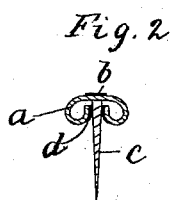
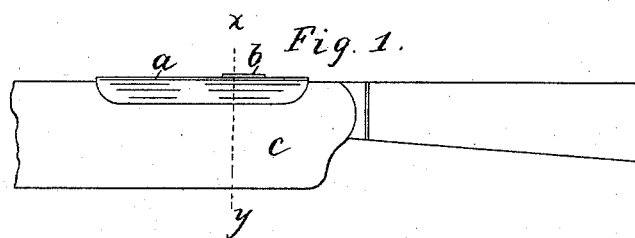


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### *To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN MAY, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, and a resident of Penhurst, London, in the county of Kent, England, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Finger-Guards for Table-Knives, (for which I have obtained a patent in Great Britain, No. 787, dated January 14, 1892,) of which the following is a full, clear, and exact specification.

My invention relates to an improved finger support, rest, or guard for table or other knives and consists of a padded clip of any suitable shape and material padded or cushioned upon the inside and outside bearing surfaces with indiarubber felt or the like.

Referring to the annexed drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation. Fig. 2, section through line *x-y* Fig. 1.

*c* is a knife; *a*, guard; *b*, top piece of indiarubber; *d*, internal pieces of indiarubber.

For example I provide a piece of steel or other material *a* about one inch, more or less long which I bend into a shape so as to clip

the back of the knife *c*. Upon the two inside bearing surfaces of the clip *a*, likewise the top, I provide cushions of indiarubber or felt or other soft material *d* and *b*. The finger it will be understood rests or bears upon the said flat top of the clip *a* on cushion *b* attached to the back of knife *c* and so protects the finger from injury. The clip *a* may be made to form an ornamentation as well as a protection to the finger.

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

In finger guards for knives a clip *a* provided with a cushion *b* and rubber bearing surfaces *d* in combination with the back of the knife, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 30th day of September, 1892.

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