

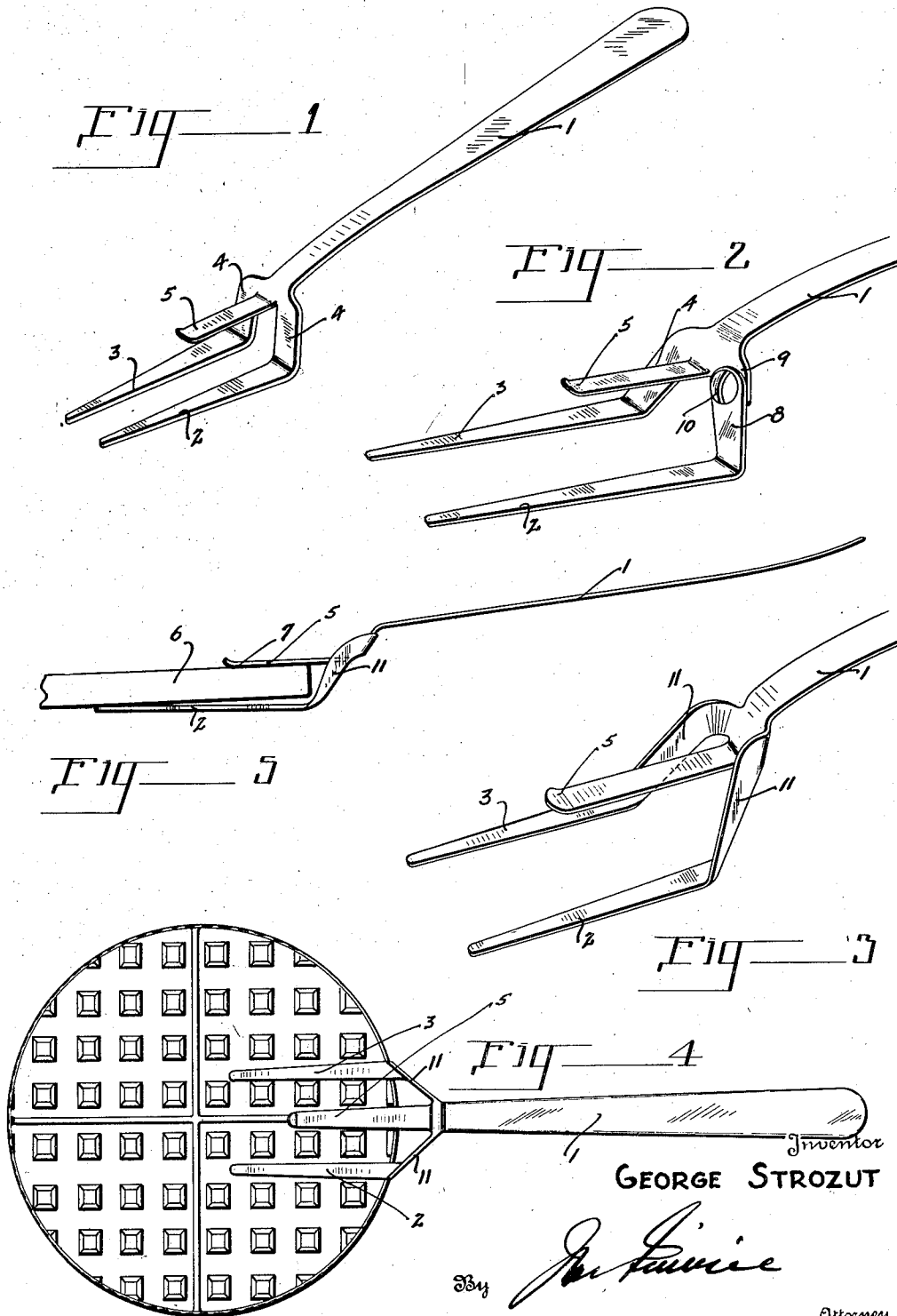
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This invention relates to lifting forks and is particularly adapted for the removing of waffles from waffle irons.

The primary object of the invention is to design a fork whose prongs register with the grooves of the waffle iron for loosening the waffle from said grooves.

Another object of the invention is to provide a waffle lifter having means for holding the waffle upon the lifter while transferring the waffle from the waffle iron to the serving platter.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a waffle lifter that can be easily adapted to any style of waffle iron.

Another object of this invention is to provide a lifting tool than can be used for lifting hot dishes, in fact, the lifting of any item where personal contact by hands is not desirable.

These and other incidental objects will be apparent in the following specification and drawing. Referring to the drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective plan view of one of my new and improved lifters.

Figure 2 is a fragmentary perspective plan view of another preferred type of lifter.

Figure 3 is a perspective plan view of still another type of lifter.

Figure 4 is a plan view of the lifter illustrated in Figure 3 shown in relation to the waffle iron.

Figure 5 is a side elevation of Figures 3 and 4, illustrating the method of lifting the object intended to be lifted.

In the drawing:

1 is the handle of the lifting tool, having prongs 2 and 3 for lifting purposes. The prongs 2 and 3 are so designed as to straddle the raised portions of the waffle iron passing underneath of the waffle at the bottom of the grooves loosening the same from the iron previous to lifting the waffle from the iron. The prongs 2 and 3 are bent upwardly at 4 which portions are integral with the handle 1. An extension guide 5 extends forward from the handle as illustrated. This extension is for the purpose of resting upon the top of the waffle 6 or object to be lifted, as illustrated in Figure 5 at 7.

Referring to Figure 2, I have shown the prongs 2 and 3 spread further apart and made adjustable as to their width to accommodate waffle irons of different designs. The upwardly extending leg 8 of prong 2 is pivotally mounted and locked to the portion 9 of the handle 1 by the locking screw 10 permitting of the different adjustments.

Figure 3 shows another preferred type of embodiment wherein the upwardly extending legs 11 are twisted so that their flat sides line up more or less with the handle 1 and the prong 2. This type of construction affords greater lifting strength at the same time permitting the bending in or out or changing the distance between the prongs, so as to accommodate the lifter to the different spacings of the grooves contained within waffle irons of different designs.

One of the main features that I wish to stress is the adaptability of the lifting prongs to accommodate the lifter to the waffle irons of different designs.

I do not wish to be limited to this particular form of construction as other forms of embodiment may be used still coming within the scope of the claims to follow.

What is claimed to be new is:

1. A lifting implement for separating and lifting waffles from waffle irons, comprising a fork-like structure having upper and lower sets of prongs, the prongs being spaced vertically in substantial accordance with the thickness of the waffle to be lifted and the lower set of prongs being spaced horizontally to permit the prongs to be moved between the waffle and waffle iron in line with the channels in said iron.

2. A lifting implement for the purpose described, comprising a fork-like structure having a lower set of spaced prongs and an upper prong, the lower and upper prongs being spaced apart substantially commensurate with the thickness of the waffle to be lifted and one of the lower prongs being adjustable relative to the other for adjustment of the space between the lower prongs to accommodate said prongs to the grooves in the waffle iron, whereby the lower prongs may be moved longitudinally of said waffle grooves beneath the waffle.

3. A waffle lifter including a handle, depending spaced sections at one end of the handle, forwardly extending prongs at the lower end of each of the depending sections, and an upper prong projecting forwardly from approximately the juncture of the handle and depending sections, and means for movably connecting one of the lower prongs to its depending section to provide for adjustment between the lower prongs.

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