

18th Century Material Culture

Utility & Clasp Knives



Utility Knives



American Hunting / Work Knife found during I-95 Road Work in Philadelphia
Tooled Leather Scabbard Dated "ano 1758"
(Image - Don Troiani)



Wood & Steel Knife
18th Century
(Rochester Museum)

FRENCH



ENGLISH



Steel Knife Blades Excavated at Fort Ligonier
18th Century
(Rochester Museum)



"The Poulterer"
by Frans van Mieris the Younger 1743
(Sotheby's)



Spanish Knife Details: Still Life with Figs & Bread / Still Life of Cucumbers
Luis Melendez (Spain) c. 1770



Still Life with Bread, Butter and Cheese
by George Smith 1754



Spanish Knife Detail: Still Life with Rabbit
by Anne Vallayer-Coster (1744 - 1818)



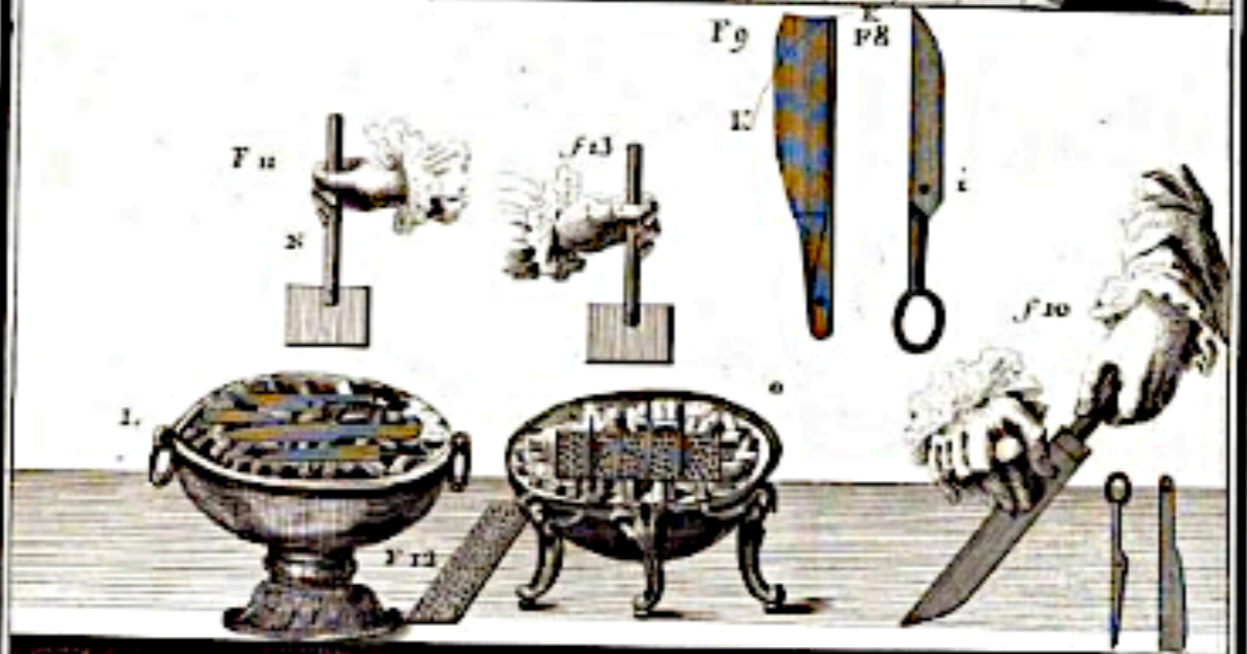
Spanish Knife Detail: Still Life with Stag Beetle
by George Flegel 1635

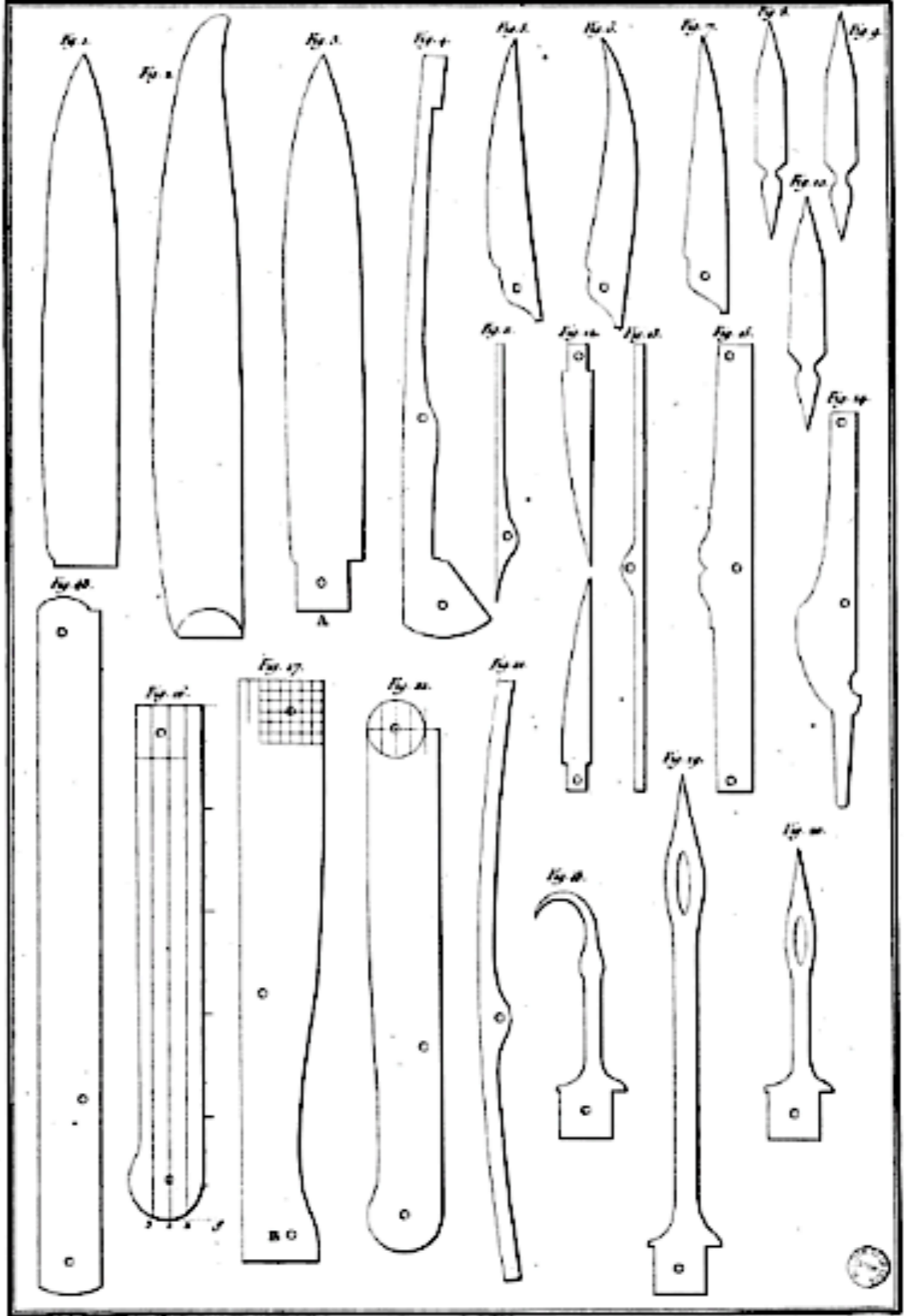


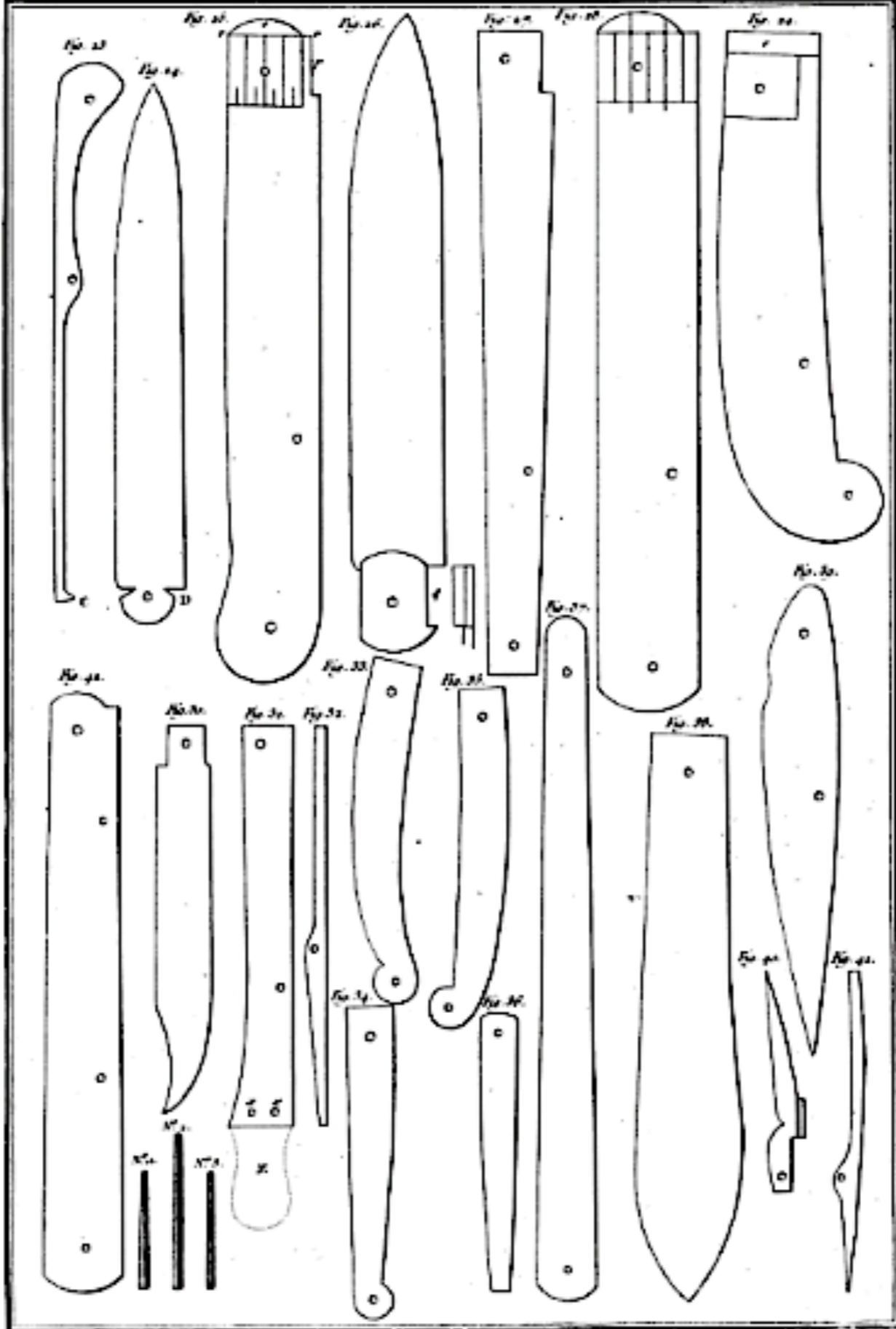
“The Dutch Cook Maid”
by James Watson after Gabriel Metsu c. 1740 - 1790
(The British Museum)

