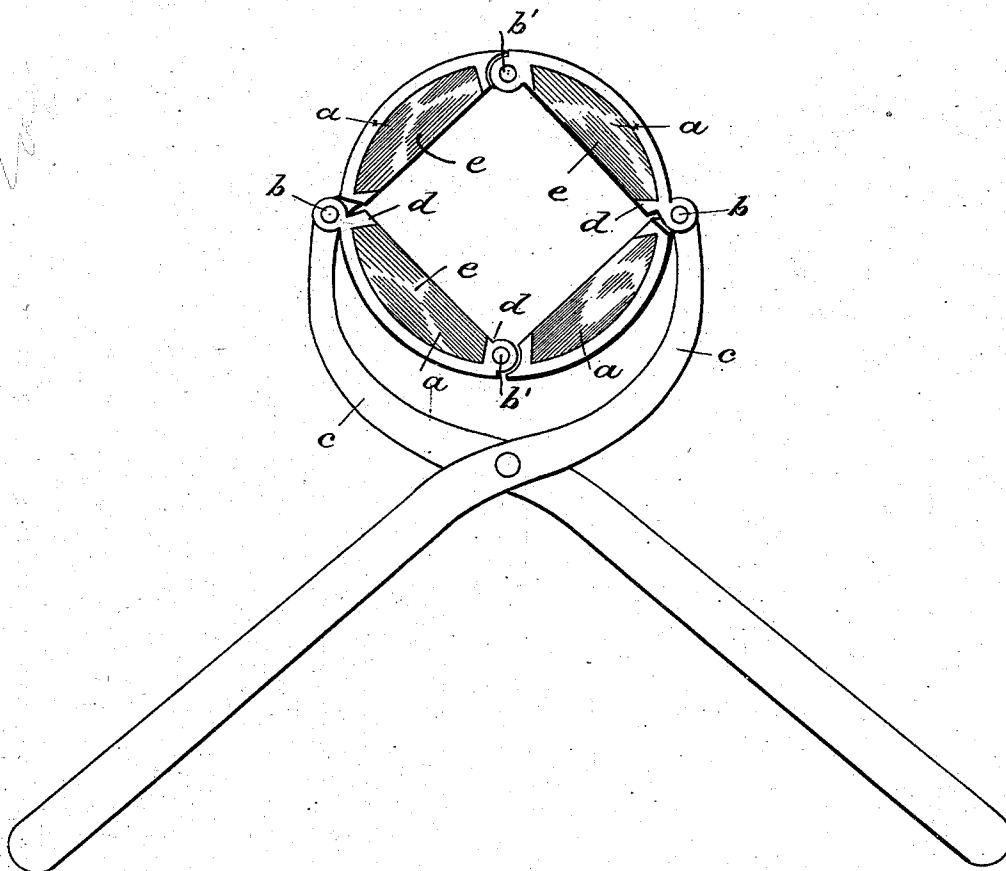


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LEMON-SQUEEZER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH C. STEBER, of San Francisco, in the county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented a new and useful Lemon-Squeezer, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists of a cylinder divided into four parts or sections, and these sections are joined by a hinged connection, so that when power is applied the flat surfaces of the interior of the cylinder will be brought together, forming comparatively a close-fitting joint; and the object of my improvement is to provide a lemon-squeezer which in its operation will receive and fully express the juice from the fruit without the necessity of handling the same by the person using the implement.

The accompanying drawing represents a plan of my invention with levers or handles attached.

I construct my cylinder in four parts or sections, *a*. These are all hinged together at *b b'*, as shown. The sockets of the hinges *b b'*, through which the pintles pass, are blind or inwardly-working sockets, while those represented at *b b* are outwardly-projecting sockets, and to the center of which the operating arms or levers *c* are attached. Each section

or arc is provided with lips *d d*, to receive and securely hold the blocks of wood *e*, representing the four flat pressing or squeezing surfaces.

In practice the lemon is cut in halves and laid upon a flat surface with the divided portion face downward. Grasp the levers or handles with the hands and place the expanded cylinder over the divided lemon and press the handles together, which operation draws the flat surfaces of the cylinder together in form of a double ellipse, connected midway and at the ends thereof by the hinges *b b'*.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A lemon-squeezer composed of four sections united by hinges at four points and at their united sides to the arms of the fulcrumed levers, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 8th day of September, 1880.

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