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COMPLETE SPECIFICATION.

An Improved Combined Device for Cutting Food and Lifting it to the Mouth.

I, ADOLPH WOERNLE, of No. 33 Sheridan Street, Jamaica Plain, in the City of Boston, County of Suffolk, and State of Massachusetts, United States of America, Caterer, do hereby declare the nature of this invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed, to be particularly described and ascertained in and by the following statement:

This invention has for its object to provide a food lifting or manipulating device such as a table fork, with cutters for severing from a portion of food a piece of suitable size for insertion in the mouth, the piece being left on the fork so that it may be lifted directly to the mouth after being severed.

10 The invention consists in the improved device which I will now proceed to describe and claim.

Of the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification,—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a device embodying my invention, the cutters being open.

15 Figure 2 represents a top plan view of the same.

Figure 3 represents a section on line 3—3 of Figure 2, the cutters being open.

Figure 4 represents a view similar to Figure 3, the cutters being closed.

The same letters of reference indicate the same parts in all the figures.

20 In the drawings, 5 represents a handle which supports a lifter preferably composed of fork tines 6 6 6 7. The tine 7 at one edge of the fork is formed as a shear blade, the junction of its upper and outer sides forming a shearing edge or angle 8. A handle 9 is pivoted at 10 to the handle 5, and is provided with a shear blade 12 adapted to co-operate with the shear blade 7 in severing a piece or fragment from a portion of food. The severed piece is supported by the lifter and can be conveniently transferred thereby to the mouth. The shear blades 7 and 12 are preferably made quite slender so that when closed, they may be inserted in the mouth as a part of the lifter, without inconvenience.

25 My invention enables a cutter and lifter to be held by one hand as a single article instead of requiring the use of both hands, as is the case when the ordinary knife and fork are employed.

The device may be employed for cutting pie, meat and other food into pieces, and lifting the pieces from the plate. When so used the lifter need not be subdivided into fork tines.

35 Having now particularly described and ascertained the nature of my said invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed, I declare that what I claim is:

1. An implement of the character described, comprising a lifter having at one edge a shear blade affixed to the lifter, the said lifter having also a handle, and a complementary shear blade having a handle and pivoted to the lifter, the said blades being adapted to co-operate in severing a fragment from a mass, and depositing said fragment on the lifter at one side of the shear blades.

2. An implement of the character described, comprising a fork having one

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of its edge tines formed as a shear blade, and a complemental handled shear blade, pivoted to the fork handle, and adapted to co-operate with the said edge tine in severing a fragment from a mass and depositing said fragment on the other tines, the said shear blades being attenuated so that when closed they may be inserted in the mouth of the user.

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Fig. 1.

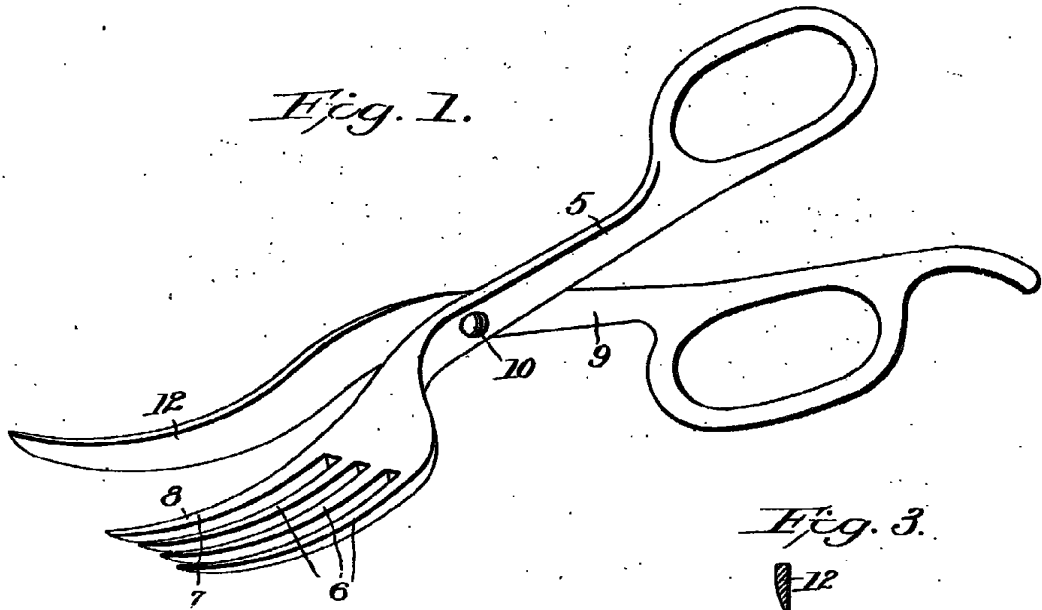


Fig. 2.

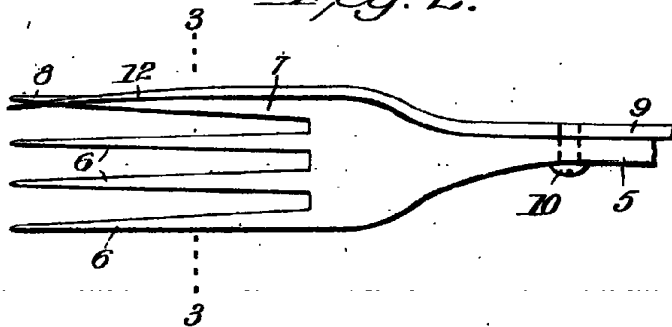


Fig. 3.

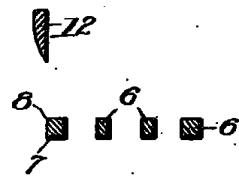


Fig. 4.



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