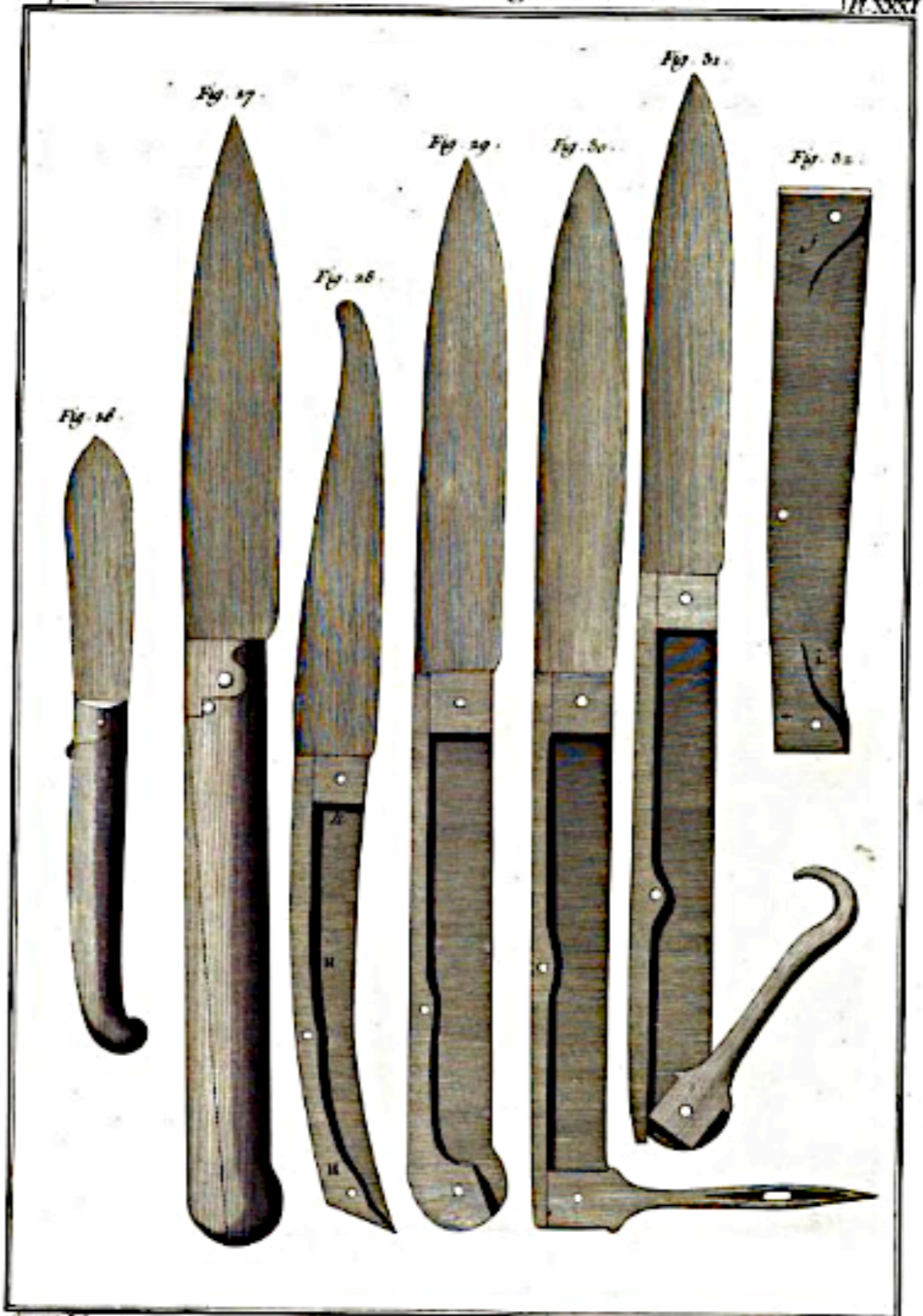
“L'Art du Coutelier”
Jean Jacques Perret

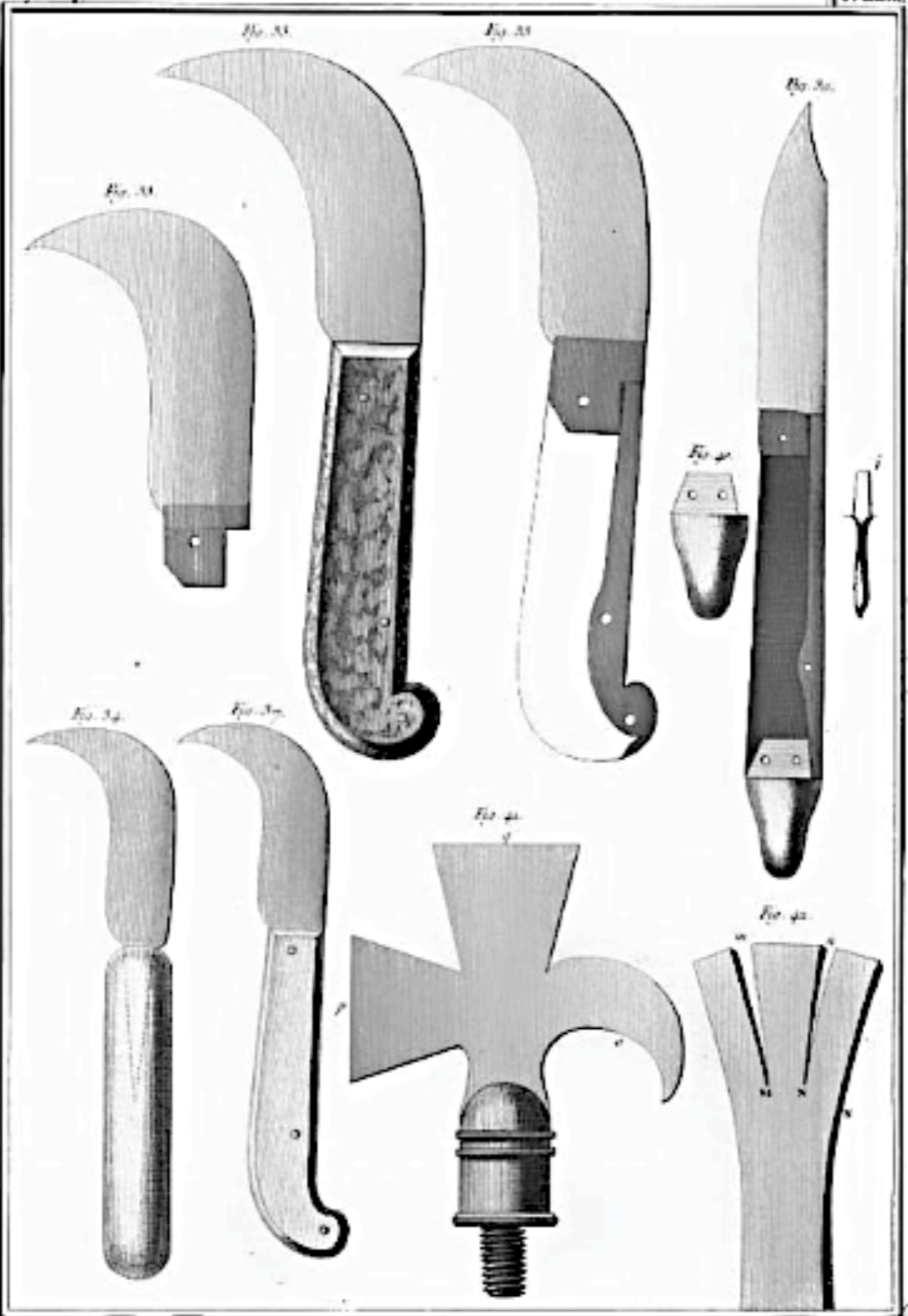
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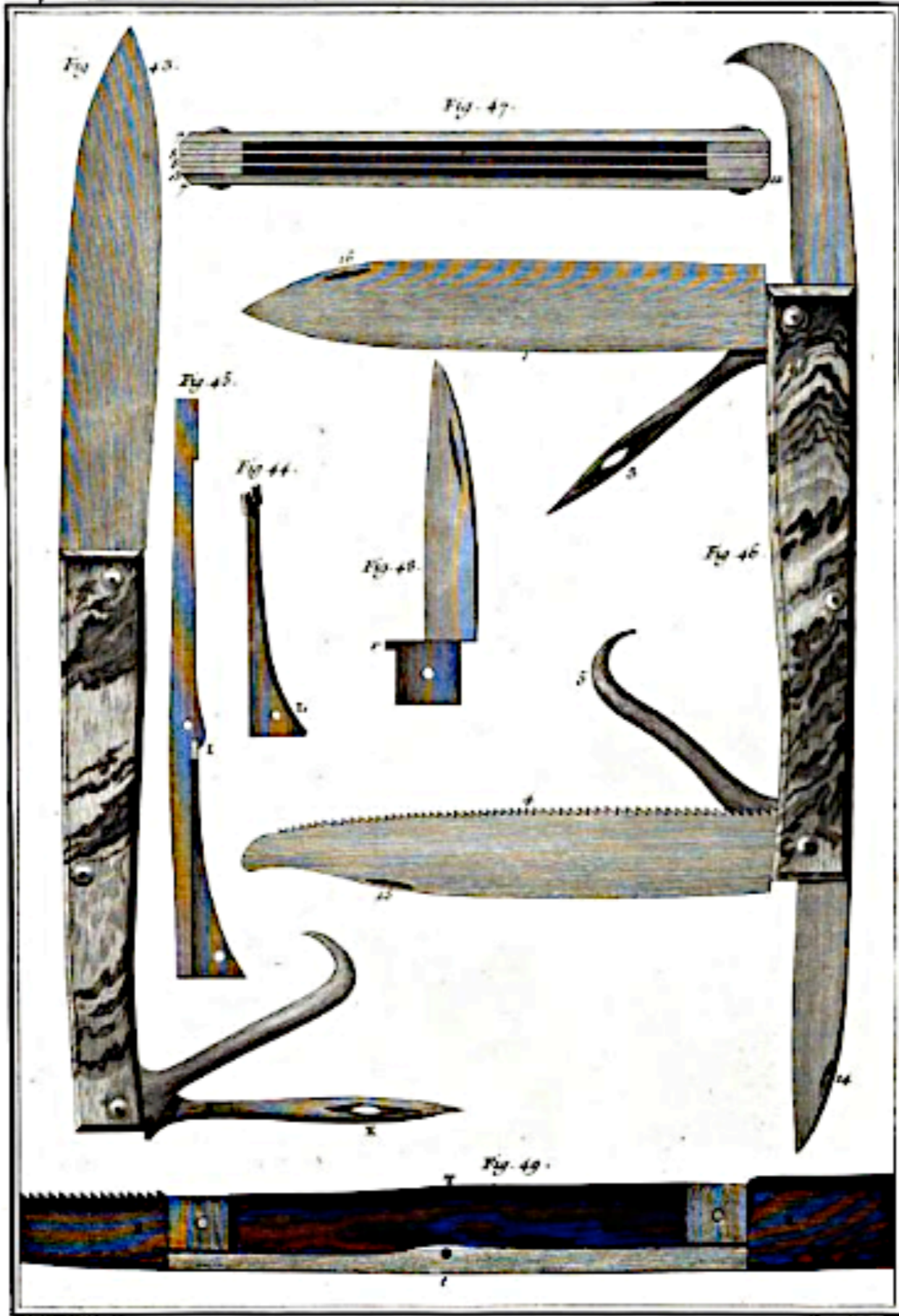




