

18th Century Material Culture

Dressing the Face



Shaving



by Abraham Bosse, Published by Jean Leblond I
 c. 1632 - 1635
 (The British Museum)



“THE JEWS SHAVING THE PAR L M T OR THE KNOWg ONES TAKEN IN”
 Satire on the Jewish Naturalization Act 1753
 (The British Museum)



THE FRENCH MAN IN LONDON.
from an original Drawing of Martin.

Published as the Act directs Octo^r 12. 1772. by Turner Snow Hill

“THE FRENCH MAN IN LONDON.”
by W. Turner after Elias Martin 1772
(The British Museum)



“THE ENGLISH SHAVER or FRENCHMAN in the SUDS”
by William Humphrey 1772
(The British Museum)



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by William Humphrey 1772
(The British Museum)



The FEMALE SHAVER

Pub. Jan^y 1773, by A. Dury 39 Strand.

“The FEMALE SHAVER”

1773

(Lewis Walpole Library)

The POLITICAL SHAVER.



“THE POLITICAL SHAVER”
by J. Moore 1784
(The British Museum)



Voila ce que c'est que d'en avoir trop

“Boila ce que c'est que d'en avoir trop”

1789

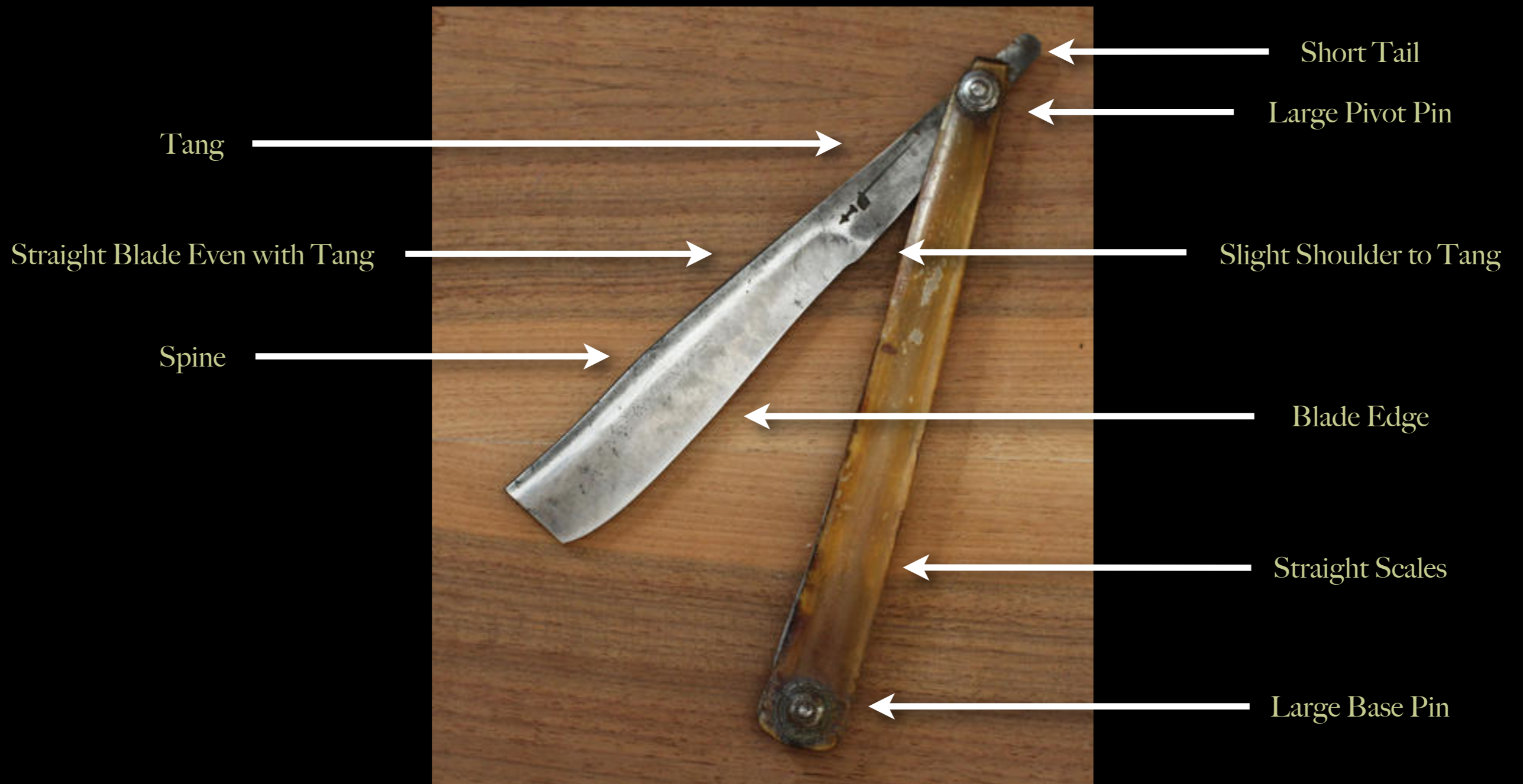
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(Colonial Williamsburg Foundation)

Razors

Characteristics 18th Century Razors













Horn Handled Straight Razor with Brass Rivet with Pasteboard Case
Owned by Myles Standish & Dated 1612
Likely Produced in Toledo Spain
Carried to the New World on the Mayflower
(Pilgrim Hall Museum)

