

DESIGN.

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Shanks of Table-Forks.

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Fig. 1.

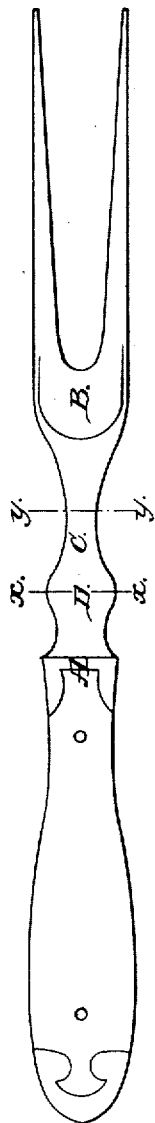


Fig. 2.



Fig. 4.



Fig. 3.



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## DESIGN FOR THE SHANKS OF TABLE-FORKS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH W. GARDNER, of Shelburne, in the county of Franklin and State of Massachusetts, have invented and produced a new and original Design for the Shanks of Forks, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a back view of a fork of which the shank has the form of my design. Fig. 2 is a side view of a portion of a fork of which the shank has the form of my design. Fig. 3 is a vertical section taken through the line *xx* of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a vertical section taken through the line *yy* of Fig. 1.

Fig. 1 shows a fork, of which A is the bolster, B is the bosom, and C is the shank, on which is the globe D—a part of my design. In this application the term shank refers to that portion of the fork which is between the bolster A and the bosom B, although in some cases the part between the globe D and the bolster A is called the neck.

Forks have been made having a swell commencing at the place of the globe D, which changed between said place and the enlargement at the junction of the shank with the bosom into a shape of which a vertical sec-

tion would be oval or polygonal, while, in my design, a section taken between said points is circular. In my design, also, the line of configuration between said globe and said enlargement curves inward, while, ordinarily, said line is straight. Furthermore, the globe has a much greater diameter in proportion to the diameter of the other parts of the shank than is given to the swell, taking a form substantially globular, with the curves of configuration nearly alike on each side of a section passing through the center of said globe D.

This invention is shown on a carving-fork in the drawing; but the inventor does not confine himself to that class of forks, the same being applicable to forks having more than two tines.

The nature of my design is fully represented in the accompanying drawing.

What I claim, and for which I pray for Letters Patent, is—

The design for the shank of a fork, as shown and described.

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In presence of—  
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