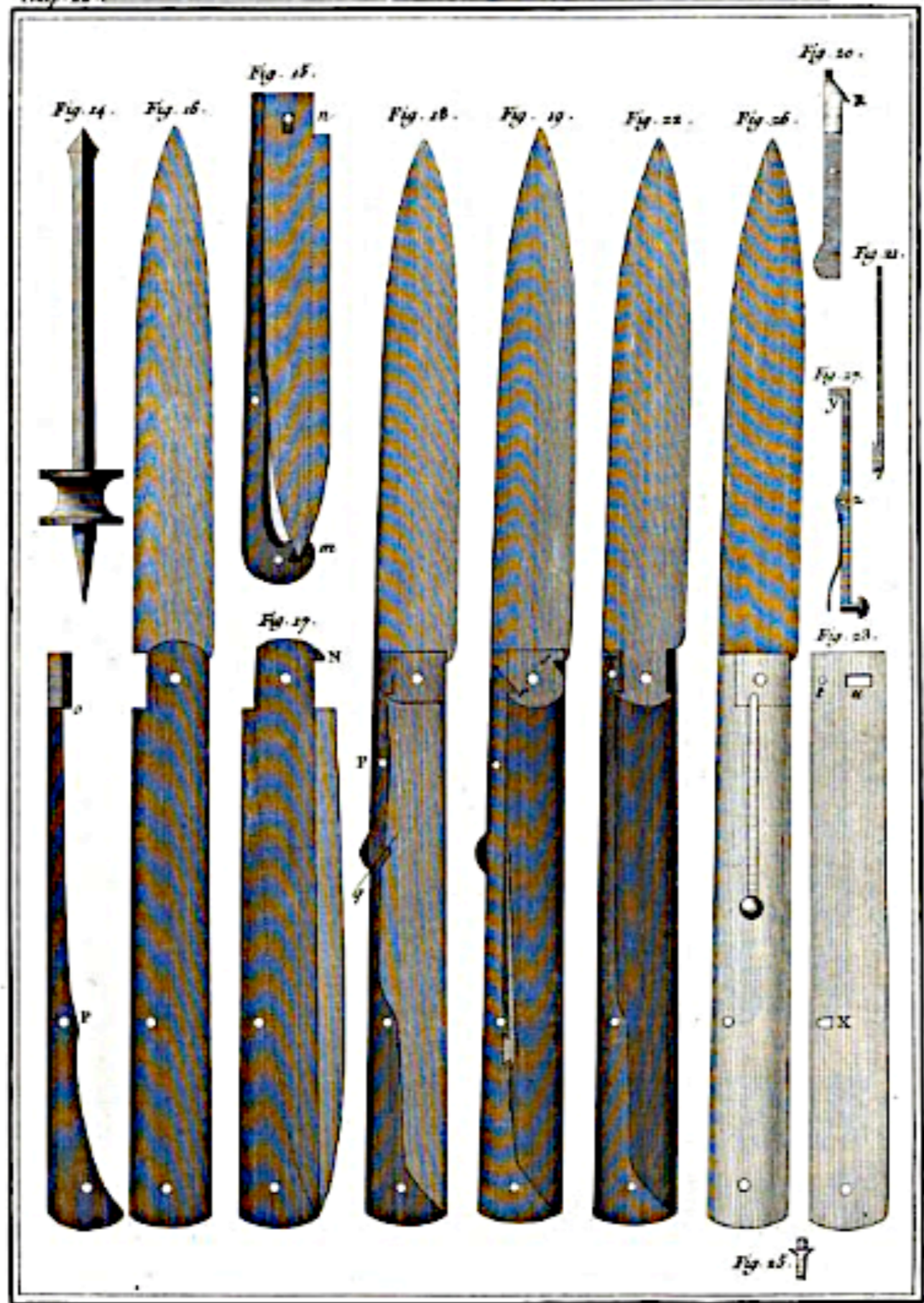


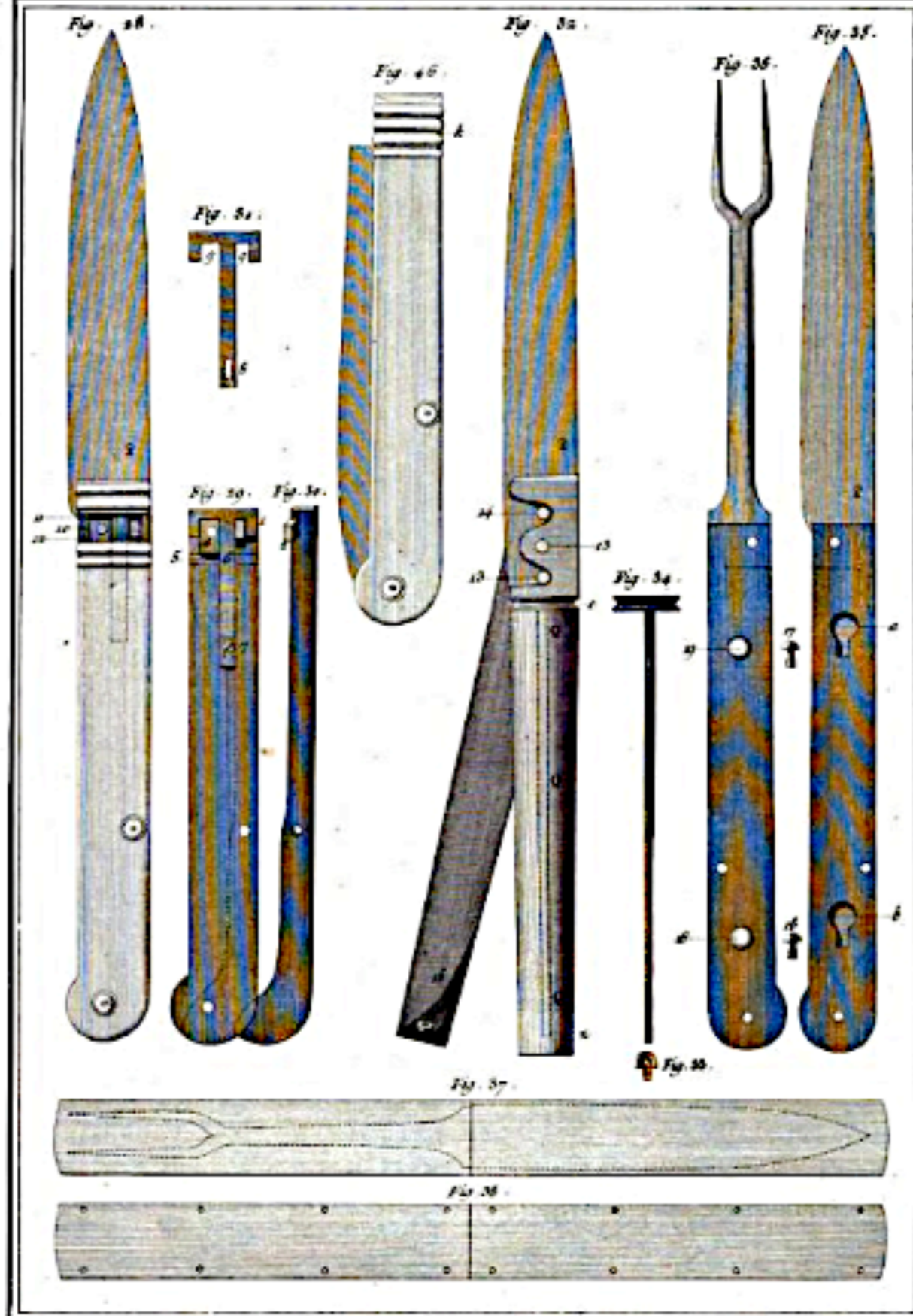


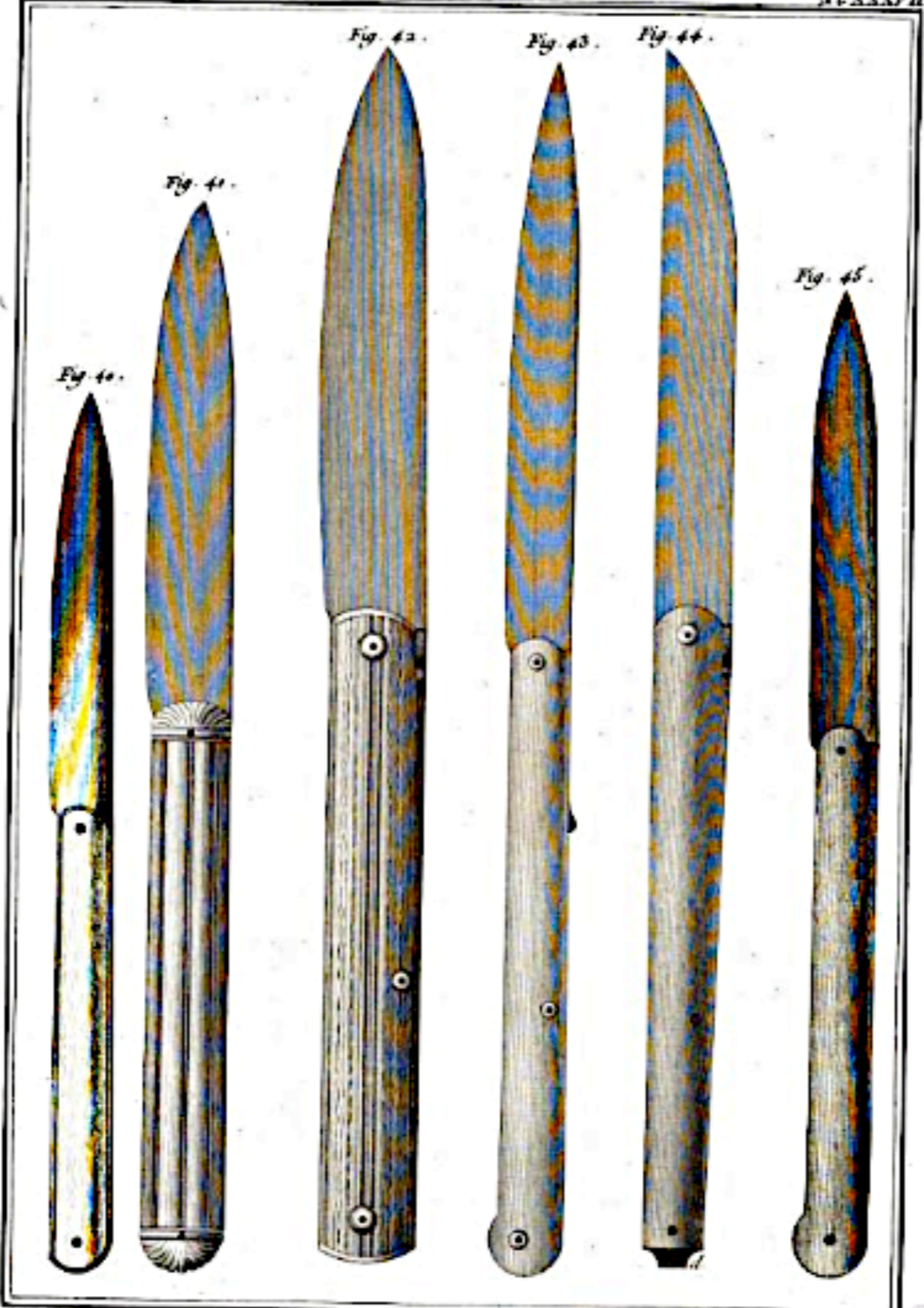


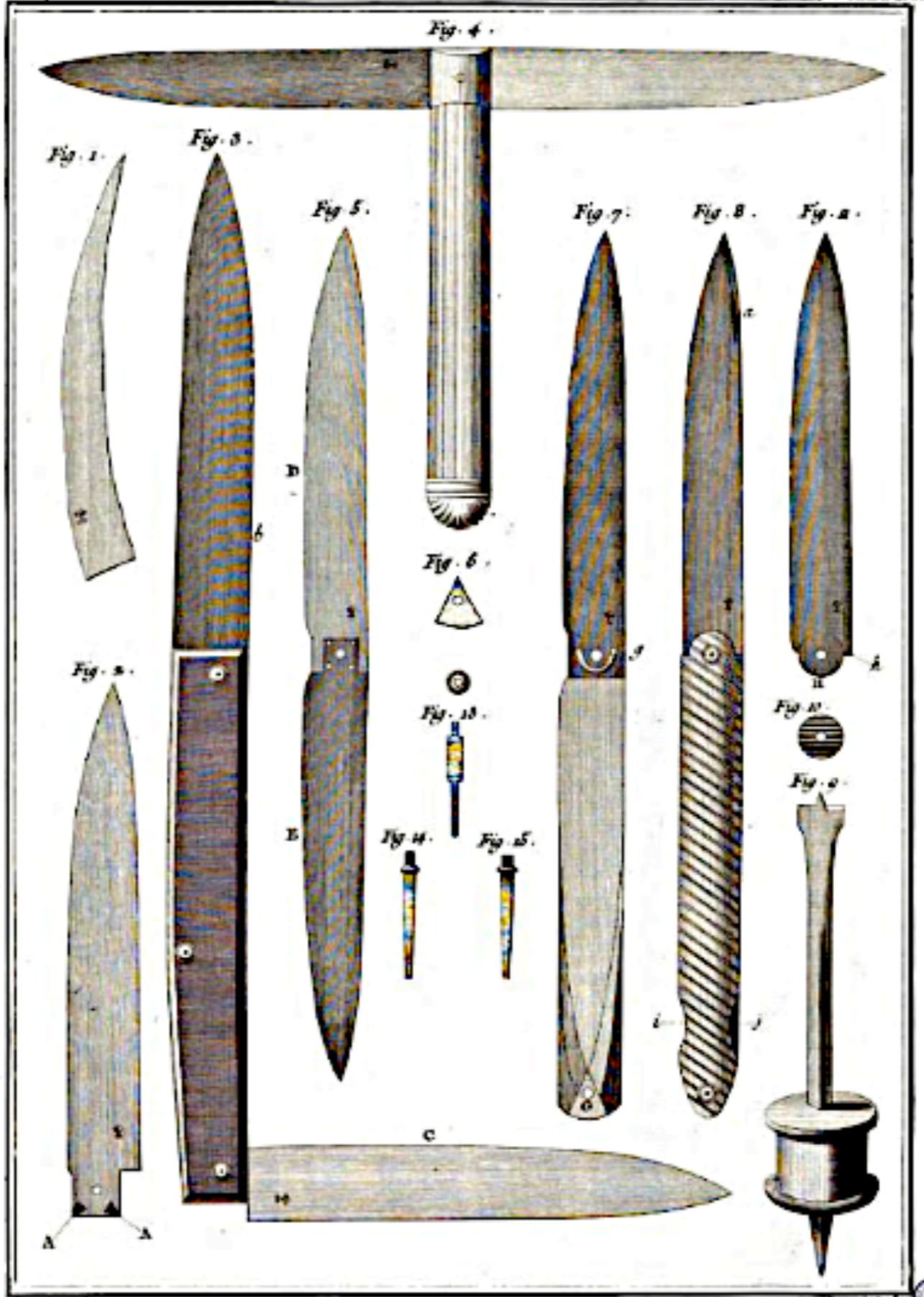


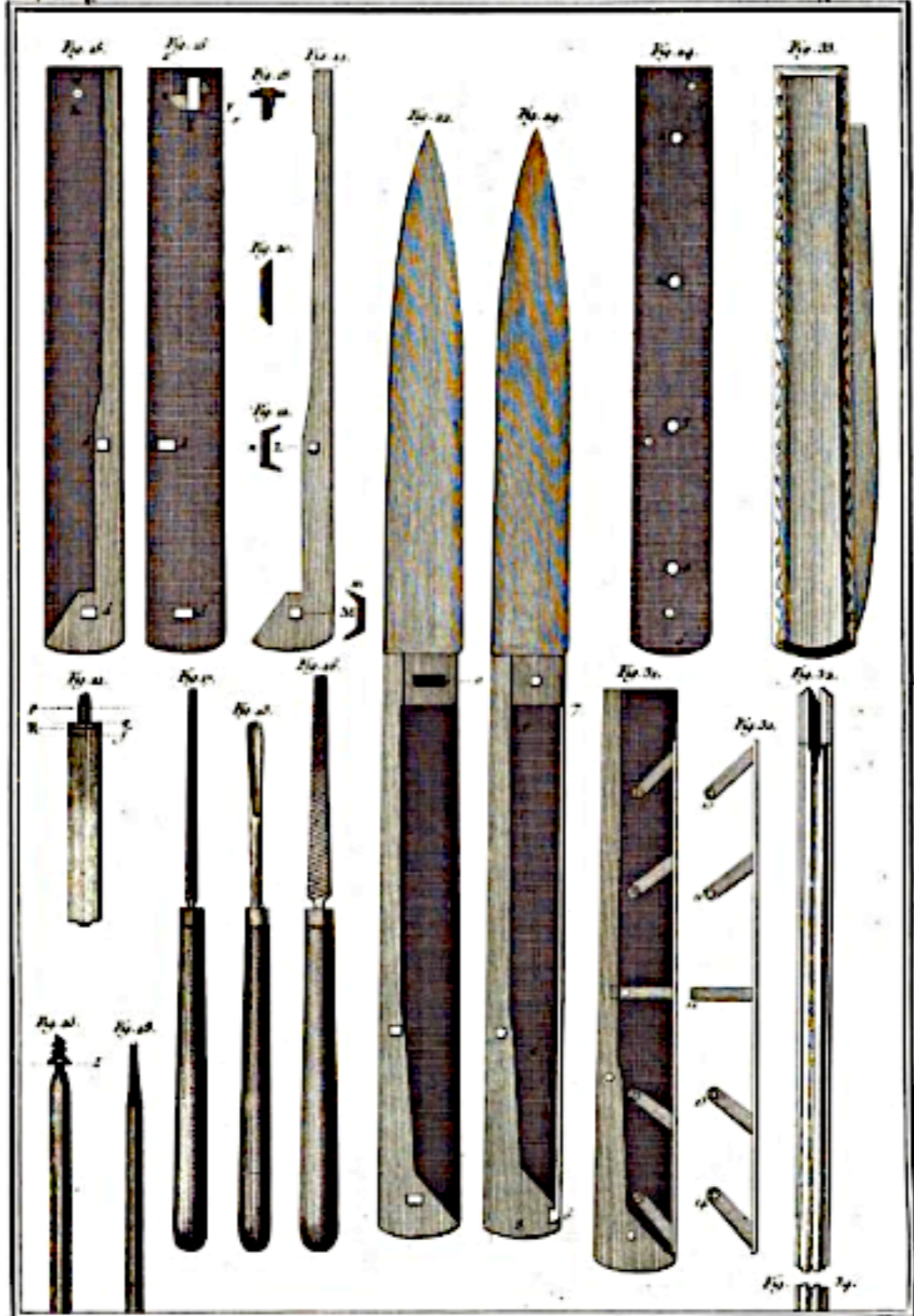














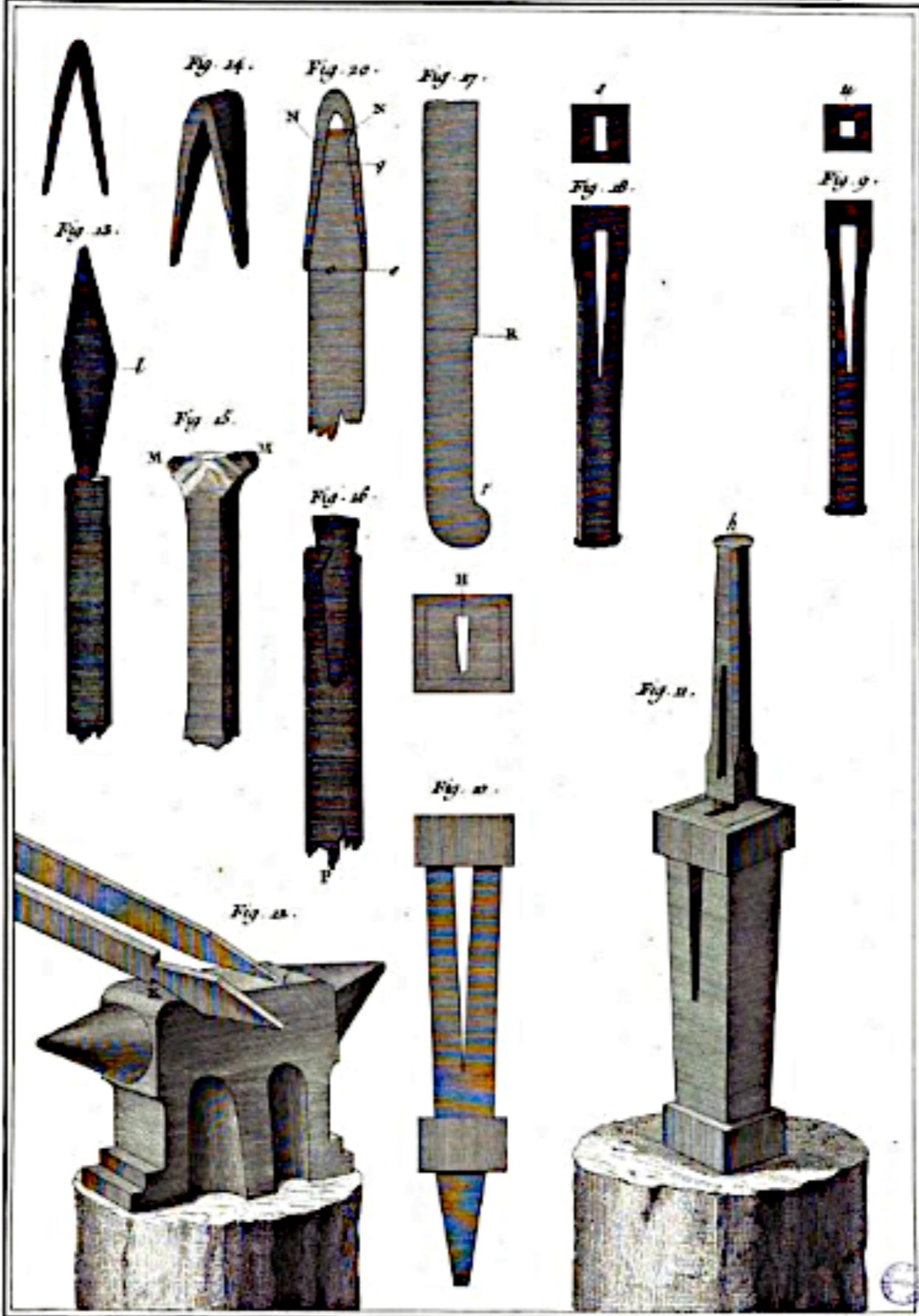