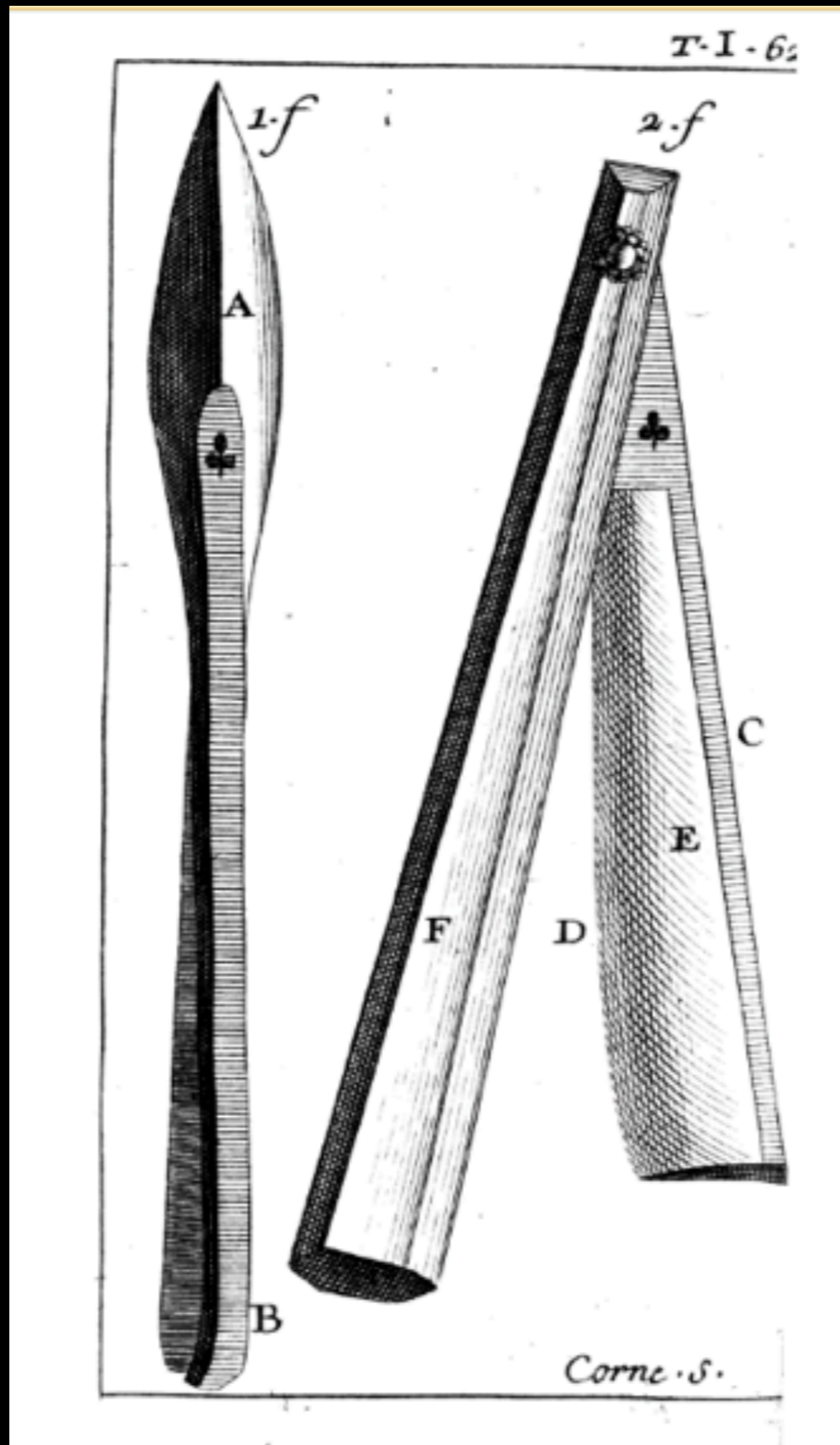


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R A Z O R S.

Manufacturers in SHEFFIELD.

A SH Richard, Young-street -	RAY 
Birks William and John, Norfolk-street -	
Brammall Nicholas, White Croft -	CALVIN
Brightmore John, Cross Field -	CITY
Brittain, Wilkinson, and Brownell, Arundel-street -	EXCELLENT FRANCE VRAI
Broomhead, Hinchliffe, and Co. Brinforth's Orchard -	BROOMHEAD
Broomhead Joseph, Lambert Croft -	 PYL
Cadman Luke, Surrey-street -	BENGALL
Cadman David, Longston-lane -	SENEGAL
Dewsnap George, and William, Lambert Croft -	SORBON MÉCA
Dewsnap Francis, Wicker -	FARA 
Fox and Norris, Westbar -	 P ROOM 
Fox William, do. -	FOX 
Greaves William, Burgess-street -	GREAVES
Hall Jonathan, China-square -	GRATIAN
Hallam James, Norfolk-street -	 PARIS
Harrison	



French Razor

“Nouveau Traité des Instruments de Chirurgie les plus utiles, et de Plusieurs Nouvelles Machines propres pour les Maladies des os”
René-Jacques Croissant de Garengot 1727

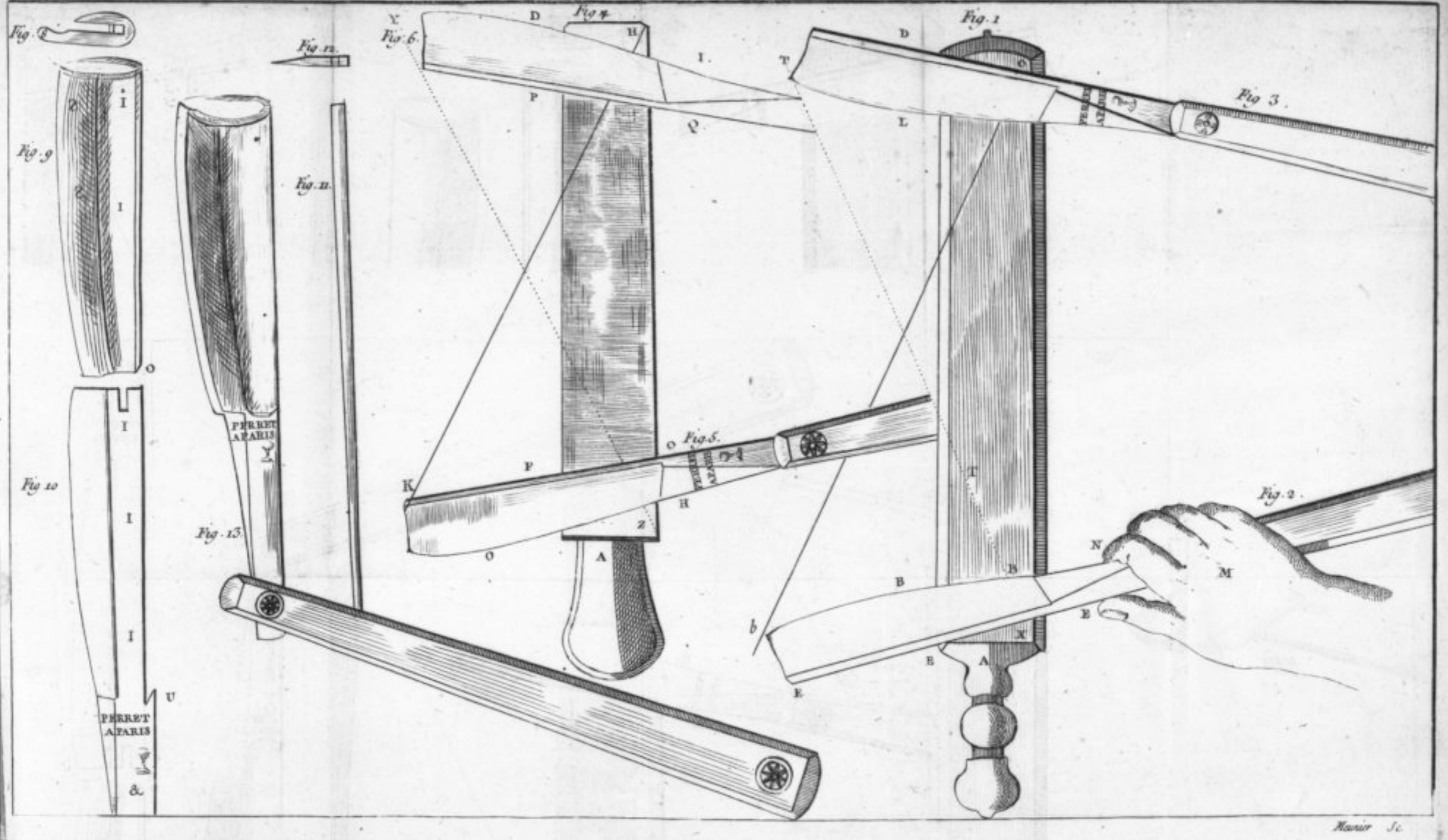


French Razor

“La pogonotomie ou l'art d'apprendre à se raser soi-même”

