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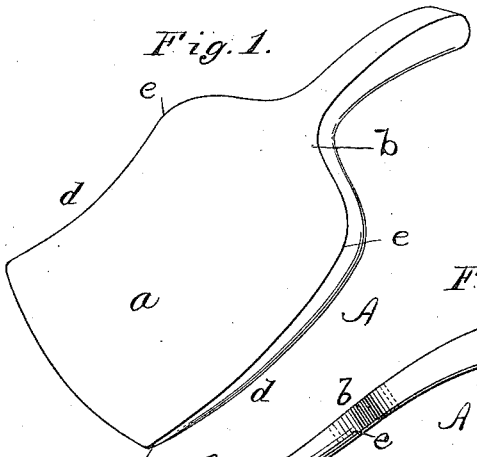

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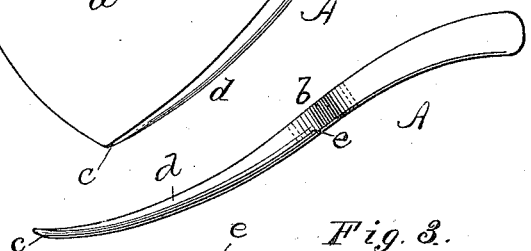

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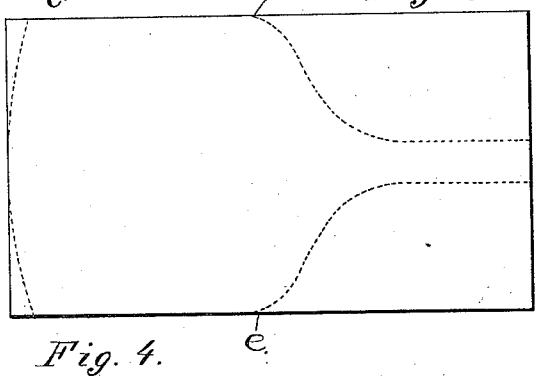

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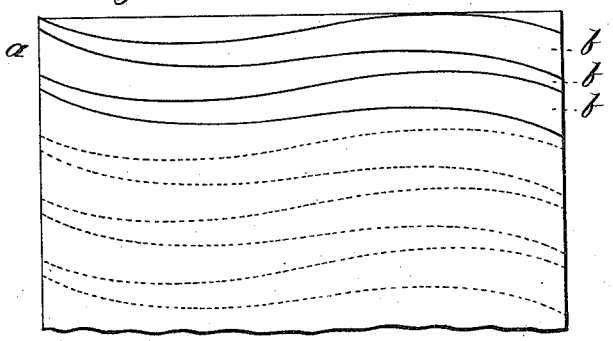

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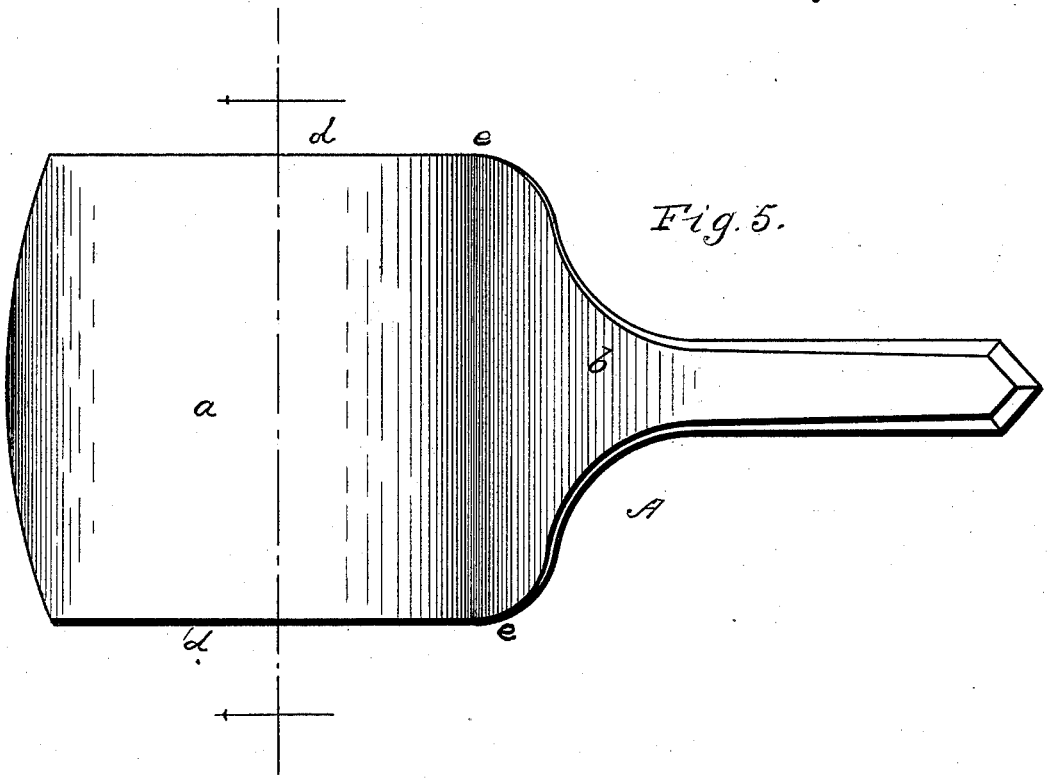