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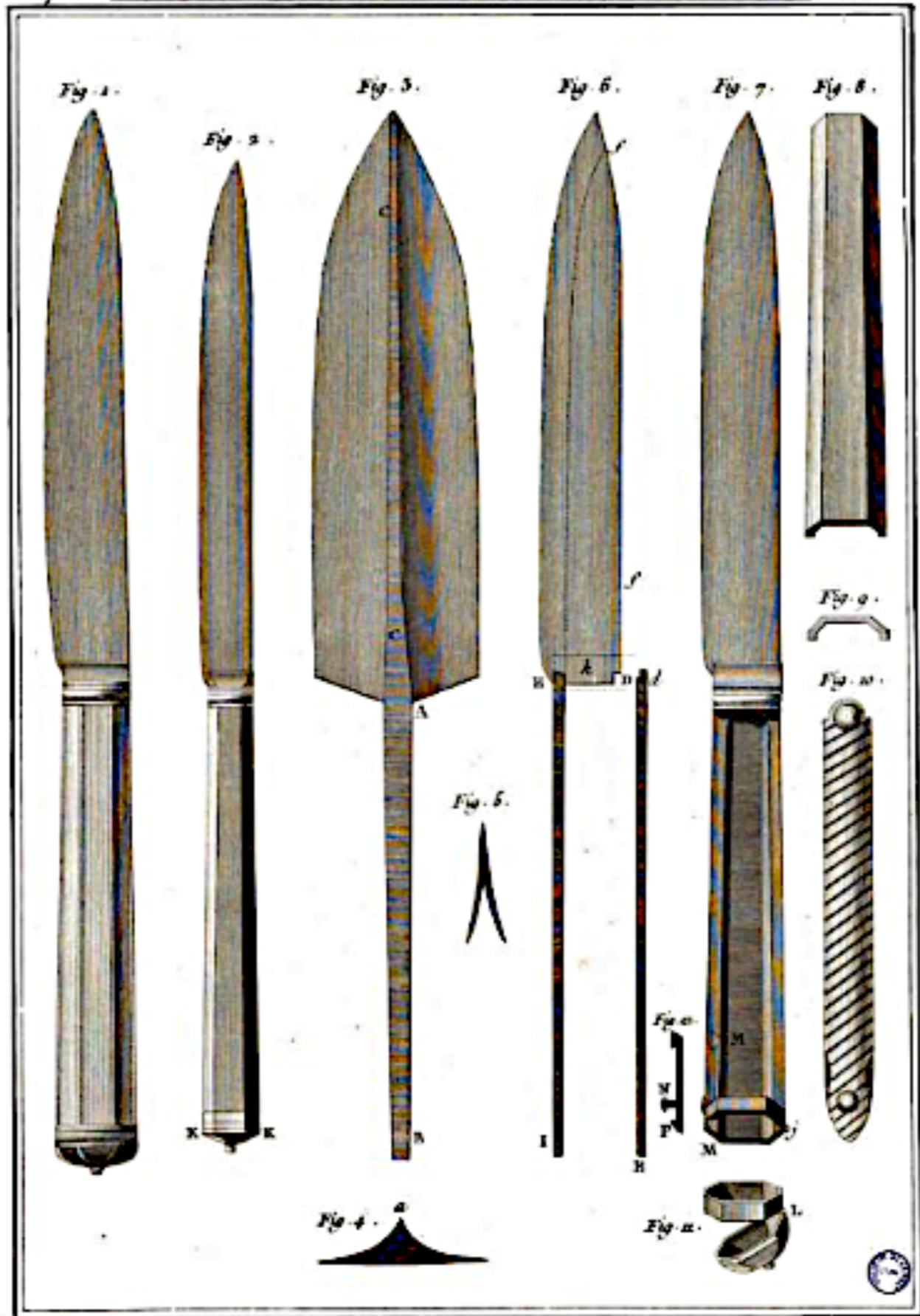
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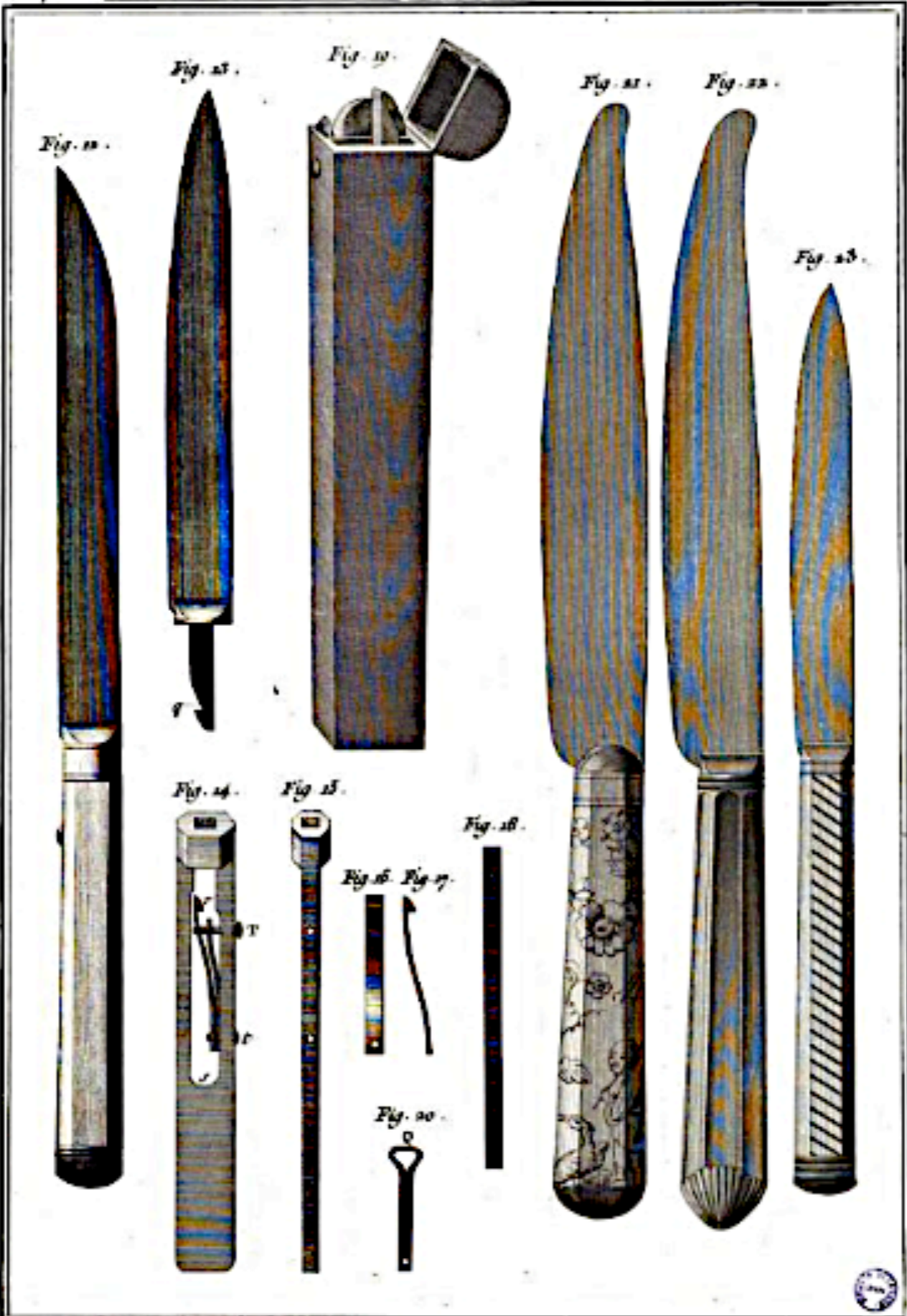
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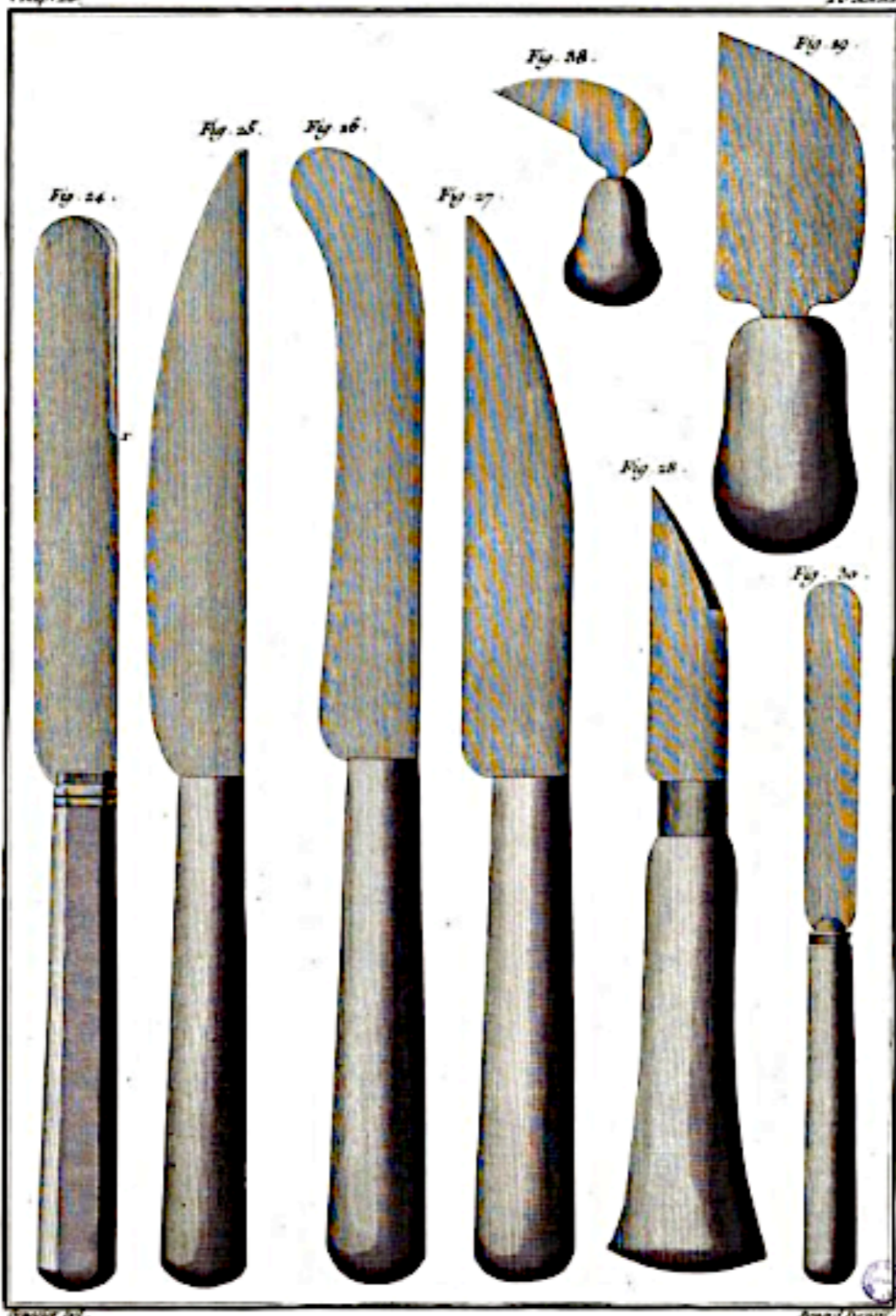
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