Jean Jacques Perret 1769

(Histoire de la Santé)

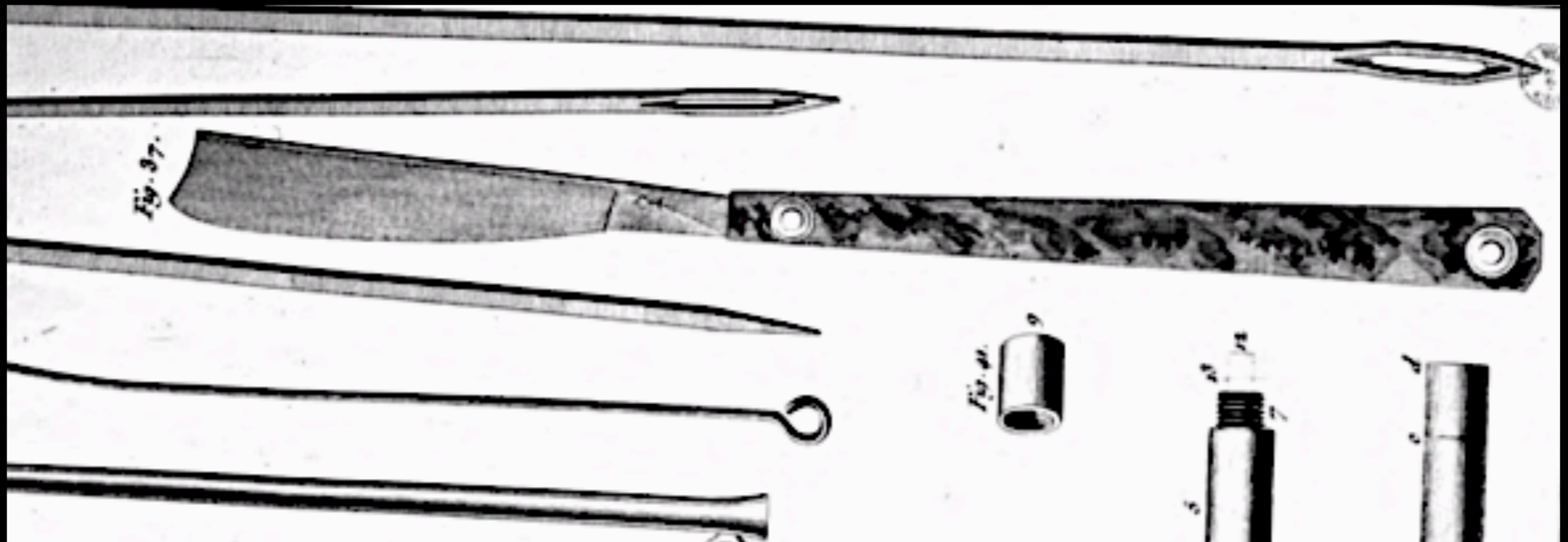


French Razor

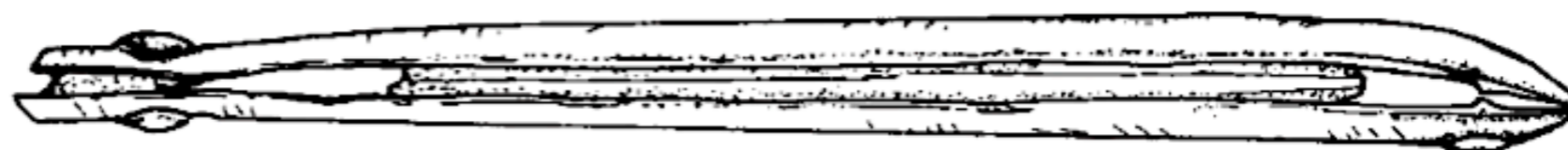
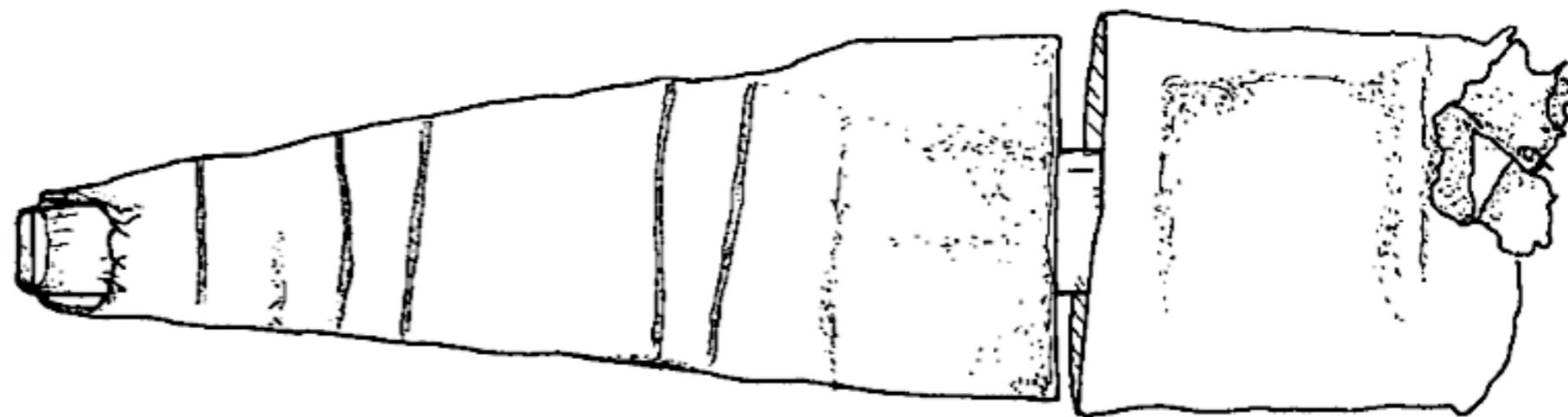
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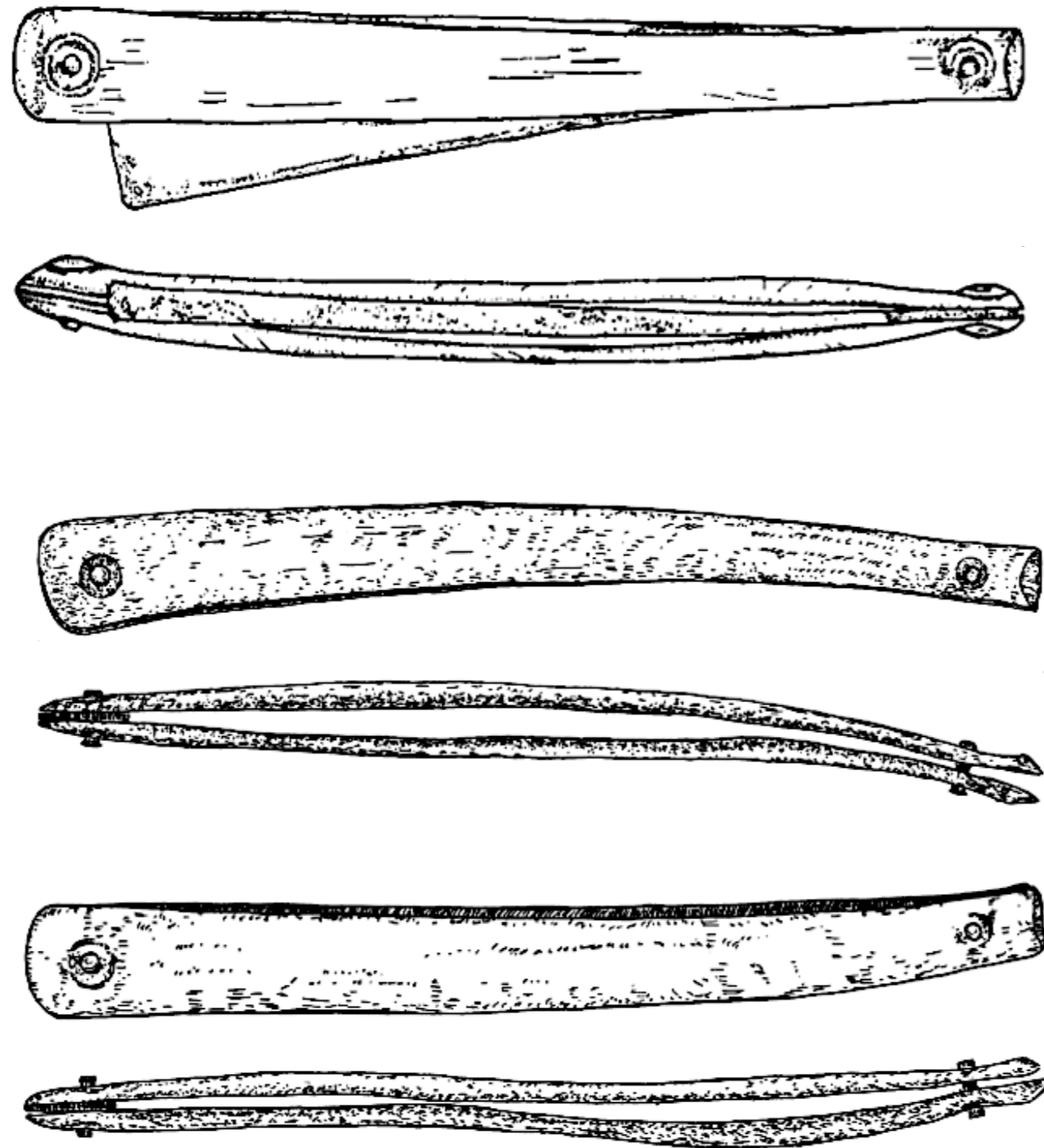
