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MEAT POUNDER.

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Fig. 1

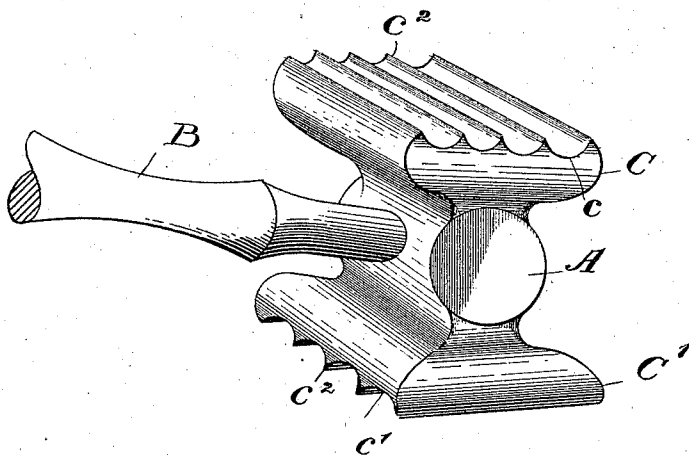
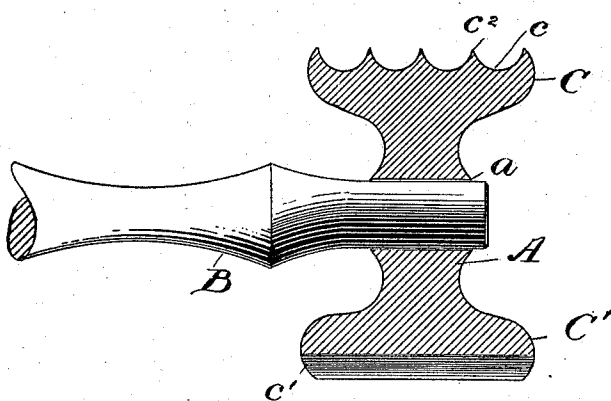


Fig. 2



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MEAT-POUNDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT B. SCHOFIELD, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Meat-Pounders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in meat-pounders in which provision is made for mashing or scoring the meat in lines at an angle to one another, and at the same time provide for the ready and effective cleansing of the implement.

In meat-pounders where channels between the teeth cross one another the cleansing of the pounder becomes a matter of considerable difficulty, because in passing the wash-cloth along the channel in one direction the foreign substance to be removed escapes around the corners of the crossing channel, and when they in turn are operated upon the said substance, more or less of it, escapes around the corners of the previously-washed channel, and so on, gradually becoming less, to be sure, but requiring repeated operations upon the same channels.

My present invention provides continuous uninterrupted channels between the teeth and free from sharp corners both at their sides and bottom, and yet retains the features of channels at an angle to each other.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view of the pounder in perspective, and Fig. 2 is a view in section in the plane of the axis of the handle.

The head of the pounder consists of a central portion A, provided with a perforation *a* for the reception of a handle B, and having laterally-extended portions C and C' at opposite sides of the central portion. The extended portions C and C' have their faces provided with curved bottom channels *c* and *c'*, respectively, the ridges between the channels

terminating in edges *c*², of greater or lesser degree of sharpness, as may be desired. The channels *c*, and hence the ridges or teeth between the channels, extend in a direction at an angle, in the present instance at right angles, to the direction in which the channels *c'* extend, but of course in different planes.

The preferred depth of the channels *c c'* may be determined by experience, my own experience having satisfied me that the depth should depend somewhat upon the thickness of the steak to be pounded, a very thick steak being more readily made tender by having the channels deeper and a thin steak by having the channels more shallow.

In use the pounder may be used by striking the meat first with one of the channeled faces and then with the other without changing the position of the operator, or several successive blows may be struck without reversing the head of the pounder, and then several blows may follow with the head reversed, the result being in any event that the meat will be scored in lines at an angle to one another.

When it comes to cleaning the pounder, it requires simply the passing of the wash-cloth along each of the channels *c c'* from end to end, there being no corners around which or into which the substance to be removed can escape.

What I claim is—

A meat-pounder provided with a series of ridges upon each of two opposite faces, the ridges upon one face extending at an angle to the ridges on the other face, the said ridges being separated from another by uninterrupted channels, substantially as set forth.

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It is hereby certified that in Letters Patent No. 576,281, granted February 2, 1897, upon the application of Albert B. Schofield, of Brooklyn, New York, for an improvement in "Meat-Pounders," an error appears in the printed specification requiring correction as follows: In line 79 before the word "another" the word *one* should be inserted; and that the said Letters Patent should be read with this correction therein that the same may conform to the record of the case in the Patent Office.

Signed, countersigned, and sealed this 16th day of February, A. D., 1897.

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