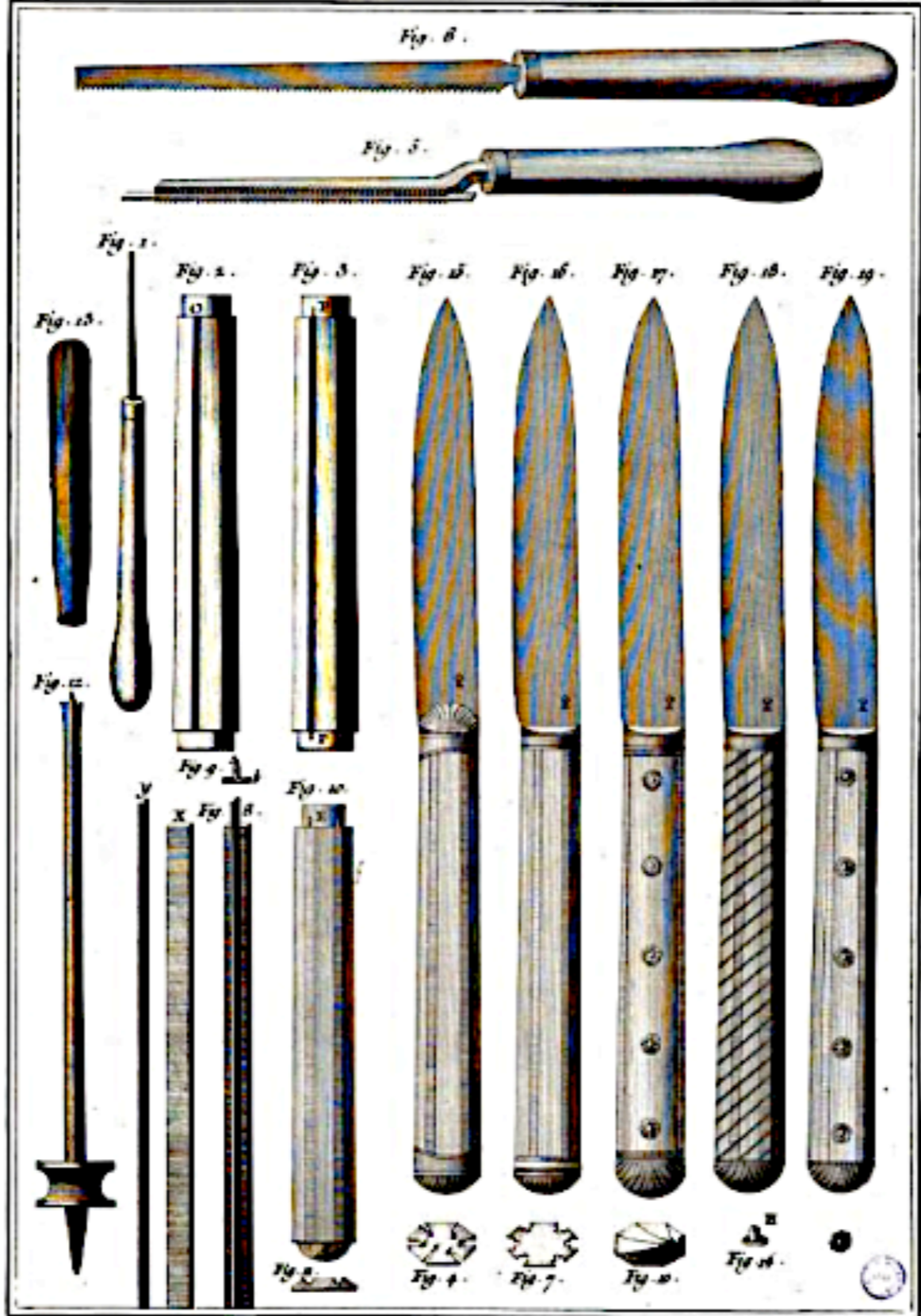












Clasp Knives



European Boxwood & Steel Clasp Knife
c. 1680
(Victoria & Albert)



French Tortoise Shell, Silver & Steel Clasp Knife
Dated 1705
(Victoria & Albert)



European Bone & Steel Clasp Knife
2nd Half 18th Century
(McCord Museum)