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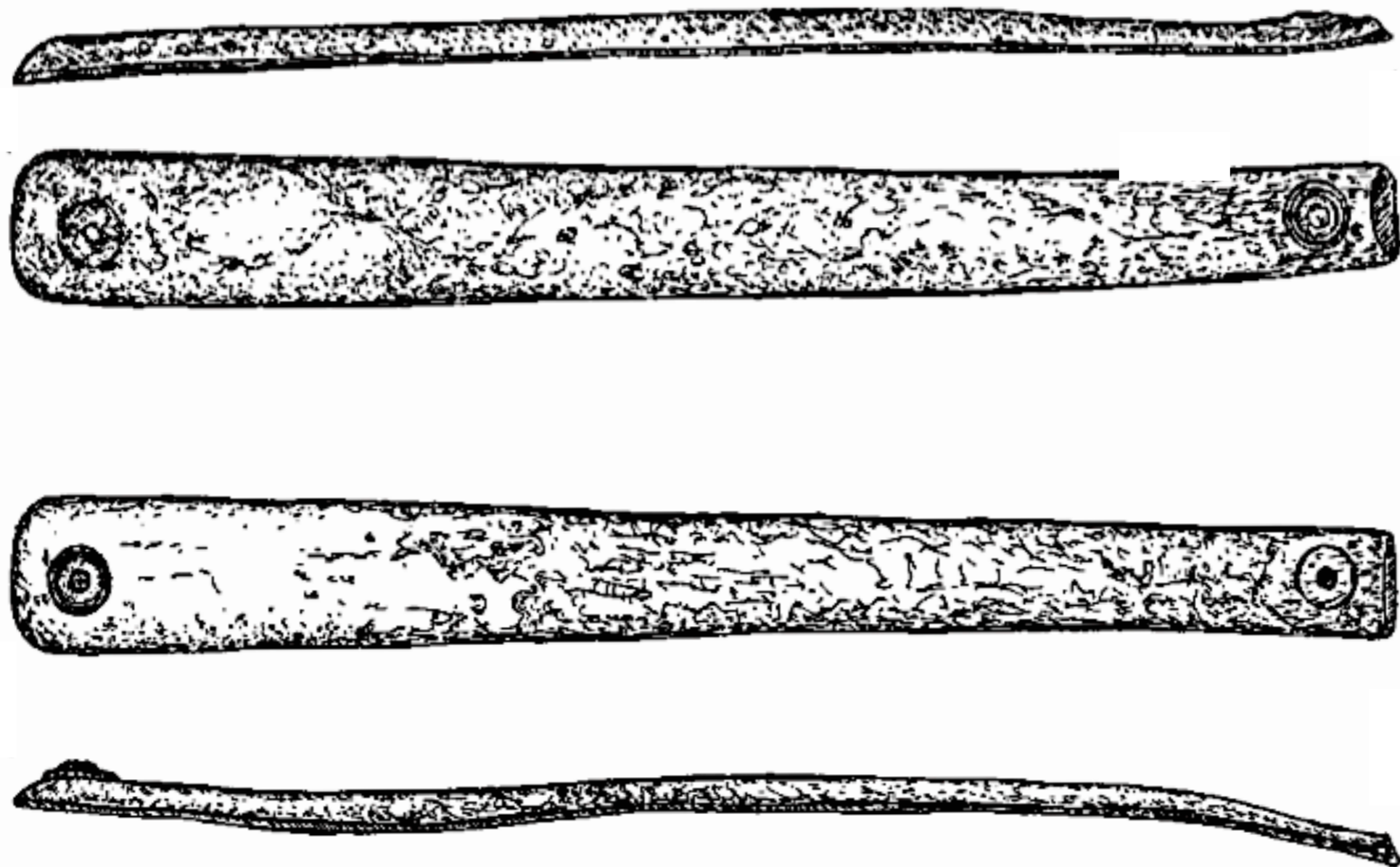
Detail: French Razor
"L'ART du COUTELIER EXPERT EN INSTRUMENTS DE CHIRURGIE"
by Auguste-Denis Fougereux de Bondaroy, Delatour 1772



