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IMPROVEMENT IN ENAMEL-COATED KNIFE AND FORK HANDLES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THEODORE S. RANSOM, of Somerville, county of Middlesex, State of Massachusetts, have invented a new article of manufacture; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full and clear description of the improvement, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it.

My improvement consists in applying to the metallic handles of table knives and forks an enamel coating, by means of the composition as described in the Letters Patent assigned to the American Enamel Company, of Providence, Rhode Island, Nos. 63,428, April 2, and 67,679, August 13, 1867. The composition of the enamel and the mode of applying it, being fully set forth in the above-named patents, need not be further described.

By means of this enamel I am enabled to

produce articles of beautiful appearance, which are durable and will retain their brilliancy in use, are not corroded by heat or cold or dampness, but will withstand boiling water, and are not affected by acids or alkalis.

The object of my invention is to produce articles not only ornamental, but to preserve them from the defects that are soon apparent in those things subjected to constant usage.

I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The new manufacture herein described—knives and forks with metallic handles coated with the enamel herein specified, all substantially as set forth.

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