European Bone & Steel Clasp Knife
2nd Half 18th Century
(McCord Museum)



French Bone & Steel Clasp Knife Likely Rehandled with Antler
c. 1740 - 1760
(Mackinack)



Copyright Fort Ticonderoga Museum

Bone & Steel Clasp Knife
18th Century
(Fort Ticonderoga)



Bone & Steel Clasp Knife
18th Century
(Private Collection - Courtesy Chris Fox)



English Bone & Steel Clasp Knives
Sheffield c. 1750 - 1800
(Colonial Williamsburg)



English Bone & Steel Clasp Knife

c. 1750 - 1800

(Private Collection)



Clasp Knife Used by Andrew Bull of Litchfield, Connecticut, During the American War for Independence
c. 1750 - 1780
(Litchfield Historical Society)



Clasp Knives Recovered from Stony Point, New York
c. 1779 - 1781
(Stony Point State Park - Photograph Courtesy Coleman Adamec)



Clasp Knife Recovered from Fort Ticonderoga, New York
Mid 18th Century
(Fort Ticonderoga)



Pocket Knife

Recovered from the Print Shop of Jonas & Catherine Green

Located in the Back Yard of the Jonas and Catherine Green House at 124 Charles Street, Annapolis, Maryland

c. 1765 - 1770

(University of Maryland, Banneker-Douglass Museum & Historic Annapolis Foundation)

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Clasp Knife with Bone Handle Found at Fort Stanwix
c. 1758 - 1784
(Fort Stanwix)



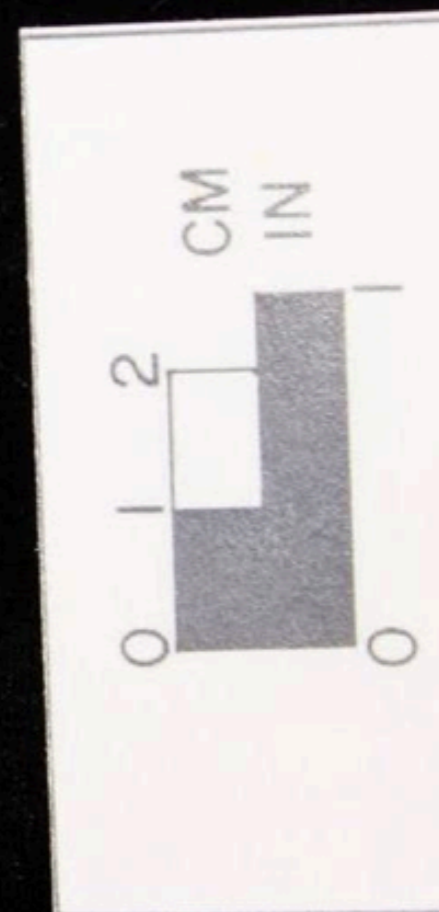
English Clasp Trade Knife with Stag Horn Handle Found at the Shawnee Village, Logan Co., Ohio
c. 1778 - 1786
(Greg Shipley)



Clasp Knives Excavated at Fort Montgomery, Along the Hudson Highlands of New York
c. 1750 - 1777



Bone & Steel Clasp Knife
18th Century
(Monticello)



Bone & Steel Clasp Knife
18th Century
(Conoy Town, Pennsylvania)



Bone & Steel Clasp Knife Recovered at Grandes-Bergeronnes, Quebec
18th Century
(Grandes-Bergeronnes, Quebec)

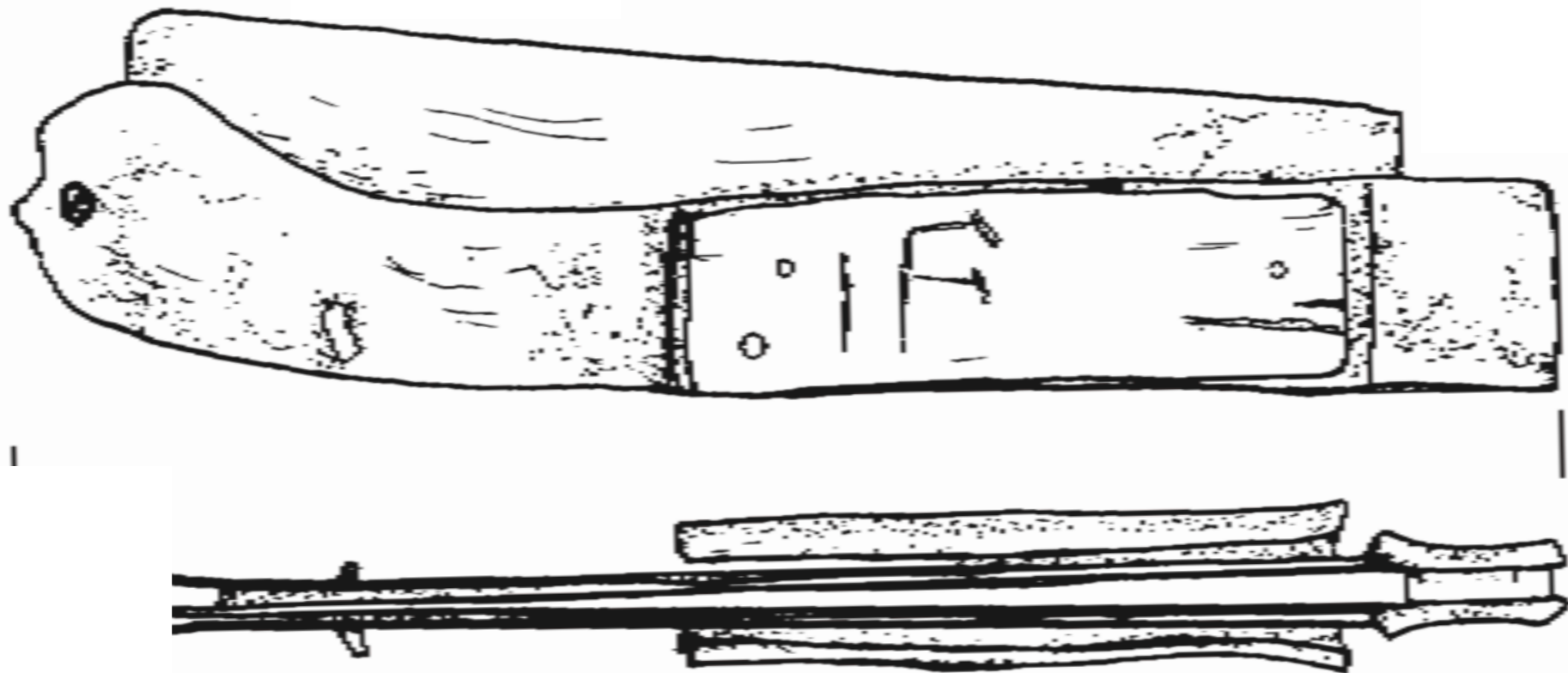


Bone & Steel Clasp Knives
18th Century
(Chota)



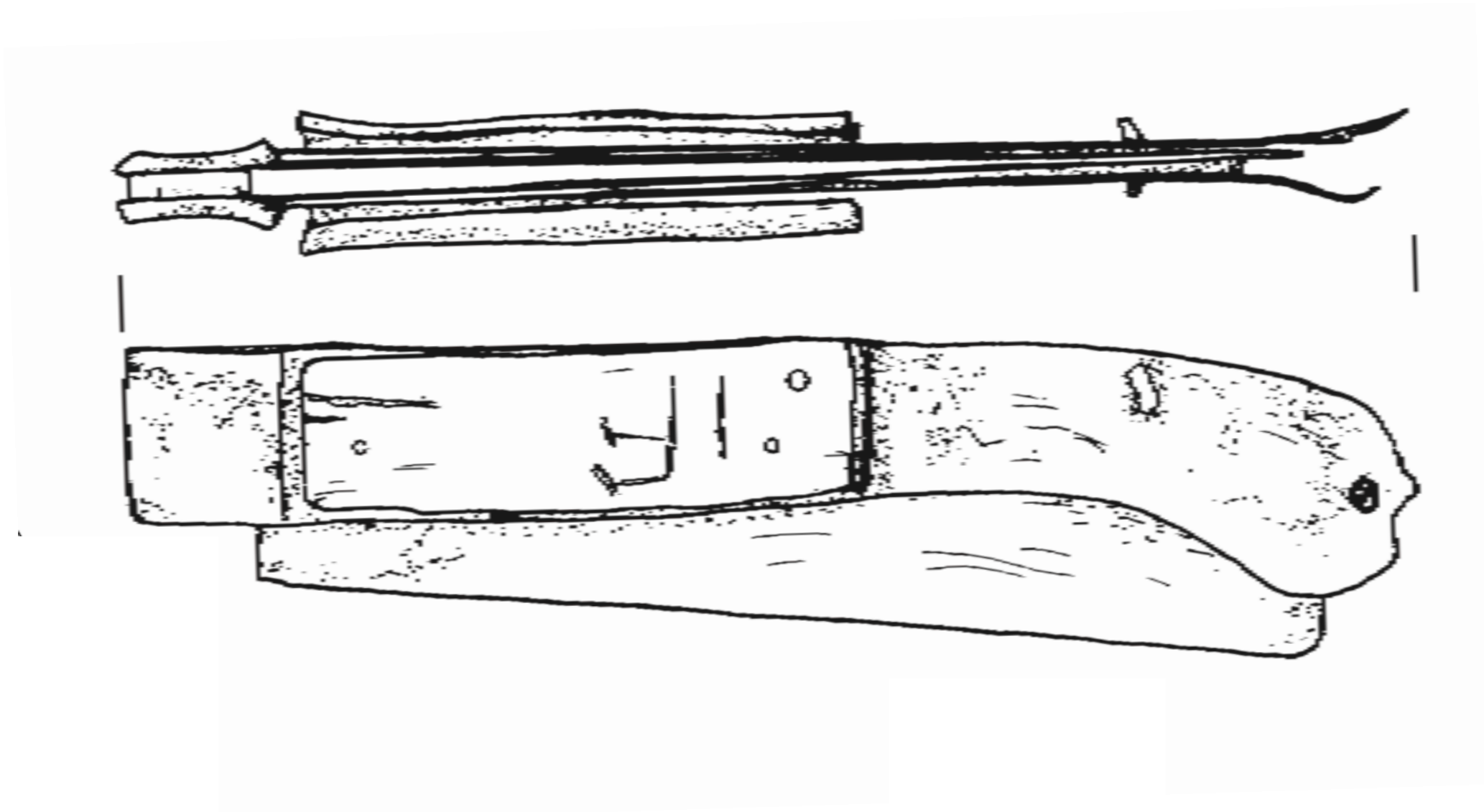
Clasp Knife Recovered from the 1785 Wreck of the General Carleton of Whitby
c. 1785

(From: "The General Carleton Shipwreck 1785" Wrak Statku - Polish Maritime Museum)



