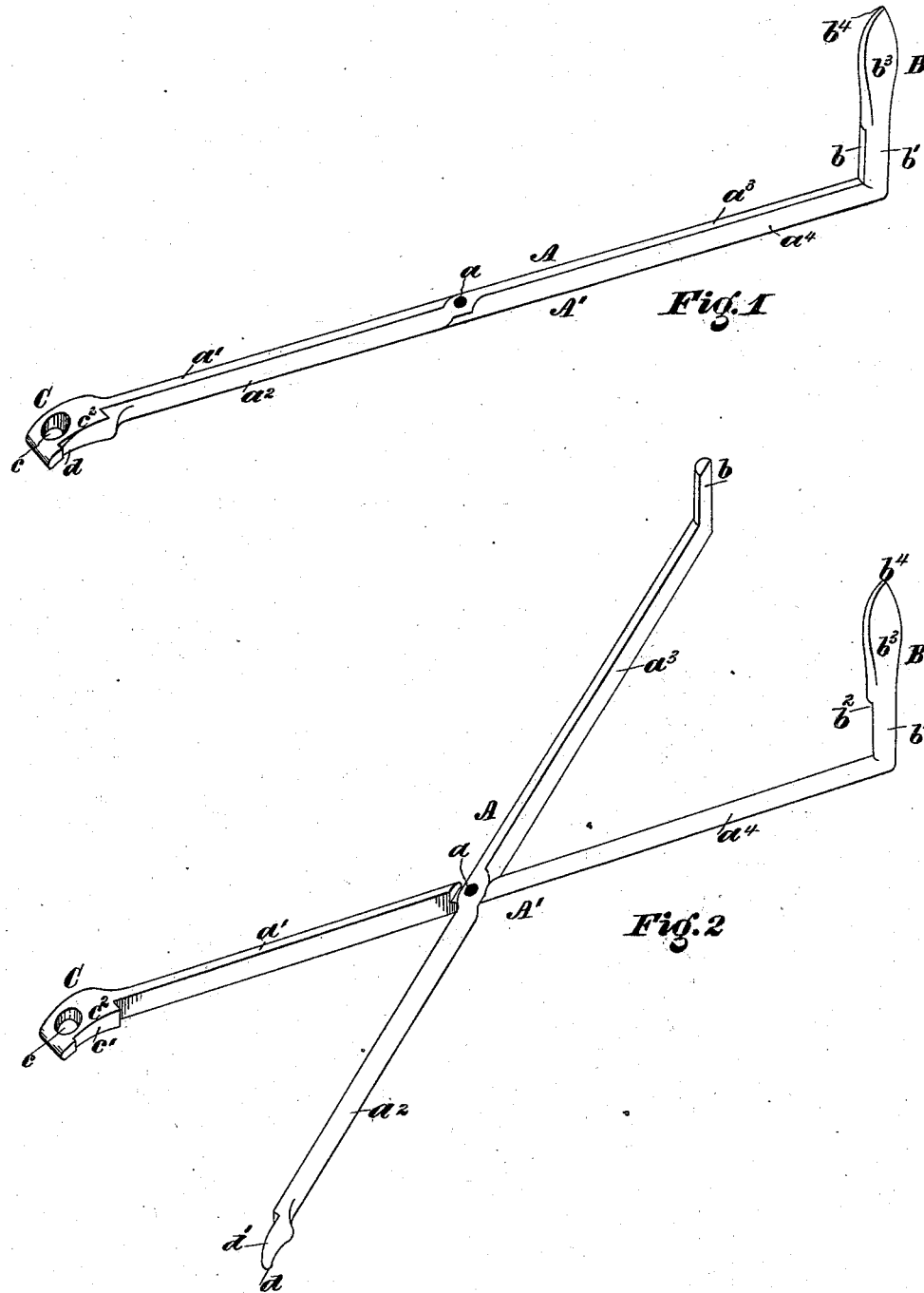


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IMPROVEMENT IN COMBINED KITCHEN UTENSILS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PETER E. BIRD, of Jenkintown, in the county of Montgomery and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Kitchen Utensils; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification, in which—

Figures 1 and 2 are perspectives of my improved kitchen utensil, the former illustrating the same closed, and the latter distended.

My invention has for its object to provide a utensil combining in itself the properties of several implements; and my improvement consists in the construction of the device hereinafter described, wherein are found poker, tongs, stove-lid lifter, and can-opener.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, A A' indicate two metallic bars, jointed together at *a*, so as to be readily opened or spread apart and closed. The sections *a*¹ *a*² of said bars form the handles, and the sections *a*³ *a*⁴ the jaws, of a pair of tongs. The ends of the jaws are bent, as shown at *b* *b*¹, to form a poker-hook, B.

The end *b*, it will be noted, is shorter than the end *b*¹, and fits in a rabbet, *b*², in the latter. This construction preserves the outer end, *b*³, of the poker-hook of the full usual thick-

ness, thereby preventing the burning away of said end, which results when it is split down to the tip *b*⁴.

The end of the handle *a*¹ is enlarged, as shown, and shaped to form a stove-lid lifter, C, with opening *c*, whereby the tool may be hung on a nail when not in use. Said stove-lid lifter is cut away at *c*¹, or formed with a rabbet, to receive the diminished end of the handle *a*², which is brought to a point, *d*, and formed with an edge, *d*¹, to serve as a can-opener. Said edge *d*¹, when the handles are brought together, is slightly below the surface of the stove-lid lifter, and the shoulder *c*² on the latter protects the point *d*.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. A combined poker and tongs having a hook, B, composed of two bent ends, *b* and *b*¹, of unequal length, and fitted to each other, as shown and described, whereby the outer end of said poker is preserved in its usual thickness, for the purpose set forth.

2. The combination utensil herein described, consisting of poker, tongs, stove-lid lifter, and can-opener, constructed as shown and described, for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 18th day of March, 1879.

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