Bone Handled Razor in a Leather Case Recovered from the 1785 Wreck of the General Carleton of Whitby
c. 1785
(From: "The General Carleton Shipwreck 1785" Wrak Statku - Polish Maritime Museum)

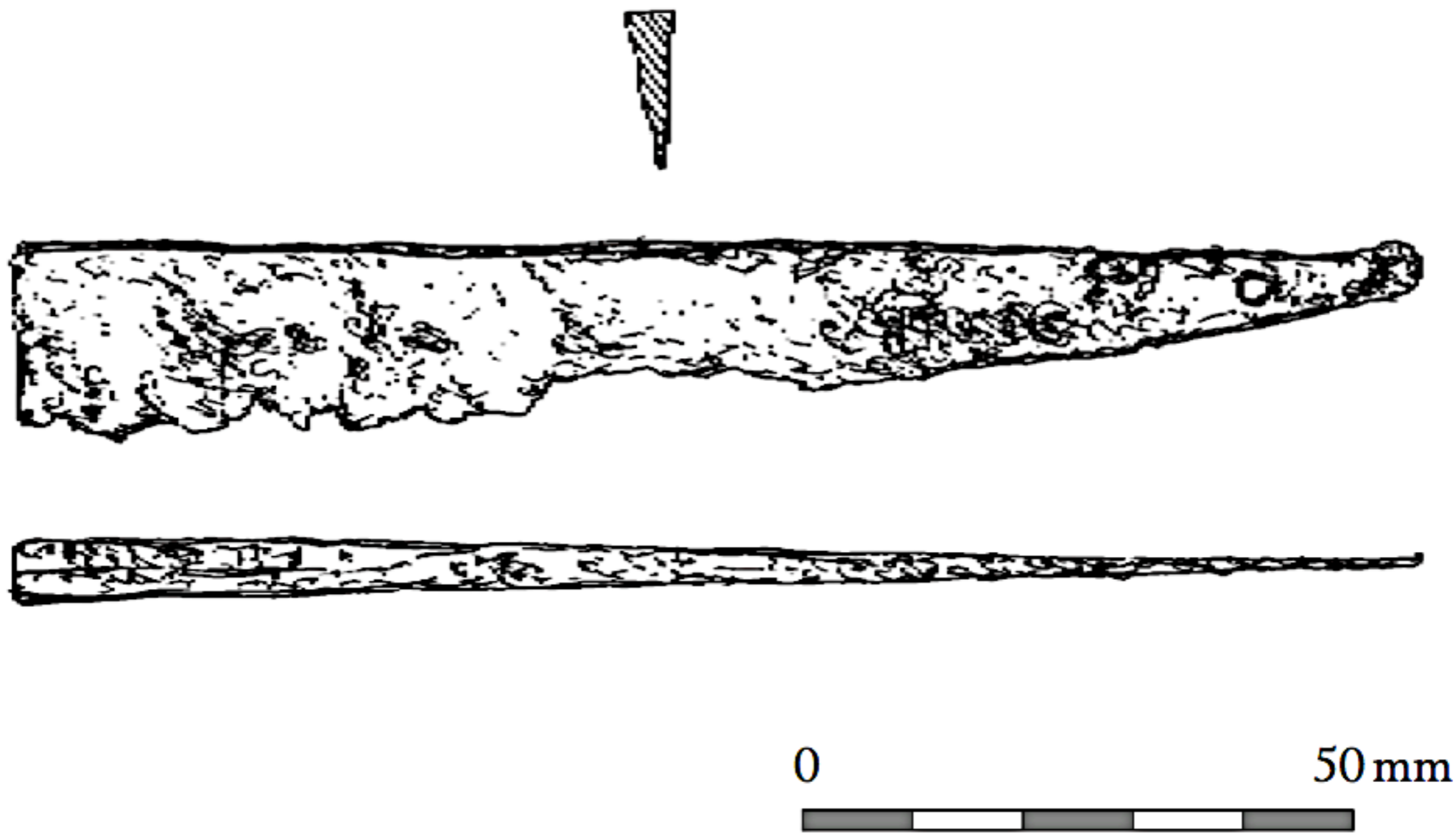


Bone Handled Razors Recovered from the 1785 Wreck of the General Carleton of Whitby
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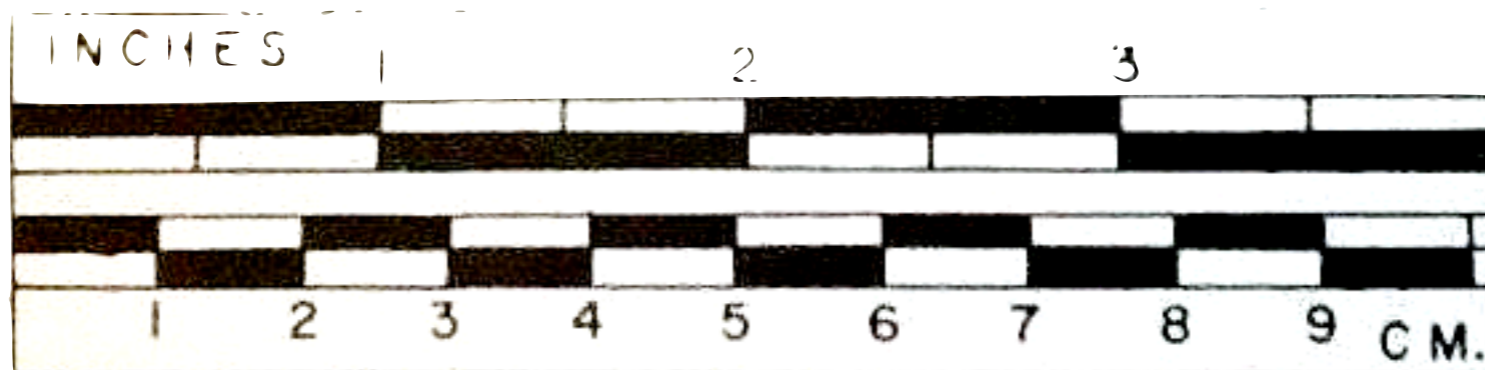
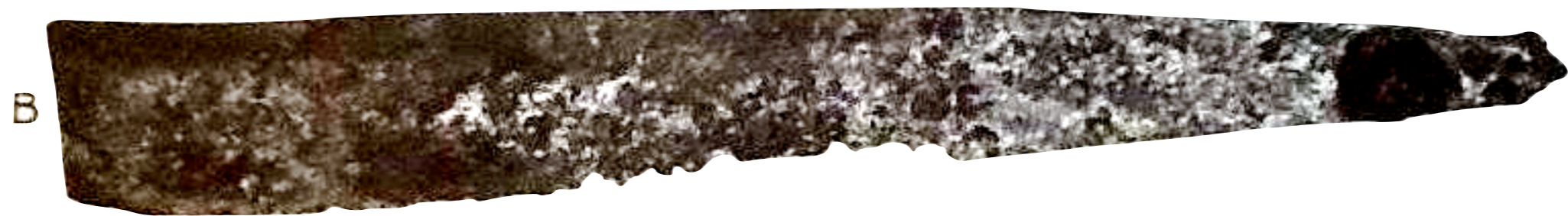
Bone Razor Scales Recovered from the 1785 Wreck of the General Carleton of Whitby
c. 1785
(From: "The General Carleton Shipwreck 1785" Wrak Statku - Polish Maritime Museum)