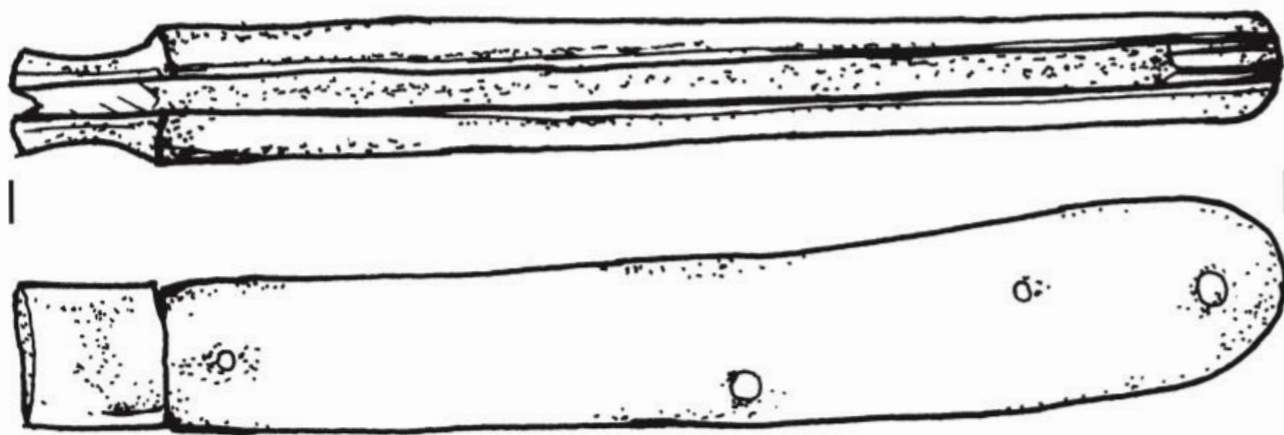
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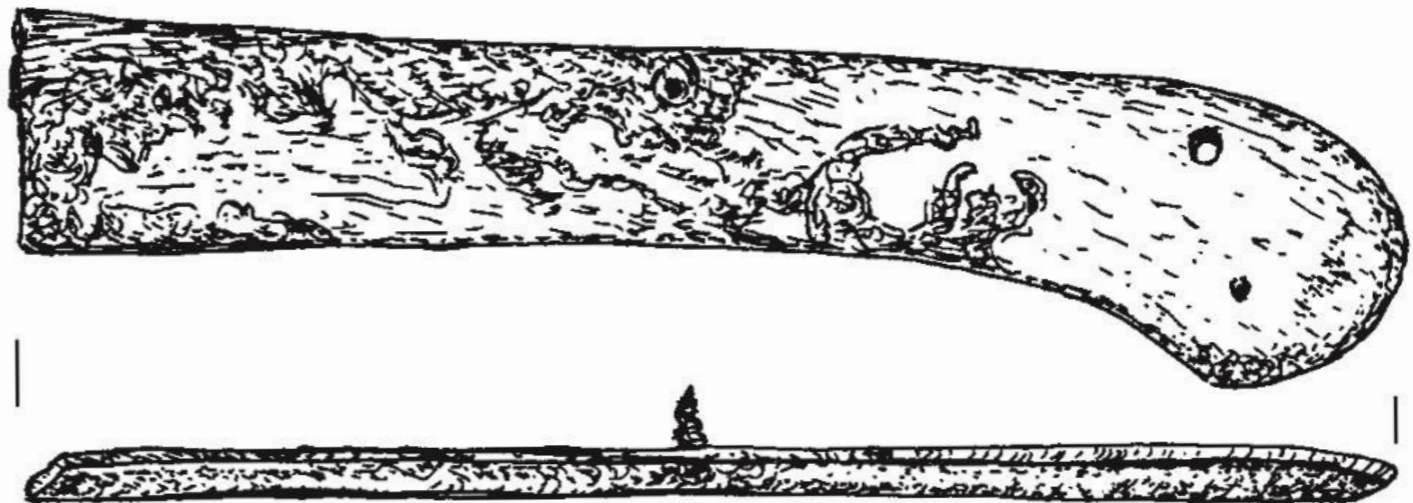


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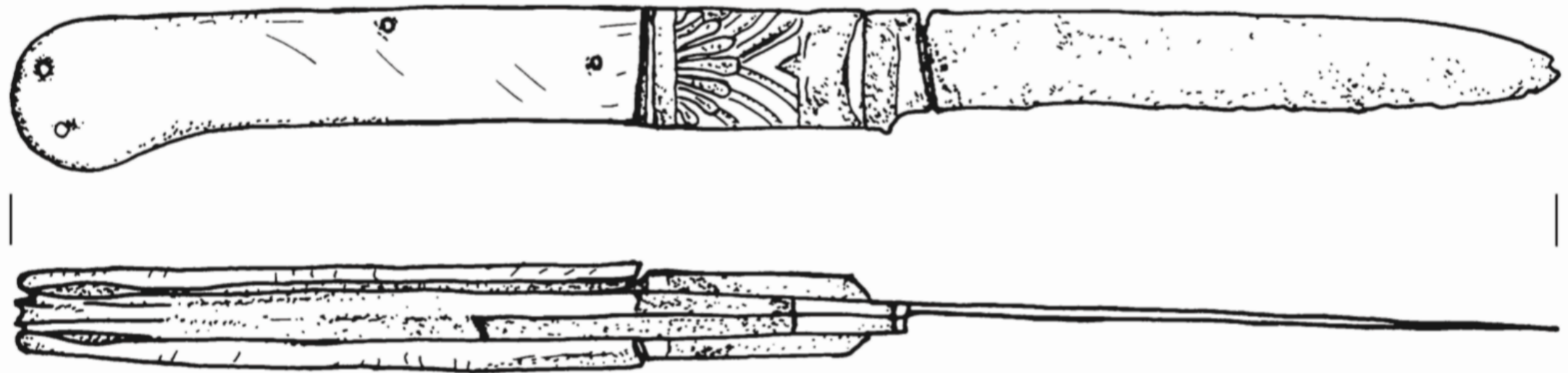


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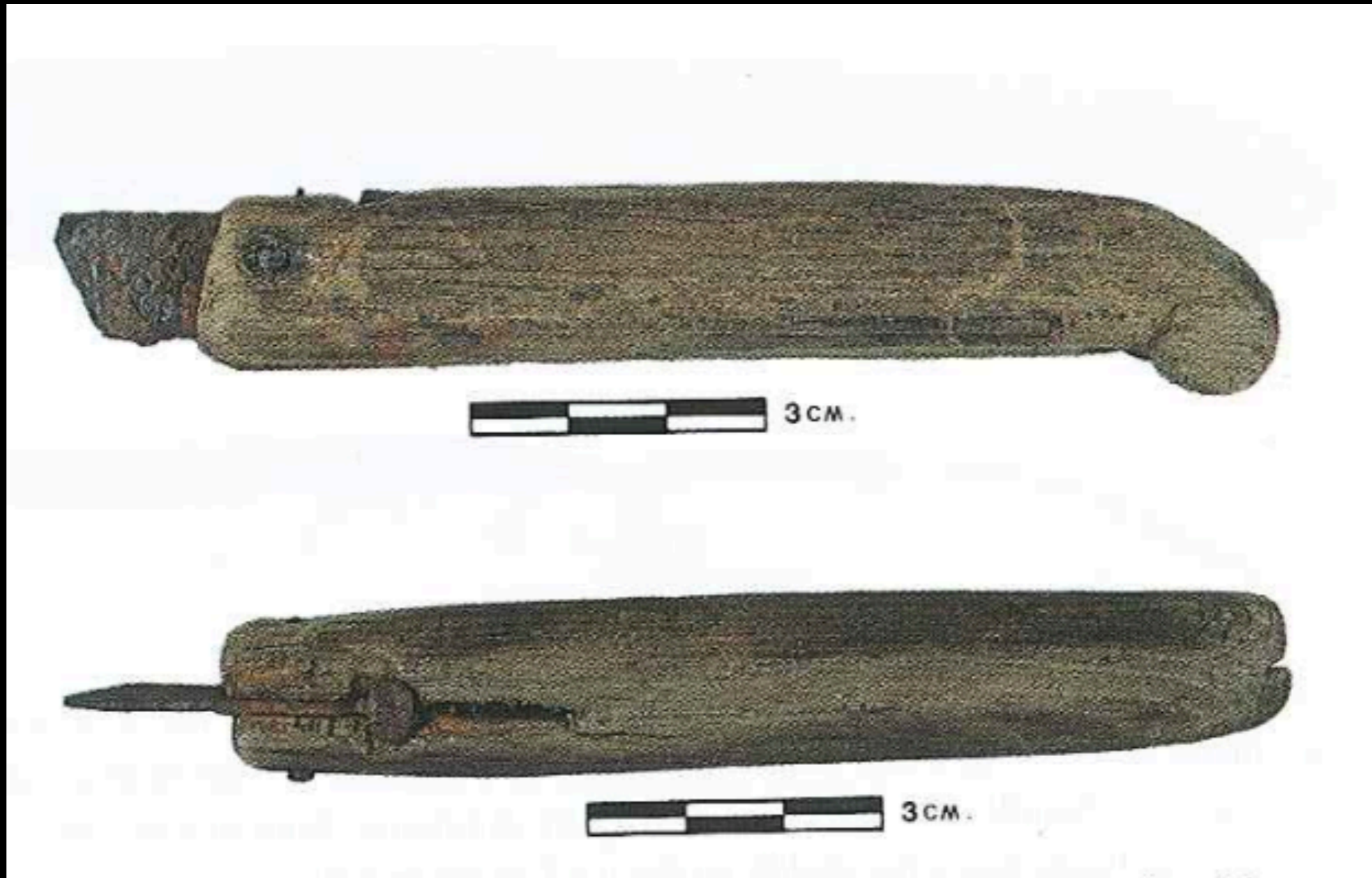


French Knife Recovered from Fortress Louisbourg
a la Dauphine Blade with Beechwood Handle

c. 1732 - 1740

(Parks Canada, Fortress Louisbourg)

(From "French Knives in North America: Part I" by Kevin Gélinas & Ken Hamilton)



French Knife Recovered from Fortress Louisbourg
a la Dauphine Blade with Beechwood Handle
Partial Letter "AN / CO" Possibly for Jean Javod or Jacob, Knife Maker at Saint - Etienne c. 1737
(Parks Canada, Fortress Louisbourg)
(From "French Knives in North America: Part I" by Kevin Gélinas & Ken Hamilton)



French Knives Recovered from Fort Beausejour in New Brunswick, Canada
a la Dauphine Blade with Wood Handles

c. 1750 - 1751

(Parks Canada)

(From "French Knives in North America: Part I" by Kevin Gélinas & Ken Hamilton)



French Knives Recovered from Fort Beausejour in New Bruswick, Canada
a la Dauphine Blade with Wood Handles

c. 1750 - 1751

(Parks Canada)

(From "French Knives in North America: Part I" by Kevin Gélinas & Ken Hamilton)



Straight Wood (Likely Boxwood) Handles from a One Pin Folding Knife from the Wreck of the Marchault
c. 1760
(Parks Canada, LHN de la Bataille-de-la-Ristigouche.)
(From "French Knives in North America: Part I" by Kevin Gélinas & Ken Hamilton)



Probable French Folding Knife of the One Pin Construction with Siamois - Type Blade & Beechwood Handle
c. Mid 18th Century
(Private Collection, Canada)
(From "French Knives in North America: Part II" by Kevin Gélinas & Ken Hamilton)



French Siamois Knife with Pointed Blade Found at Fort Ticonderoga
c. Mid 18th Century
(Fort Ticonderoga)

(From "French Knives in North America: Part II" by Kevin Gélinas & Ken Hamilton)



French Folding Knife Mounted with a Horn Handle Shaped Like a Dog
Blade Marked "A. FELI / LE.IEVN" - A St. Etienne - Based Cutler

c. 1720 - 1750

(Private Collection)

(From "French Knives in North America: Part II" by Kevin Gélinas & Ken Hamilton)



Spanish Horn, Brass & Steel Clasp Knife
18th Century
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



