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KNIFE AND FORK CLEANER.

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Fig. 1

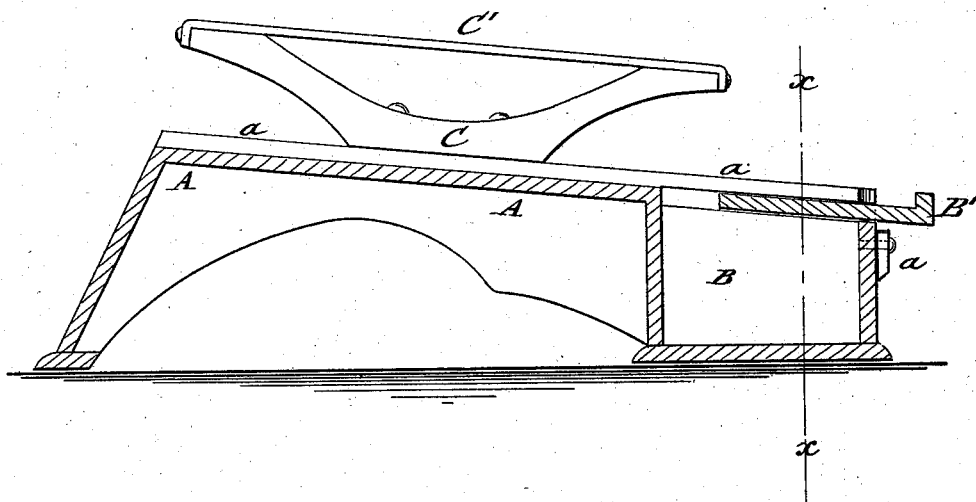


Fig. 2

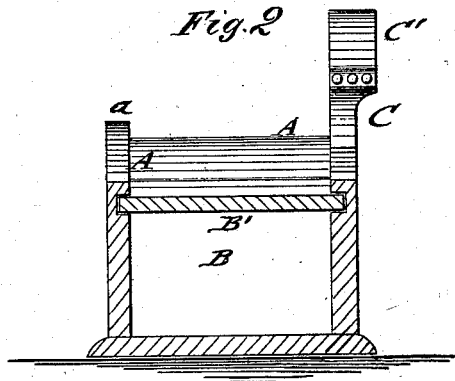
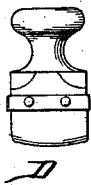


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN KNIFE AND FORK CLEANERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT E. VAN HORN, of Sebewaing, in the county of Huron and State of Michigan, have invented a new and Improved Knife and Fork Cleaner, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents a vertical longitudinal section of my improved knife and fork cleaner. Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse section of the same, on line *x x*, Fig. 1, and Fig. 3 is a detail side view of the cleaning-block.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to furnish a neat and convenient device for the purpose of cleaning knives and forks in quick manner and with less labor than with the present devices; and the invention consists of an inclined scouring-table with side rims, having a till or receptacle at the lower end for the scouring-powder. A leather strap is stretched on a fork-shaped support for facilitating the cleaning of the forks.

In the drawing, A represents an inclined scouring-table, of wood, cast metal, or other material, which is provided with side rims *a*, to convey in connection with the inclined face of the table, the pulverized brick or other polishing-powder back into the till B at the lower end of the table.

The till B is closed by a sliding lid, B', that is retained in closed position by a pivoted button, *a*. The knives are placed on the scouring-table and cleaned by means of a scouring-block, D, (shown in Fig. 3,) that is

covered with felt or other suitable material, by which the required quantity of polishing-powder is readily brought onto the knives or forks.

To the side of the table A is attached, by fastening screws or otherwise, a fork-shaped support, C, to the ends of which is fastened a stretched leather strap, C', that is placed between the tines of the fork, so as to readily clean the same when passing them forward and backward thereon.

The powder is placed on the strap, and thereby the inner sides of the tines polished with great facility, while the outside of the same and the knives are polished on the scouring-table.

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

1. A knife and fork cleaner, composed of an inclined scouring-table, with side rims and till or receptacle at the lower end for the polishing-powder, and with a fork-shaped support or carrier for a fork-cleaning leather strap attached to the table, substantially in the manner described, and for the purpose herein specified.

2. A knife and fork cleaner, having an inclined scouring-table, with side rims and powder receptacle or till at the lower end, closed or opened by a sliding lid, substantially as herein specified.

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