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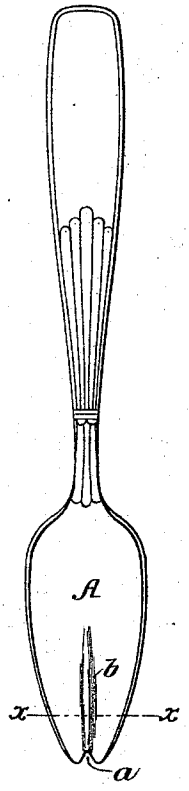
Fig. 1.



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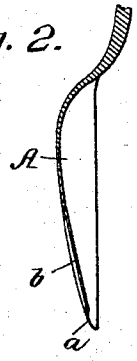

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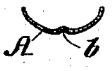

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AUSTIN F. JACKSON, of Taunton, in the county of Bristol and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Orange-Spoons, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to provide an improved form of spoon for eating oranges out of the rind after having been divided into hemispheres.

It consists in a spoon having a bowl whose prolate end is bisected by an incision or slot with a longitudinal crease running down from the apex of the slot into the bowl, the edges of said incision or slot being sharpened to facilitate the cutting of the pulp and tissues of the orange, as hereinafter fully described.

Figure 1 is a plan view of the spoon; Fig. 2, a longitudinal section of the bowl, and Fig. 3 a transverse section through line *x x*.

A is the bowl of the spoon, which at its outer and prolate end is made rather narrower than usual. This end is bisected or indented centrally with a slot or incision *a*, preferably of a V shape, and from the apex of this incision there extends a crease or ridge *b*, that runs longitudinally down into the bottom of the bowl, where it disappears. The inner edges of the V-shaped incision are made sharp to form cutting-edges, which sever the tissues of the orange and render the descent of the spoon into the cells of the orange easy and certain, and free from the jerking motion that is liable to spurt the juices out upon the clothing. When the spoon-bowl is forced down into the orange-cell, the V shape of the incision gathers together the tissues, and by cutting them surely and positively insures an easy and smooth entrance of the spoon, and as the pulp passes into the bowl of the spoon it is slightly raised from contact with the bottom by the central ridge *b*, so that the juices, instead of flooding and running over the bowl, quietly pass upon both sides of said ridge down into the bowl, thus obviating all tendency to drip.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is—

1. A spoon-bowl having its prolate end bisected or divided centrally with a slot or incision, substantially as shown and described.

2. A spoon-bowl having its prolate end bisected or divided centrally with a slot or incision and having a middle ridge *b* extending therefrom down into the bottom of the spoon.

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