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Fig. 1.

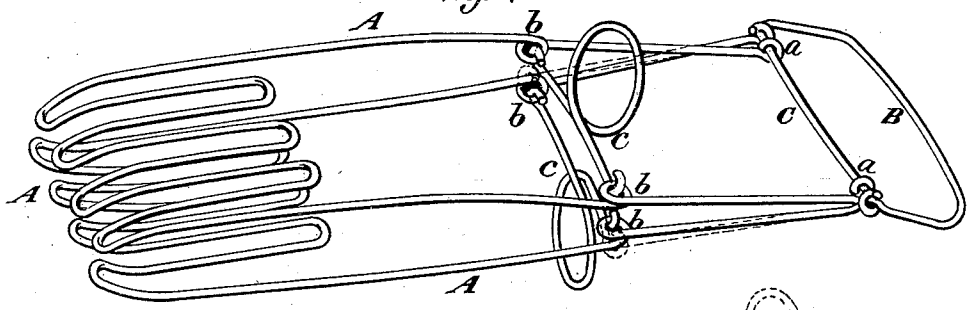


Fig. 2.

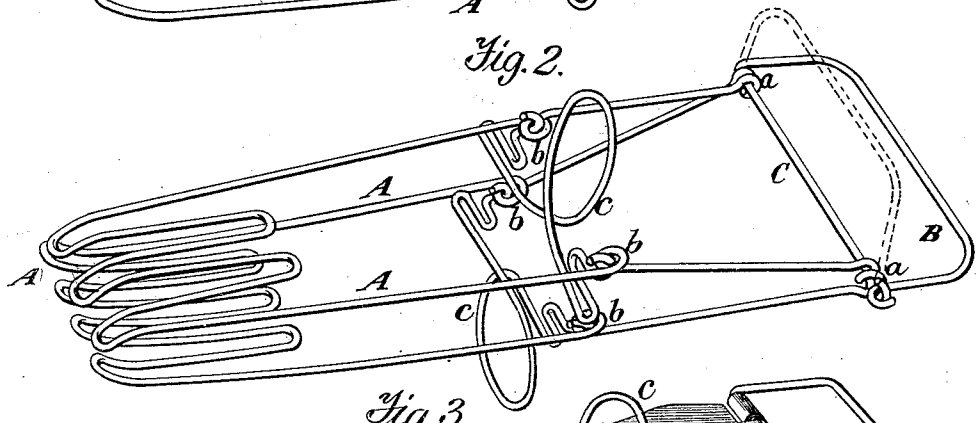
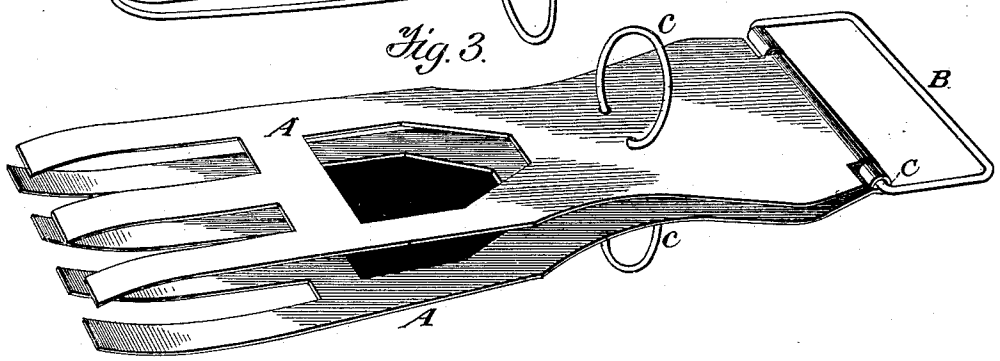


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALONZO J. HOLMES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Saratoga Springs, in the county of Saratoga and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Culinary Tongs; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Like letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

My invention relates to improvements in culinary tongs, designed more especially for removing such articles as eggs, vegetables, &c., from hot water; and it has for its object to simplify and cheapen the construction, and to otherwise improve this class of devices.

To these ends, and to such others as the invention may pertain, the same consists in the peculiar combinations and the novel construction, arrangement, and adaptation of parts, all as more fully hereinafter described, shown in the drawings, and specifically pointed out in the claim.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective of the preferred form of my improvements. Fig. 2 is a similar view of a modified form. Fig. 3 is a similar view of a second modification. Fig. 4 is still another modification.

Referring by letter to the drawings, in which I have shown the preferred forms, but to which I do not intend to restrict myself, as it is evident that the same may be varied to a considerable extent without departing from the spirit of my invention, A in Fig. 1 represents the jaws, formed of suitable wire, the wire composing one of the jaws being bent, so as to form the handle B and cross-bar C, the ends of the wire composing the other jaw being formed with eyes *a*, engaging said cross-bar. Each of the wires composing the jaws A is formed with eyes *b*, diametrically opposite to each other, and in these eyes are secured the loops *c*; or these eyes may be omitted, and the ends of the wires forming these loops may be firmly wound around or otherwise secured to the sides of the jaws A, as shown in dotted lines.

The construction shown in Fig. 2 is similar to that above described, except that the handle B is formed independent of the wire composing the jaws, the ends of which are formed with eyes embracing the cross bar C of the handle, which is thus free to be swung around, when desired, as shown by dotted lines. The wires forming the loops *c* are also pivotedly connected with the eyes *b*, so that said loops may be turned therein, when desired, as represented in dotted lines. In Fig. 3 the same principle is involved, excepting that the jaws are made of flat strips of sheet metal having their loops *c* pivotedly connected thereto, and the ends of the jaws formed with eyes engaging the cross-bar of the handle, which is also pivoted.

In use the hand engages the handle, and fingers are passed through the loops *c* of the jaws A, and in this manner the jaws may be readily opened and closed at will. The grasping ends of the jaws may be of any desired configuration.

I am aware that tools intended for use in removing articles from hot water have been constructed, in which one of the jaws has been provided with a ring for the reception of the finger, such a device being shown in Patent No. 30,437, and also in Patent No. 26,393, and I make no claim to such construction.

Having thus described my invention and set forth its merits, what I claim to be new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination, with an elongated loop for the reception of the hand, of two jaws, each pivotedly connected to said loop, and each provided with a ring or loop for the reception of a finger, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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

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