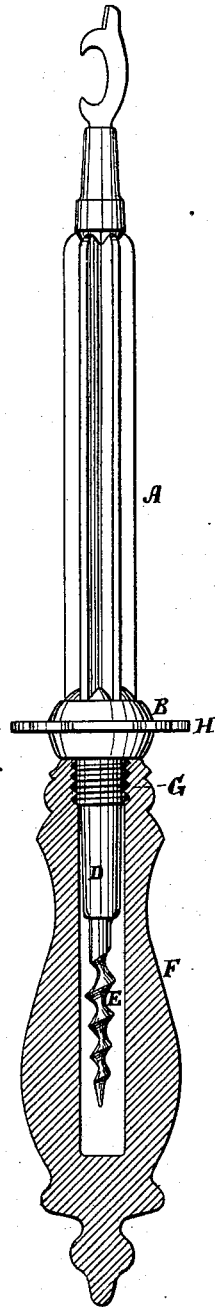


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IMPROVEMENT IN TABLE IMPLEMENTS.

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CASE A.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OWEN W. TAFT, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Table-Cutlery, of which the following is a specification:

The invention relates to an improved and highly useful article of cutlery for table use; and consists of the following parts: a steel or knife-sharpener, provided with a corkscrew, permanently attached to its bolster; also, a guard, which answers as a "pull" or handle for the corkscrew; and a hollow handle, which is adapted for detachable screw connection with the bolster, as hereinafter set forth.

The drawing represents, in sectional elevation, a steel, A, for table use, having a bolster, B, with a shank, D, and a corkscrew, E, formed thereon; also, a hollow handle, F, which is detachably connected to the bolster by a screw-thread, as shown at G. H is the circular guard of the steel, which answers as a holder or handle when the corkscrew is used in drawing corks.

By this construction and conjunction of parts the steel may be held by the handle F, and used in the ordinary manner, the handle thus concealing and protecting the corkscrew; but when the handle is removed the body of the steel becomes itself the handle, by which the corkscrew is held and manipulated. Thus each of the parts or elements—to wit, the steel proper, the handle, and the corkscrew—has a peculiar and necessary relation in practical use.

What I claim is—

The steel A, the guard H, and the corkscrew E, permanently united to the bolster B, and the hollow handle F, screw-threaded at its open end, to adapt it for detachable connection with the bolster, all as shown and described, for the purpose specified.

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