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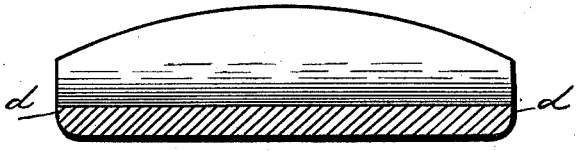

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BUTTER-LADLE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, F. W. ANDERSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at West Burlington, in the county of Otsego and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wooden Butter-Ladles; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of this invention, and is a perspective view of a finished ladle. Fig. 2 is a side view of the same. Fig. 3 is a plan view of a blank. Fig. 4 is a view showing the block of wood with the blanks partly sawed off, but not removed. Fig. 5 is a plan view; and Fig. 6 is a transverse sectional view taken on the lines *x x* of Fig. 5.

The object of this invention is to provide a butter-ladle in which there will be little or no waste in manufacture, and one which can be easily and effectively manipulated in removing the butter from the edges and corners of a churn or butter-worker without at the same time removing the buttermilk. To accomplish these objects I have produced the ladle shown in the accompanying drawings, which is constructed according to my invention.

In the said drawings, A indicates the ladle, which is formed from a single piece of wood, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 3. The blade *a* is slightly concave on its front and convex on its back side longitudinally from the base *b* of the handle to the forward edge of the blade; and the said forward edge is provided with an under transverse bevel, *c*, which extends the entire width of the blade from the rear side to the face. The handle from its junction with the blade extends rearwardly in a reverse curve, and is of much greater thickness than the blade. The handle may be suitably beveled for a comfortable grasp in manipulating it. The side edges, *d*, of the blade are straight from the points *e* to the forward beveled edge, *c*, where they join it in a somewhat obtuse angle. By this construction the blade may be brought closely into the corners and walls of a butter-worker churn or tub to thoroughly remove their contents. The blade of the ladle, while being concave on its upper face longitudinally from the base of the handle to the forward edge, is perfectly straight and plain transversely its entire width, or from *d* to *d*. By this construction it will be perceived that no buttermilk will be permitted to remain on the blade in removing butter from a churn. The straight side edges, *d*, are also beveled from the back side to the face in a similar manner to the forward edge, so that the device may be manipulated from the sides equally well as from the front. It will also be seen that by making the blade portion straight transversely butter may be more quickly removed from the side walls of a butter-worker tub or churn, as the ladle in its passage has an engagement nearly its entire width.

I am aware that ladles have been made of a single piece of wood having their blades bowl-shaped, and that others have been made of wood having their blades straight or plain, both longitudinally and transversely; but a ladle of either of these constructions would not accomplish the objects of my invention, as before specifically described.

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

As an improved article of manufacture, the butter-ladle herein described and shown, formed from a single piece of wood, having the blade portion *a* convex on its back and concave on its face longitudinally from the base *b* of the handle to the forward beveled edge, *c*, which edge is transversely under-beveled, the blade being perfectly plain on its back and face transversely its entire width, and provided with plain under-beveled straight sides *d d*, and the reversely-curved, thickened, and beveled handle, substantially as specified.

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

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