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Fig. 1.

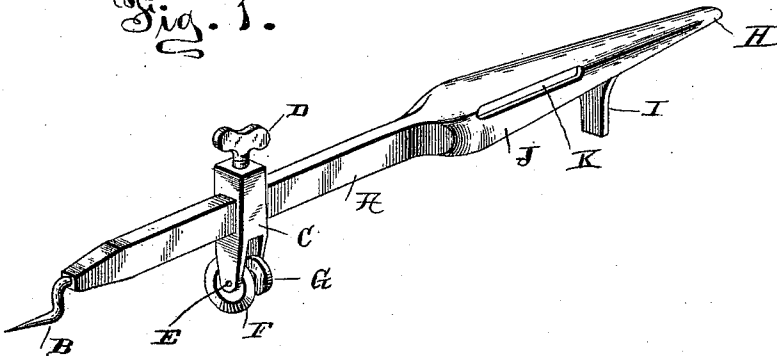


Fig. 2.

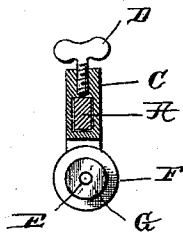


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRITZ LESCHINSKI, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Can-Openers; 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.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in can-openers; and it has for its objects, among others, to provide a simple and cheap implement embodying two different forms of can-openers and a potato-parer and a point for picking out the eyes.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will hereinafter appear, and the novel features thereof will be specifically defined by the appended claim.

The invention in this instance resides in the peculiar combinations and the construction, arrangement, and adaptation of parts, all as more fully hereinafter described, shown in the drawings, and then particularly pointed out in the claim.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which, with the letters of reference marked thereon, form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the implement. Fig. 2 is a cross-section through the adjustable cutter. Fig. 3 is a cross-section through the parer.

Like letters of reference indicate like parts throughout the several views.

Referring now to the details of the drawings by letter, A designates the body portion of the device, which may be of any suitable material and size. It is provided at one end with the wire or point B, held therein and extending in the direction of the length thereof, being bent at a right angle thereto and thence at right angles to the lateral portion, as shown, and its end sharpened, so that it may be easily forced into the center of the can-top.

C is a bar sleeved on the body portion and adjustable to and from the point B, being held in its adjusted position by a set-screw D, which is tapped through one end thereof and engaging the body portion A. The other end of this bar is bifurcated, and in the forks thereof is journaled a shaft E, on which is a ro-

tary cutter F and a distance or guide wheel G. The other end of the body portion is formed with a point H, by which the eyes can be dug out from the potatoes and which also serves as a cutter or can-opener. Projecting from the body portion at a suitable distance from this end is the lateral arm or lug I, while between this lug and the adjustable bar the body portion is broadened, as seen at J, and this broadened portion is also thickened and concaved upon its under side and provided with a longitudinal slit K, the edges of which are sharpened, as shown, to constitute a means for paring apples, potatoes, and the like.

In practice, for opening a round can the point B is forced into the center of the end of the can and then the body portion bent down till the arm or bar C stands substantially vertical; then adjust the bar on the body portion till the rotary cutter comes at the desired point on the can-top and the distance or guide wheel runs on the outer wall of the can-body and holds the cutter to its work. The can-opener at the other end is used by pushing the point H into the can-top and allowing the lateral lug I to rest on the can-top and then by moving the hand up and down the cutter is worked around the can and the top cut in a manner that will be readily understood.

Potatoes or apples or other fruit or vegetables can be quickly pared by taking the fruit in one hand and the implement in the other and moving the implement over the article, so that the peel or skin thereof will be removed by the cutter, formed by the sharpened edge of the slit.

What is claimed as new is—

A device for the purposes described, consisting of the body portion formed at one end with a point and a lateral lug and a broadened portion with a longitudinal slit, a point held in the other end and having an offset, and a bar adjustable on the body portion and carrying a rotary cutter and a guide-wheel, all substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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