

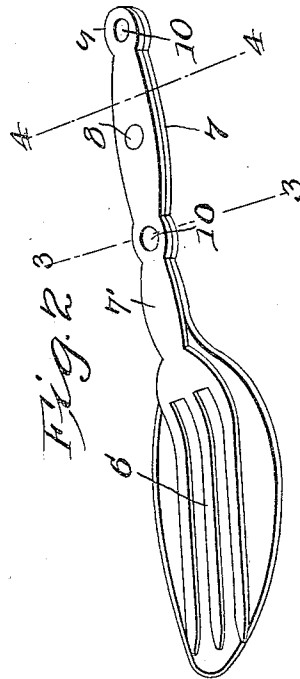
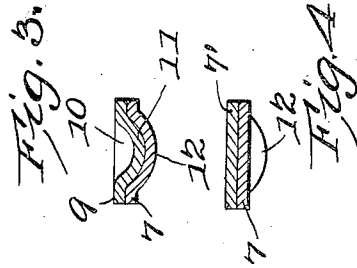
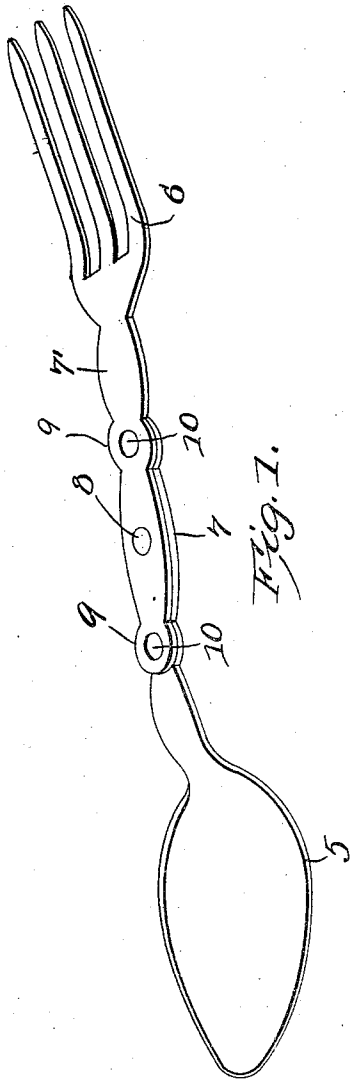
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN KING, a citizen of the United States, residing at Oakland, in the county of Kennebec and State of Maine, have invented a new and useful Combined Fork and Spoon, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to combined forks and spoons of that general class designed for use by travelers, sportsmen, and other persons and has for its object to provide a dual implement of the class described capable of being readily folded so as to take up very little space when not in use.

A further object of the invention is to provide a pair of pivoted members one of which constitutes a spoon and the other a fork, said members being provided with inter-engaging parts so that the members may be securely locked in both open and closed position.

A still further object of the invention is to generally improve this class of devices so as to add to their utility and durability as well as to reduce the cost of manufacture.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, it being understood that various changes in the form proportions and minor details of the construction can be resorted to within the scope of the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification: Figure 1 is a perspective view of a combined fork and spoon constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the pivoted members folded and locked in closed position. Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2; and Fig. 4 is a similar view taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

Similar numerals of reference indicate the corresponding parts in all of the figures of the drawings.

The improved device consists of a pair of pivoted members one of which constitutes a spoon 5 and the other a fork 6. The members are provided with extensions or shanks 7 and 7' pierced by a pivot bolt 8, each member being provided with spaced lateral enlargements as indicated at 9. Formed in the

upper face of the shank 7 at the enlargements 9 are grooves or depressions 10 forming locking lugs 11 adapted to engage corresponding recesses or sockets 12 stamped or otherwise formed in the adjacent face of the shank 7.

It will thus be seen that when the pivoted members are moved to open position the lugs 11 will enter the sockets 12 and lock the shanks 7 and 7' in alinement with each other so that the device may be used either as a fork or spoon and when the members are moved to closed position the sockets will also interengage and thereby lock said members in closed position. By having the members pivoted in the manner described when the same are moved to open or closed position the enlargement 9 of one member will engage the convex surface of the adjacent socket and thus deflect the free ends of the members sufficiently to permit the alinement of the shanks, the lugs being forced to their seats in the sockets by the spring action of the shanks. When the device is not in use the same may be compactly folded so that the implement may be conveniently carried in the pocket.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that there is provided an extremely simple and inexpensive device admirably adapted for the attainment of the ends in view.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed is:

A device of the class described comprising a pair of pivotally united over-lapping members each provided with a shank having spaced circular enlargements adapted to register with each other when the members are in both open and closed position, the side walls of the shanks between the enlargements being disposed in vertical alinement and curved laterally to form an intermediate operating handle, and projections formed in the center of the enlargements of one shank and adapted to enter corresponding sockets formed in the enlargements of the adjacent shank for locking said shanks in extended or folded position.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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