Razor Blade Recovered from the 1785 Wreck of the General Carleton of Whitby
c. 1785
(From: "The General Carleton Shipwreck 1785" Wrak Statku - Polish Maritime Museum)



Straight Blade Razor with Pewter Washer and Brass Pin Recovered from Grand Portage
18th Century
(Grand Portage)

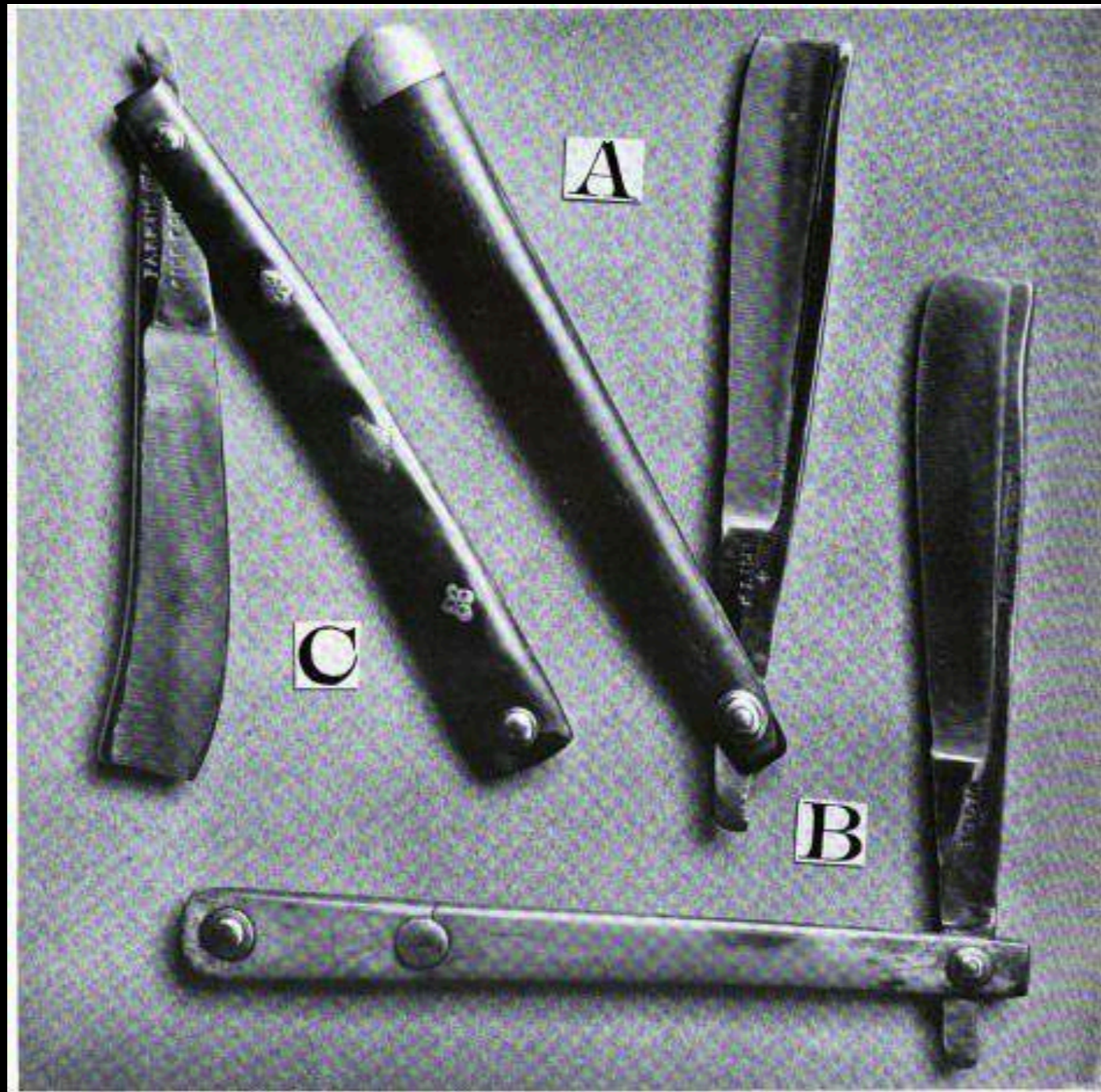


Straight Blade Razor Excavated from Fort Michilimackinac, Abandoned 1781
Pre - 1781
(Fort Michilimackinac)



SHAVING SET with brush, razor and soap dish
Made and used by Solomon Moon
Gift of Dr. & Mrs. Fiske Wood

Shaving Set with Brush, Razor & Soap Dish Used by Solomon Moon
18th Century
(Fort Ticonderoga)



A. Razor by George Smith & Sons, Sheffield, 1770-1785.

Trademark, cross and "Smith." Black Horn Handle 1775

B. Razor by John Shepherd, Sheffield, 1770-1795.

Trademark, Crown and "Wolf." Inscription, "Acier fondu." Bone Handle 1780

C. Razor by Staniforth, Parkin & Co., Sheffield, 1785-1800.

Trademark, "Parkin." Inscription, "Acier fondu." Handle, mottled horn." 1790

(From "Old Sheffield Razors" by Lummus, Henry T.;" In "Antiques", Vol. 2. December, 1922. p. 262.)



