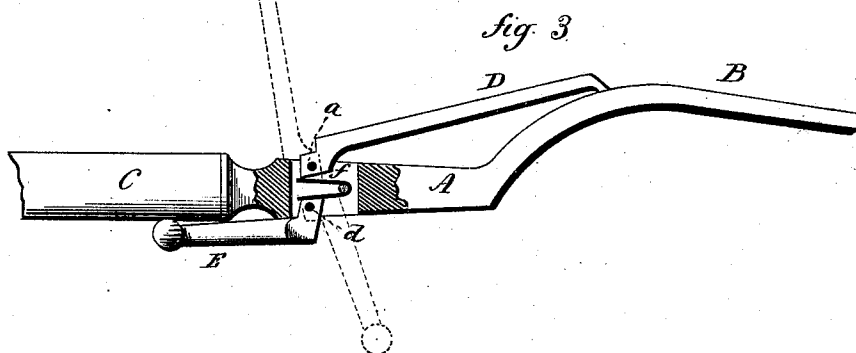
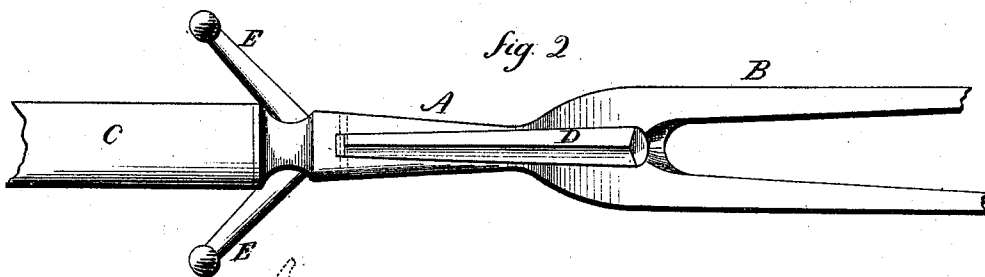
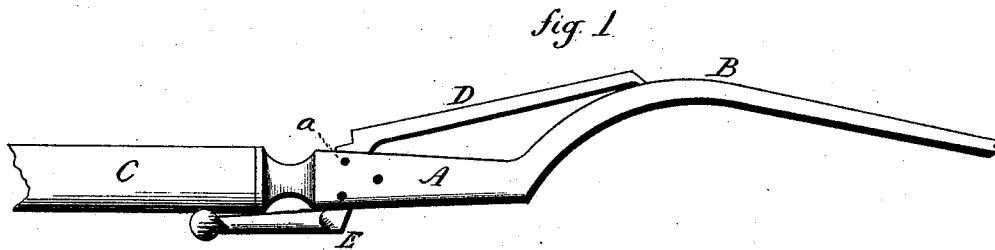


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IMPROVEMENT IN CARVING-FORKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT H. NORTH, of New Britain, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Carving-Forks; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a side view; Fig. 2, a top view; and in Fig. 3, a longitudinal section.

This invention relates to an improvement in carving-forks, especially to that class which are provided with a guard and a rest to support the fork.

In the usual construction of this class of forks the guard and rest have been made in one and the same piece, or so combined that one operates the other; hence, when the fork was at rest, the guard would necessarily be up—a serious objection on the table.

The object of this invention is to provide a fork with both a guard and rest which shall be entirely independent of each other; and the invention consists, principally, in a rest hung in the shank of a fork independent of the guard, as more fully hereinafter described.

A is the shank, B the tines, and C the handle, of a carving-fork, all of substantially the

usual form; D, the guard, which is also of the usual form, and hung in the shank on a pivot, *a*, so as to be closed upon the tines, or opened to the position of guard, and held in either position by a spring, as in the usual construction.

In the shank of the fork a rest, E, preferably divided into two prongs, is arranged, hung upon a pivot, *d*, and so as to be turned to the position of rest, as indicated in broken lines, Fig. 3, or turned up upon the handle, as shown in the drawings.

A spring is provided to hold this rest in its two positions. Preferably, a U-shaped spring, *f*, is introduced into the shank between the ends of the guard and the rest, so that the single spring serves for both parts.

1 claim—

1. The combination, in a carving-fork, of the swinging guard and the swinging rest, independent each of the other, substantially as described.

2. The combination, in a carving-fork, of the swinging guard and the swinging rest, independent each of the other, and a U-shaped spring between the two, substantially as set forth.

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