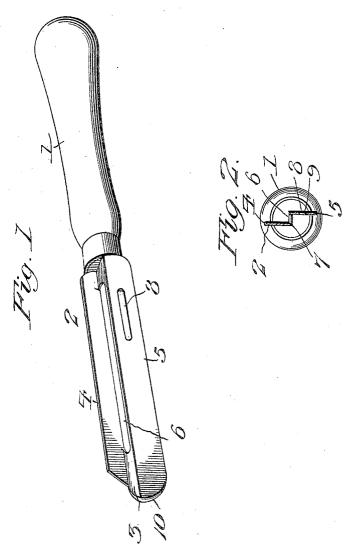
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## PARING DEVICE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM A. McCorмаск, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bloomington, in the county of McLean 5 and State of Illinois, have invented new and useful Improvements in Paring Devices, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to an improvement in vegetable parers and slicers and is arranged 10 for convenient ready use for the purpose de-

signed.

The main object of the present invention resides in the production of a device of the character described having an operating-15 blade constructed of a single piece of material arranged and adapted for the ready paring and slicing of vegetables, fruits, or the

The preferred details of structure of my in-20 vention will be described in detail in the following specification, reference being had particularly to the drawings, in which-

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved parer and slicer constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a transverse section on line 2 2 of Fig. 1.

Referring to the drawings, wherein like numerals of reference designate like parts throughout both the views, my improved 30 parer and slicer comprises a handle 1, to which is secured the operating-blade 2. The blade 2 is made of a single strip of material bent to provide a central web 3 and blades 4 and 5, projecting in opposite directions and in 35 parallel planes from the respective side edges of the central web 3. By preference the blade 4, which forms the slicing-blade, is of slightly less vertical dimension than the blade 5, which forms the paring-blade, and the former terminates slightly in rear of the forward free edge of the central web 3, the blade 5 terminating coincidently with said end.

The web 3 is provided with an elongated

slot 6, slightly less in length than the length 45 of said web and including practically the full width of the web. By this construction the edge of the blade 4 adjacent the web is free for the greater portion of its length, as clearly shown in the drawings, and this edge is sharpened, as at 7, to provide for slicing vegetables, as hereinafter described.

The blade 5 is formed adjacent the handle 1 with a narrow elongated slot 8, said slot being arranged longitudinally of the blade and 55 about midway its height, being of a length to include a desirable paring width. The lower

wall of this slot is sharpened, as at 9, to pro-

vide a paring edge.

The free end of the web and also the contiguous end of the blade 5 are rounded, as at 60 10, and sharpened, providing an angular construction to serve in removing eyes from potatoes.

The central web 3 is terminally projected beyond the rear end of the blades 4 and 5 and 65 serves as a medium for connecting the plate as a whole to the handle 1.

The construction described provides blades extending in opposite directions and in offset planes from a central web 3, preferably ar- 70 ranged transversely of the handle.

In use for paring the blade 5 is brought into contact with an article and passed therearound. The cutting edge 9 of the slot 8 serves to pare a thin layer from the article, 75 which passes as it is severed through the slot to the rear of the blade 5. In using the device as a slicer the cutting edge 7 of the blade 4 is brought into operation, slicing the material in layers equal in thickness to the width 80 of the web 3.

It is obvious that the web 3 may be made of any desired width whereby to limit the thickness of the slices cut in the use of the device and that, if preferred, the lower wall or 85 cutting edge of the slot 8 may be slightly offset from the upper edge to provide for an increased thickness of paring.

It will be noted that the device as a whole is constructed of a single strip of material 90 suitably bent and shaped and when constructed as described is efficient for paring and slicing vegetables, fruits, or the like.

Having now described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Let- 95

ters Patent, is-

1. A parer and slicer comprising a central web, and blades projected in parallel planes from the opposite edges of said web, said blades extending longitudinally of the web.

2. A parer and slicer comprising a paringblade, a slicing-blade extending in a plane parallel with the paring-blade, and a web extending longitudinally of the blades and arranged at a right angle thereto.

3. A parer and slicer comprising blades arranged in parallel offset planes, a web extending longitudinally of the blades and joining the opposite edges thereof, one of the blades being formed with an elongated slot 110 having one of its walls sharpened.

4. A parer and slicer comprising blades ar-

ranged in parallel and offset planes, a web extending longitudinally of and joining said blades, and arranged at right angles thereto, said web being cut away for a portion of its length to free the edge of one of said blades, the other of said blades being formed with a longitudinally-arranged slot having one wall sharpened.

5. A parer and slicer comprising a paring-10 blade and a slicing-blade arranged in parallel

offset planes, a web extending longitudinally of and joining said blades, the free end of said web and the adjacent end of one of the blades being sharpened.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature 15 in presence of two witnesses.

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