*A Pair of Straight Razors
by George Wostenholm Possibly from 1750 to Late 18th Century
(Bill Wright Collection)*



Straight Razor with Crown & Wolf
by John Shepherd
(Private Collection)



Straight Blade Razor Marked "FRANCE"
18th Century
(Private Collection)



Straight Razor and Leather Wallet
18th Century
(Private Collection)



Straight Blade Razor Marked "S Norris"
18th Century
(Morristown National Historic Park)



English Straight Blade Razor from Sheffield

c. 1770 - 1790

(Colonial Williamsburg)



Straight Blade Razor Marked "GRATIAN"
18th Century
(Private Collection)



Straight Blade Razor
18th Century
(Private Collection)



Straight Blade Razor
18th Century
(Victoria & Albert Museum)



Straight Blade Razor Marked "P Ford"
18th Century
(Private Collection)



Straight Blade Razor Marked "P Ford"
18th Century
(Private Collection)



Straight Blade Razor Marked "P Ford"
18th Century
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Straight Blade Razor Marked "P Ford"
18th Century
(Private Collection)



Straight Blade Razor Marked "P"
18th Century
(Private Collection)



English Straight Blade Razor Marked "KIPPAX"
c. 1787
(Private Collection)



Straight Blade Razor by W. Greaves
c. 1780 - 1816
(Private Collection)



Straight Blade Razor Marked "Cast Steel"
Likely 1785 - 1810
(Private Collection)



Straight Blade Razor
18th Century
(Private Collection)



Straight Blade Razor Marked "Sheppard Cast Steel"
Likely 1785 - 1810
(Private Collection)



(Colonial Williamsburg Foundation)

Military Shaving



Razor Blades Excavated at a British Camp During the American War for Independence
Dyckman Farm, Washington Heights, Manhattan c. 1776
(New York Historical Society)



“The Female Barber”
John Dixon, Published by Carrington Bowles 1770
(The British Museum)



“The Female Barber”
John Dixon, Published by Carrington Bowles 1770
(The British Museum)



Published as the Act directs

The FEMALE BARBER.

Printed for Carrington Bowles, N^o 69 in St Pauls Church Yard, London.

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“The Female Barber”
John Dixon, Published by Carrington Bowles 1770
(The British Museum)



H. W. Bunbury del.

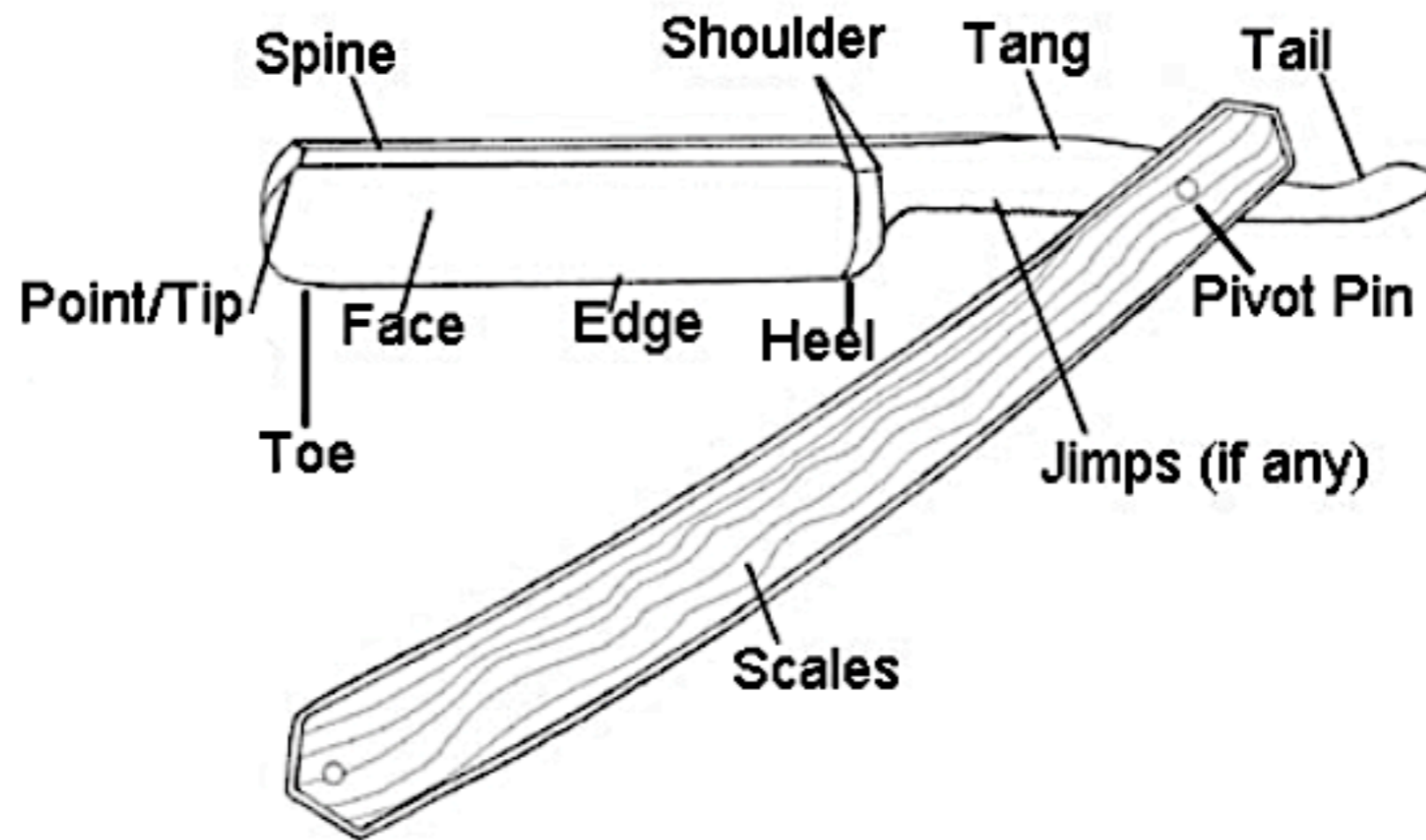
C. White sculp.

A CAMP SCENE

Published from the original by C. White, Suffolk Row, London.

“A CAMP SCENE”
by Charles White after Henry William Bunbury June 25, 1784
(The British Museum)