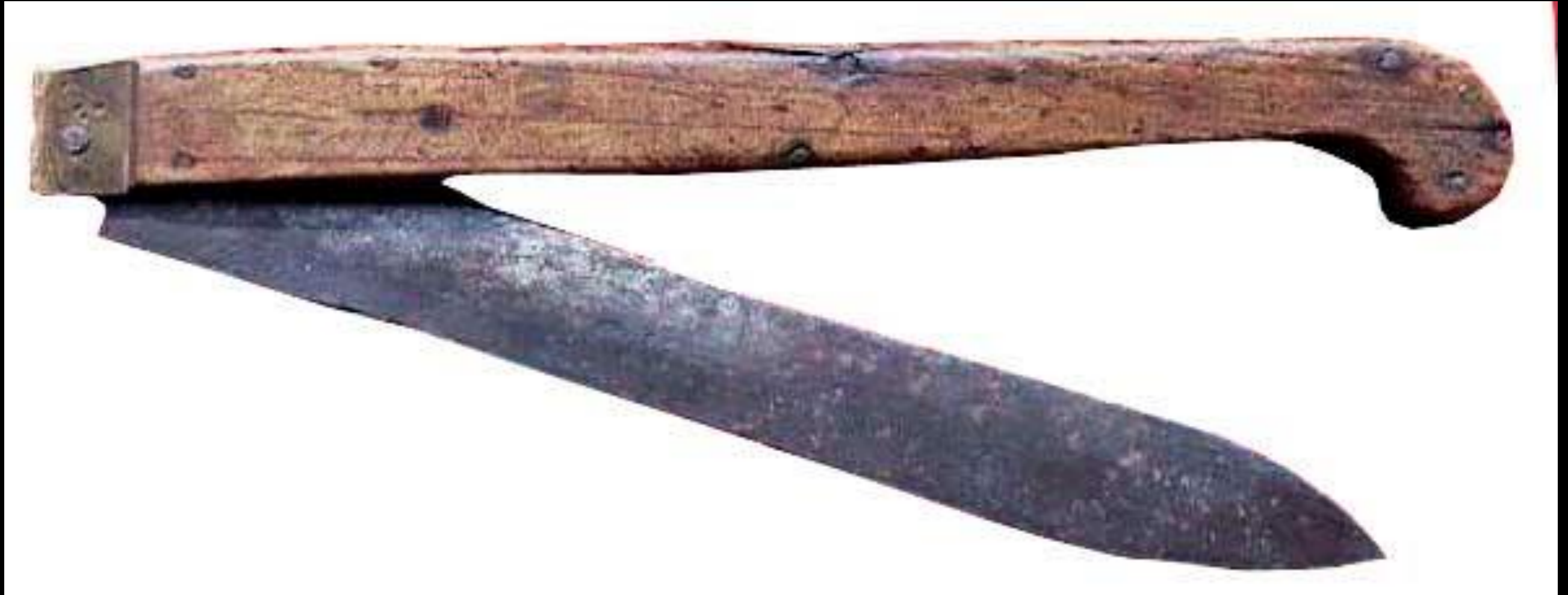
Bone and Horn Knives
18th - Early 19th Century
(Estate of Tom Wnuck)



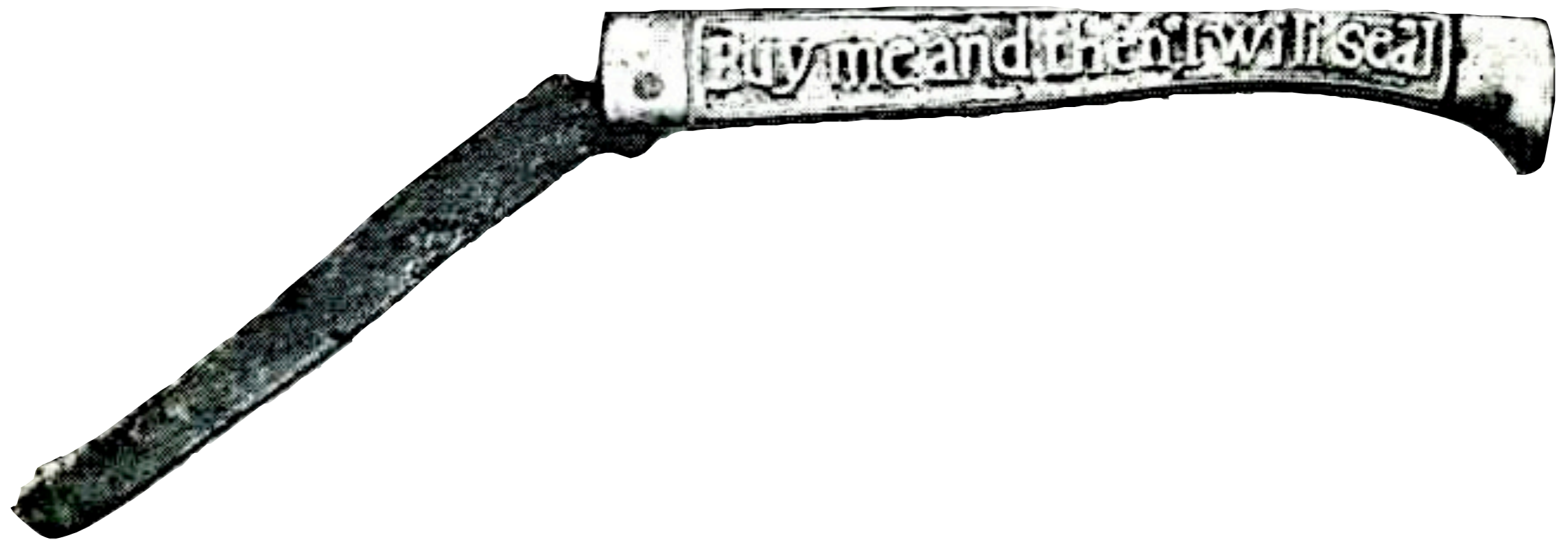
"Le Buveur Suisse" (The Swiss Drinker)
by Gaspar Gresly c. 1740
(Bensecon, Musee des Beaux - Arts et d' Archeologie)



“Le Buveur Suisse” (The Swiss Drinker)
by Gaspar Gresly c. 1740
(Bensecon, Musee des Beaux - Arts et d’ Archeologie)



Wood, Brass and Steel Clasp Knife
18th Century
(Private Collection)



Commemorative Folding Knife
Mid 18th Century



Commemorative Folding Knife



Commemorative Folding Knife

1753



Commemorative Folding Knife
Mid 18th Century



Commemorative Folding Knife
Mid 18th Century



Commemorative Folding Knife
Mid 18th Century



needle, and twenty-five pins were located at various sites on the grounds, but these came chiefly from within the foundation of the West Barracks (fig. 7.10).

Elsewhere in Lake George, amateur metal detecting in the vicinity of Birch Avenue recovered six metal buttons and six brass buckles, and the ACC 2000–2001 excavations in the Lake George Battlefield Park discovered a variety of buckles, buttons (fig. 7.11), two stock clasps (one example appears in fig. 7.12), clothing hooks and eyes, cufflinks, and two pairs of sewing scissors (figs. 7.13 and 7.14). (For comparable eighteenth-century examples of scissors, see Beaudry 2006:127.) Most impressively, one of the barracks foundations in the Battlefield Park also contained a single strip of gold braid (fig. 7.15), bringing the total number of pieces of braid to just three after eighteen years of digging at many different military sites in the Fort Edward and Lake George area.

FIG. 7.9. Assorted brass dress buckles and utility buckles (top three rows) and inscribed razor handles (bottom row), all from the McDougall Collection in Fort Edward. Both razor handles are $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches long; the bottom left handle reads SUCCESS TO THE KING OF PRUSSIA and the bottom right handle reads I SAY FOR EVER HUS A.

Commemorative Folding Knives
Mid 18th Century
(Fort Edward)

Knife Sellers



Peddler of Knives, Scissors, and Combs
by Anne Claude Philippe de Tubières, Comte de Caylus after Edme Bouchardon 1742
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)

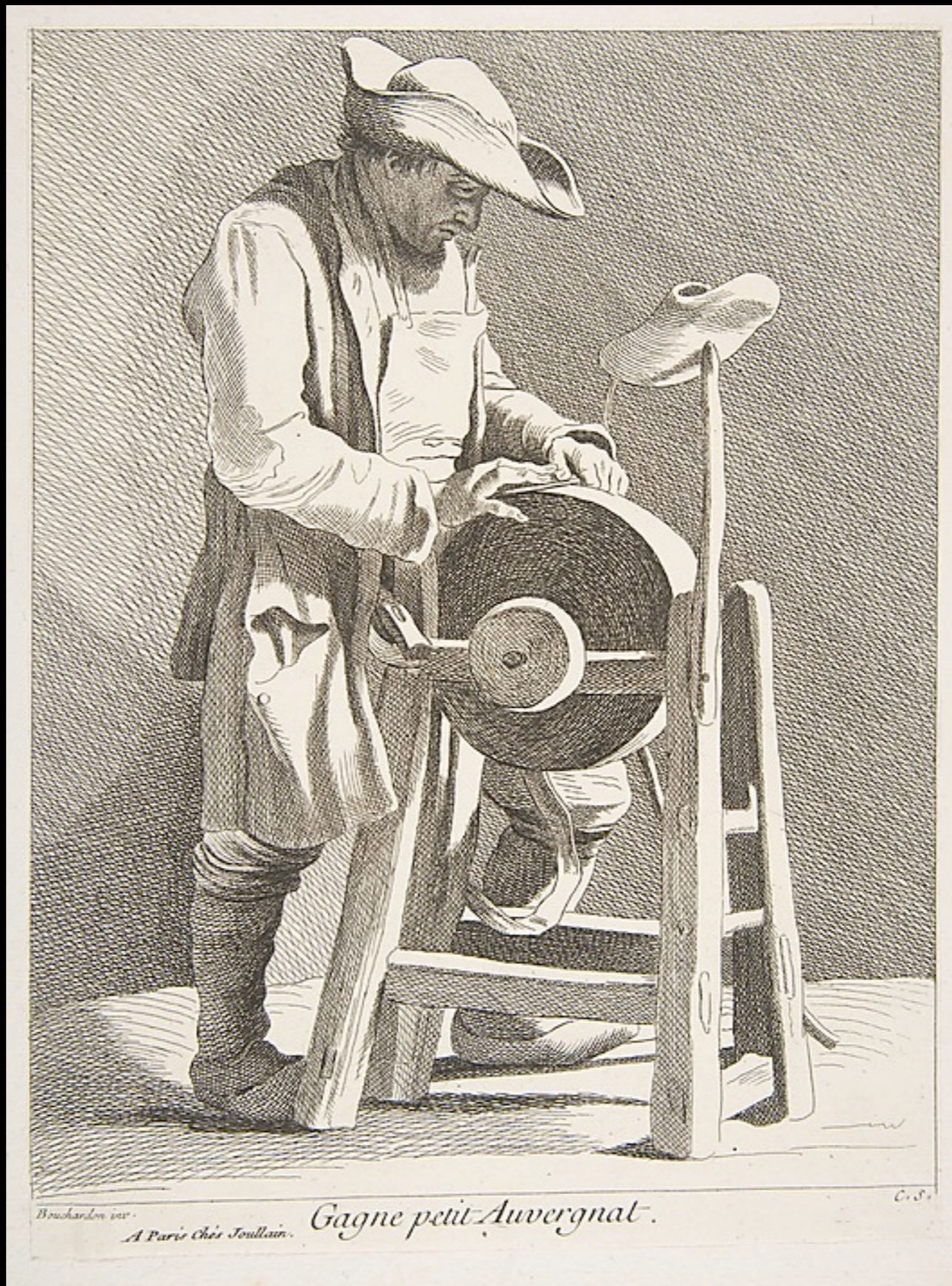
Knife Grinders



German Knife Grinder
by Jonas Umbach 17th Century
(Harvard Art Museums)



German Knife Grinder
by Christian Wilhelm Ernst Dietrich (1712 - 1774)
(Harvard Art Museums)



Knife Sharpener

by Anne Claude Philippe de Tubières, Comte de Caylus after Edme Bouchardon 1742
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)

S^T. JAMES'S: IN OCTOBER. THE K — AT H — , MDCCL.



Published by T. Fox in the Old Bailey, according to act of Parliament.

Price 6^d Col^d.

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“St. JAMES’S: IN OCTOBER, THE K--AT H--, MDCCL.”

by T. Fox 1750
(Lewis Walpole Library)



"St. JAMES's: IN OCTOBER, THE K--AT H--, MDCCL."
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Windsor: The Henry VII Gateway
by Paul Sandby
(Royal Collection)



Winsor: The Henry VII Gateway
by Paul Sandby
(Royal Collection)



Knife Sharpener
Date and Artist Unknown



Knife Grinder
(The Library of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Gdansk)



Knife Sharpener
Date and Artist Unknown



French Knife Grinder Automation
c. 1780
(The Bowes Museum)

LE-GAGNE-PETIT

{ Employment }

POISSON-SALE



During Receipts



*To be sure ingenious. He sell you my mind
'tis for what I can get makes me willing to grind*

*Published by
Boyne & Walker
Great Turnstile
June 22, 1787*

*Talk Fish to
'tis I who late Amused you all by Crisping Hastings*

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by Boyne & Walker (London) 1787
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Jean Baptiste Bernard / LOUIS BERKARD COCLERS

Knife Grinder
by Jean Baptiste Bernard Coclers c. 1756 - 1800
(Lewis Walpole Library)



“A Travelling Knife - Grinder at a Cottage Door”
by Thomas Rowlandson 1787
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)

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