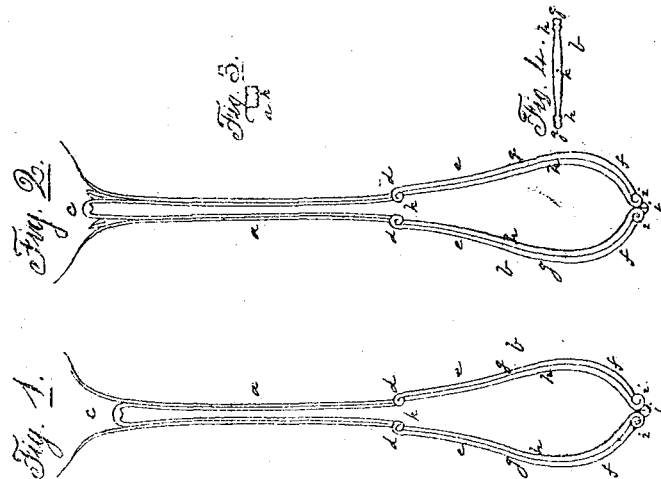


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SPOON AND FORK HANDLE.

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Be it known that we, John Gorham, Gorham Thurber and Lewis Dexter Jr. of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, have invented and produced a new design for the handles of Table spoons and Forks, and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification; in which

Fig. 1. is a plan of the upper surface; and

Fig. 2. a like view of the under surface.

Figs. 3 and 4. are cross sections taken at the narrowest and at the widest part of the handle, and

In figs. 1 and 2, of the accompanying drawings *a*, represents the stem of the handle either of a spoon or fork, and *b*, the enlarged end thereof. The stem is gradually, but slightly increased in width from about the middle of its length towards each end, the swell being more sudden at *c*, where it joins the bowl of the fork. At the rear extremity of the stem, where the enlarged part *b*, commences, it spreads out on each side with a rounded shoulder *d. d.* and then gradually spreads out in concave lines, as at *e. e.* these lines gradually becoming convex to the widest part where they run back and inwards, as at *f. f.* finally uniting to form a nearly semi-circular end. Along each edge there is a small rounded moulding *g. g.* and just within this a second moulding *h. h.* and at the shoulders *d. d.* these mouldings that look like wires are united by two rosettes having somewhat the appearance produced by twisting together the ends of wires to unite them.

And at the rear end the two sets of mouldings from each side, are turned into a rosette, the two rosettes as at *i. i.* coming in contact in the middle of the width of the handle, a small rounded tip *j.* making the central finish. Between the two inner mouldings the surface is swelled as at *k.* figures 3 and 4, this swell being gradually flattened towards the widest part of the handle.

What we claim as new and desire to secure by letters patent is the design herein specified for the handles of spoons and forks, as set forth and represented.

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