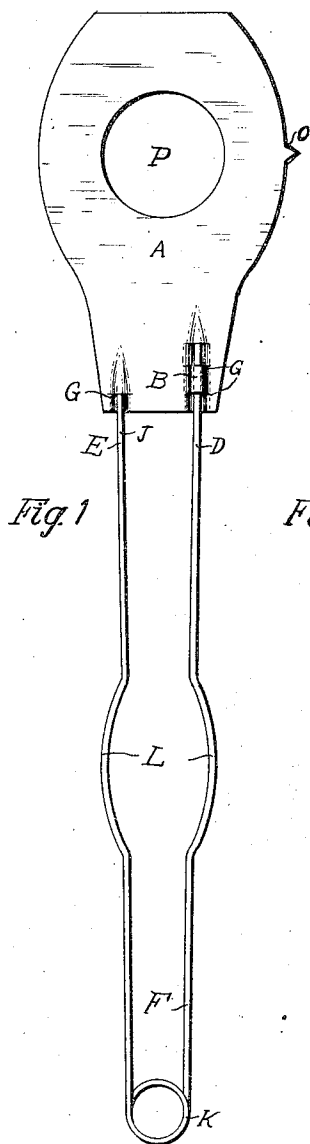


Fig. 1

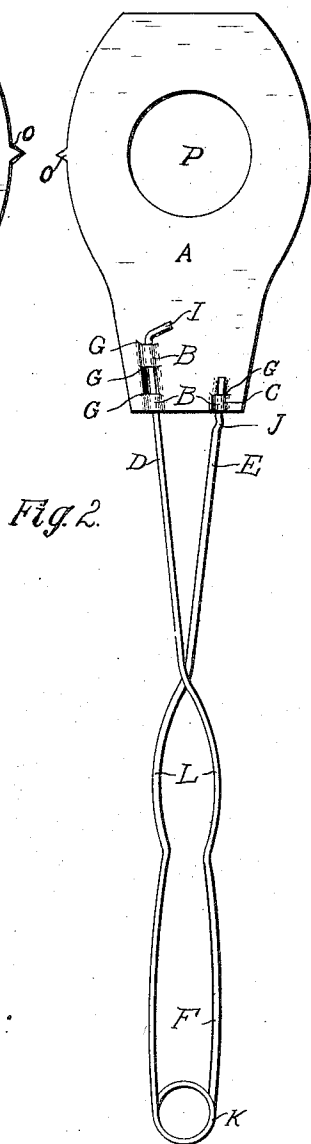


Fig. 2

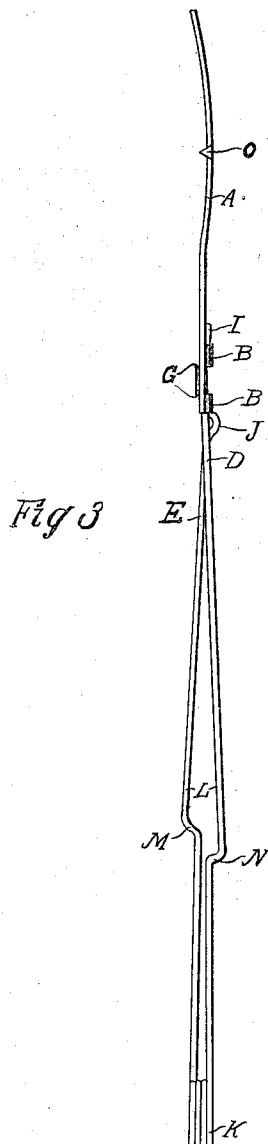


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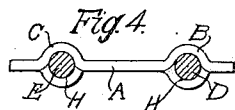


Fig. 4

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. SEFFENS, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of Madison, county of Dane, and State of Wisconsin, have invented new and useful Improvements in Pancake-Turners, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in griddle-cake and toast turners, and it relates more especially to the peculiar construction by which the lifting-blade may be automatically inverted by compressing the respective sides of the handle, whereby the griddle-cake or other similar foods are readily and quickly inverted and placed upon the griddle.

The construction of my invention is explained by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a top view in position for inserting the blade beneath the griddle-cake. Fig. 2 represents a bottom view of the blade after it has been inverted by compressing the handle. Fig. 3 represents a side view, and Fig. 4 represents an end view.

Like parts are identified by the same reference-letters throughout the several views.

The blade A is provided with a plurality of handle-retaining loops or bearings B B and C for the reception of the respective bifurcated ends D and E of the handle F. The loops or bearings B B and C are preferably formed in the blade A by cutting the transverse slits G and forcing the central portion of the metal between said slits outwardly in opposite directions, thereby forming the openings H between said loops for the reception of the arms D and E. The arm D is provided with an angular bend I, by which it is prevented from being withdrawn from the loops B, while the arm E is provided with an angular bend J, which prevents the blade from sliding upwardly upon said supporting-arms D and E. The arms D and E are formed, as shown, in one continuous piece of resilient wire, which is preferably provided at the extreme end opposite the blade with a plurality of coils K, which increases the resiliency of the arms D

and E and facilitates their movement in reversing the blade. To provide for the arms D and E crossing each other as the blade is being reversed, they are preferably provided with outward bends or curves L L and they are also provided with bends M and N, which serve as contact-bearings for the finger and thumb when pressing the arms of the handle together in the act of reversing the blade, the bends M and N being formed at right angles to the bends L L.

To prevent the griddle-cake from being thrown from the blade by centrifugal force as it is being inverted, I preferably provide the right-hand side of the blade (reference being had to Fig. 1) with one or more upwardly-projecting V-shaped points O, which engage in the lower surface of the cake as the blade is being turned and serves to retain it in place upon the blade until the same is reversed. As an additional means for facilitating and holding the griddle-cakes upon the blade I preferably provide the same with a central aperture P for the reception of the central portion of the cake, which not only lightens the blade, but facilitates in retaining the cake thereon as the same is being inverted. It will be understood that by this arrangement the respective arms of the handles D and E are loosely fitted in the retaining-loops B and C, whereby as the said arms are compressed together between the thumb and finger of the operator they turn in their retaining-bearings as the blade is inverted, also that they are thrown outwardly to their normal position and said blade is thrown back to its normal position as said arms are released from the grasp of the operator.

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

In a pancake-turner of the described class, the combination of a cake-supporting blade, provided with a central cake-retaining aperture P and one or more V-shaped projecting points O formed in the marginal edge upon the right-hand, or upward-moving side of said

blade when in the act of turning, of a handle
comprising two resilient arms formed inte-
grally, centrally provided with two outwardly-
diverging bends L, L and contact-bearings M
5 and N, said contact-bearings M and N being
formed at right angles to said bends L, L, the
free ends of said arms being pivotally con-
nected with one end of said blade upon the

respective sides of its longitudinal center, sub-
stantially as set forth. 10

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

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