

DESIGN.

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FORK AND SPOON HANDLE.

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Fig. 2.

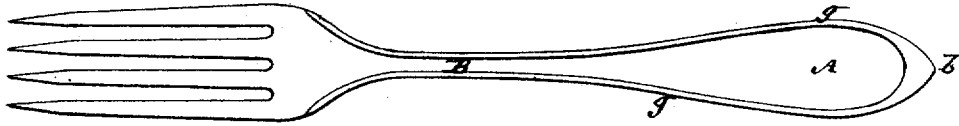


Fig. 4.



Fig. 3.

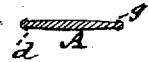
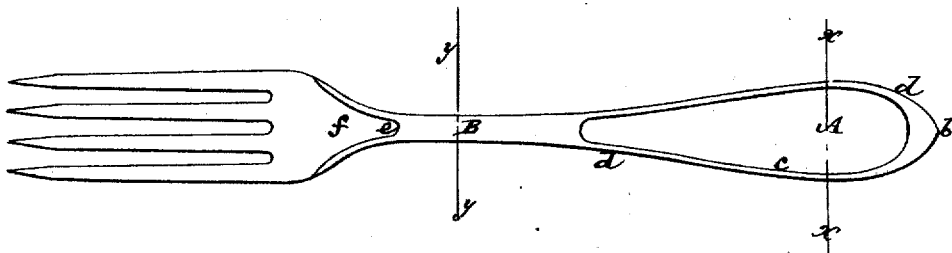


Fig. 1.



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DESIGN FOR FORK AND SPOON HANDLES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LE ROY S. WHITE, of Waterbury, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented an Improved Design for the Handles of Forks, Spoons, and similar articles, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, making part of this specification.

The nature of my design, which is applicable to forks, spoons, ladles, butter-knives, and other similar articles of hand use for table purposes, is fully represented in the accompanying drawing, to which reference is made.

Figure 1 represents a back view of a fork, made in accordance with my improved design; Fig. 2, a face view of the same, and Figs. 3 and 4 are transverse sections on the lines $x x$ and $y y$, respectively.

The longitudinal outline of the handle on its face and back, as illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawing, presents a convex form along either edge at the enlarged portion A, terminating in a pointed extremity, b , at the tip or outer end of the handle, and from the enlarged portion A to the shank B, said longitudinal outline is that of a slightly concave taper, contracting inwardly toward the shank, whence the profile widens in concave form toward the body or bowl of the fork, spoon, or other article of table-ware. The side or edge view of the article is also curved, but this forms no part of my improved design.

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of my improved design, the leading feature of which consists in its presenting the appearance of a plain handle enveloped in a sheath open continuously down the front of the handle and a portion of the body or bowl of the spoon or other article, the edges of the apparent sheath forming a border around the edge of the handle. The rear of the handle presents the sheath with openings showing the apparently-closed handle, the back of the handle within the circumscribing line c being sunk. Near where the stem B unites with the broad part of the fork, from which the tines spring, the surface is depressed within the hollow of the curved line e , causing the forward end of the back of the handle to present the appearance of passing out through the edges of the opening of the sheath—the edges being continued along the shoulder of the fork in bold relief. This exposes a portion, f , of the back of the handle, which is also plain. The stem B, as shown in Fig. 4, is of a rounded transverse section, having approximately flattened sides. The transverse contour of the enlarged portion A of the handle presents, as represented in Fig. 3, reverse convex surfaces, terminating at their ends in the raised portion d of the back of the handle and in the thread or raised border g of the face of the handle.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A design for the handles of forks, spoons, and similar articles, presenting the appearance on the face of a plain handle enveloped in a sheath open continuously down the front, the edges of said apparent sheath forming a border around the edge of the handle, on its face, the back, at its enlarged portion, presenting the appearance of a plain handle enveloped in a sheath and exposed through openings in the latter, substantially as described.

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