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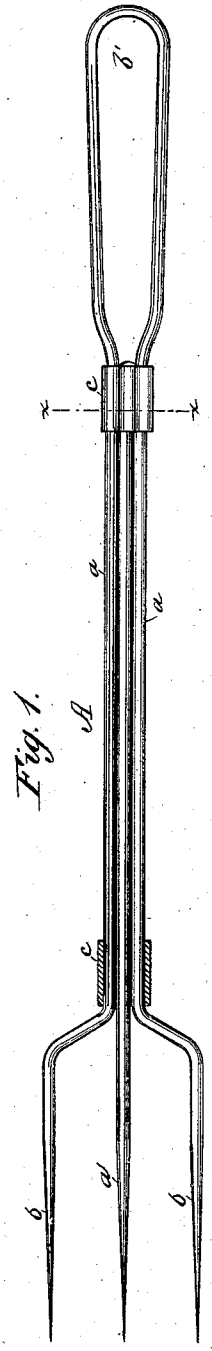


Fig. 1.

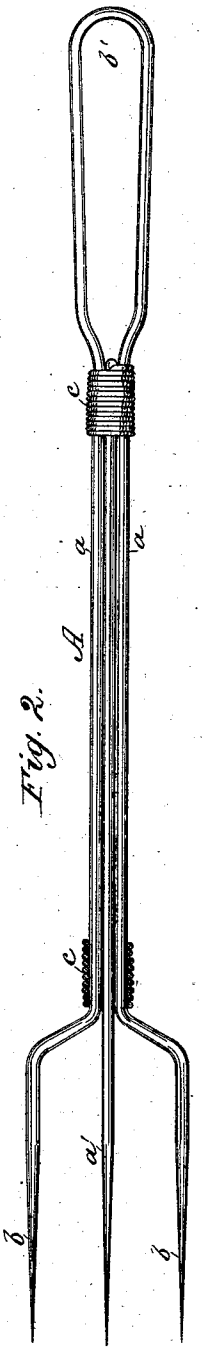


Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM A. REDDICK, of Niles, in the county of Berrien and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Flesh-Forks, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the annexed drawings, forming part of this specification.

My invention consists of a wire fork constructed in the manner hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved wire fork. Fig. 2 is a similar view, showing a wire ferrule; and Fig. 3 is a cross-section on line *x x*, Fig. 1.

The fork A is formed of two pieces of wire, *a a'*, the piece *a* being doubled upon itself to form two tines, *b*, and a loop, *b'*, at the end to form a handle, and the piece *a'* being placed between the tines *b* and extending to the lower end of the loop *b'*. The pieces are secured together by means of two ferrules, *c*, made of wire or flat thin iron, stamped or soldered upon the wires in such manner as to hold the wires close together at the central portion of the fork. When thus constructed the fork is tinned.

Any desired number of tines may be provided by increasing the number of pieces and securing them together in the manner above described, the essential feature of the invention being the placing the pieces of wire together in contact with each other at the central portion of the fork and securing them by means of the ferrules. With this construction any desirable degree of strength may be given to the handle without using any other material than the wire.

I am aware that wire has before been used in the construction of forks in combination with a solid handle, around which the wire is secured. It will be seen, however, that my fork is cheaper in construction, and that the handle can be made strong enough for any practical purpose.

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

1. In a flesh-fork, the combination, with the wire *a*, doubled upon itself to form a handle and two tines, of the wire *a'*, arranged between the parallel parts of the wire *a* to form an intermediate tine and a part of the handle, said parts being tinned together and bound by ferrules, substantially as shown and described.

2. In a flesh-fork, the combination, with the wires *a a'*, arranged to form the handle and tines of the fork, of the ferrules *c*, made of wire wrapped around said parts in such manner as to be self-binding, substantially as shown and described.

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