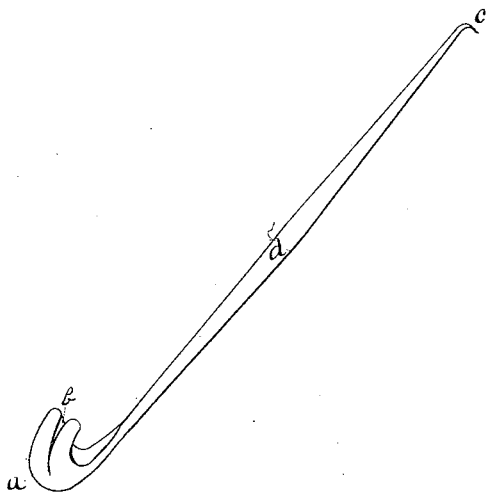


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. WIGMORE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city and county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Surgical Instrument, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to furnish an instrument for caponizing fowls.

10 The accompanying drawing illustrates my improved instrument, which consists of a shank or handle, *d*, one end of which is furnished with a spoon, *a*, having in it a V-shaped slot, *b*, the sides of which are ground to a sharp edge, and the other end of which is furnished with a bent point, *c*.

15 The bent point *c* of the instrument is used to tear away the tissues surrounding the testicle, after which the latter is placed in the

spoon *a*, the tissues by which it is attached to the fowl passing through the V-shaped slot *b*. The spoon is now raised and at the same time turned around, severing the tissues and removing the testicle from the fowl.

Having thus described my invention, I 25 claim—

1. In an instrument for caponizing fowls, the spoon *a*, with V-shaped slot *b*, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

2. The combination, in an instrument for 30 caponizing fowls, of the spoon *a*, with V-shaped slot *b* and shank *d*, having a bent point, *c*, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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