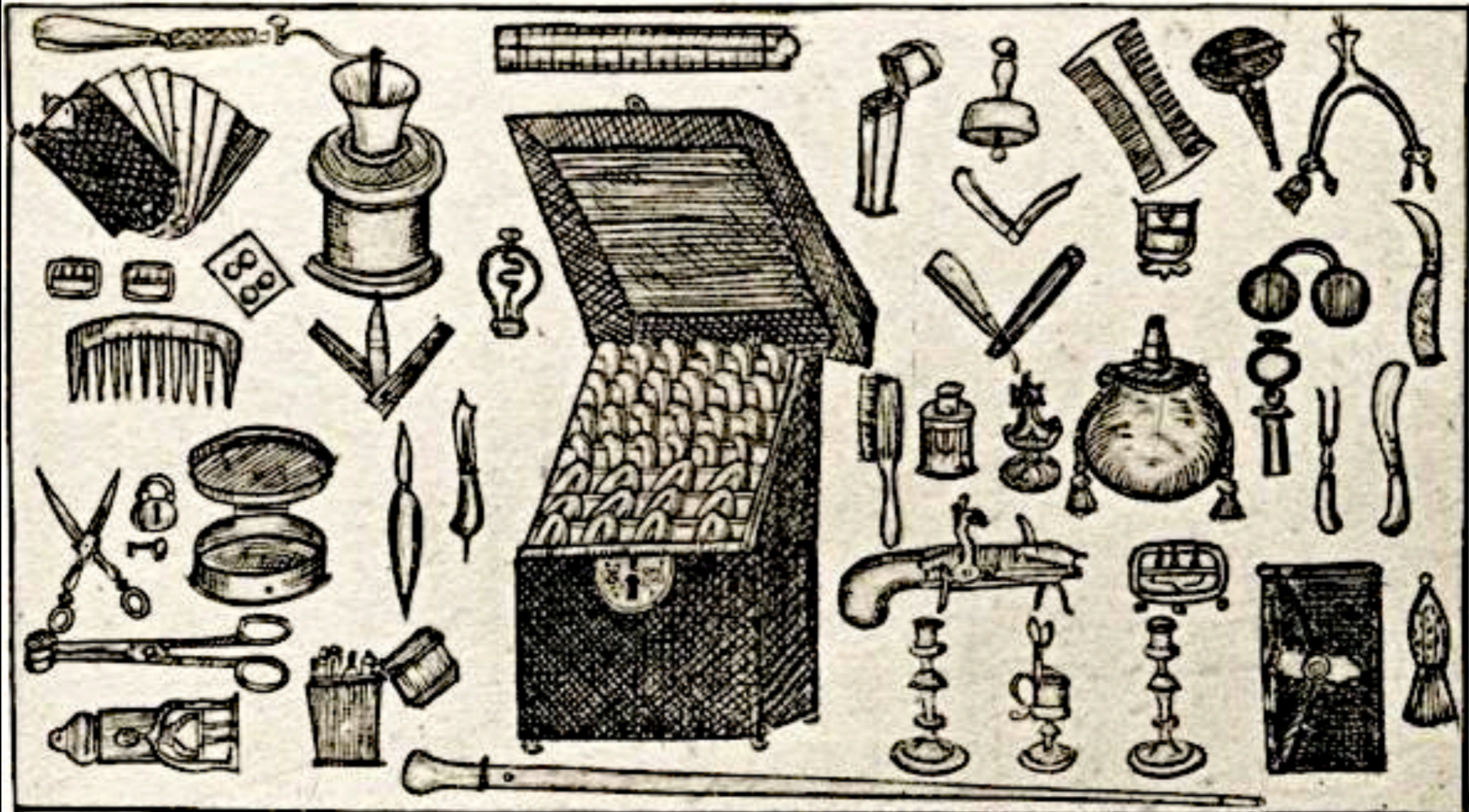
Characteristics Post 18th Century Razors



Razor Maker Trade Cards



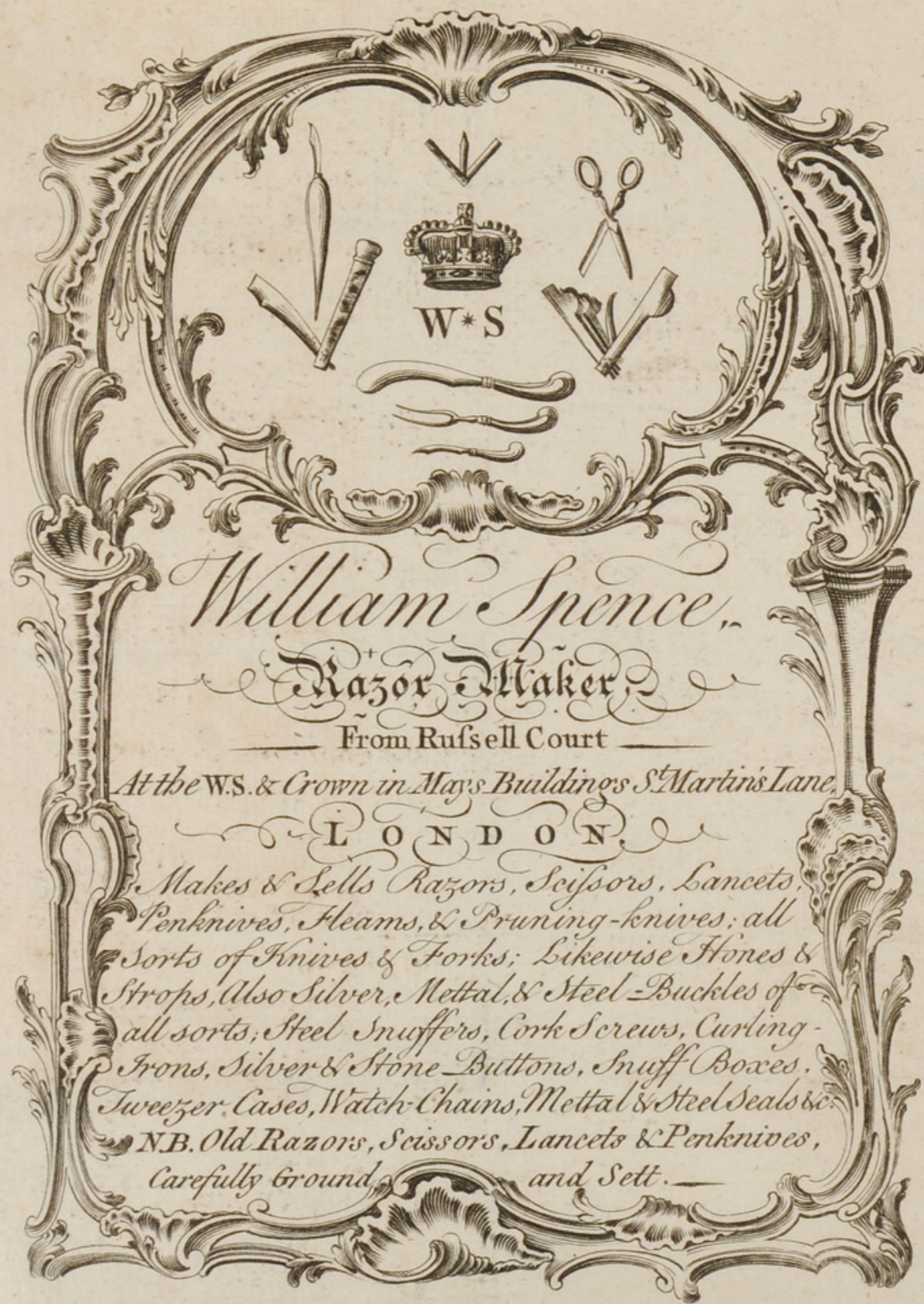
Trade Card
Bailey & Youle. Cutlers from Sheffield



John Brailsford

CUTLER in y^e Broad part of St^e =

Trade Card
John Brailsford, Cutler
(Spitalfieldlife.com)



Trade Card
(Lewis Walpole Library)



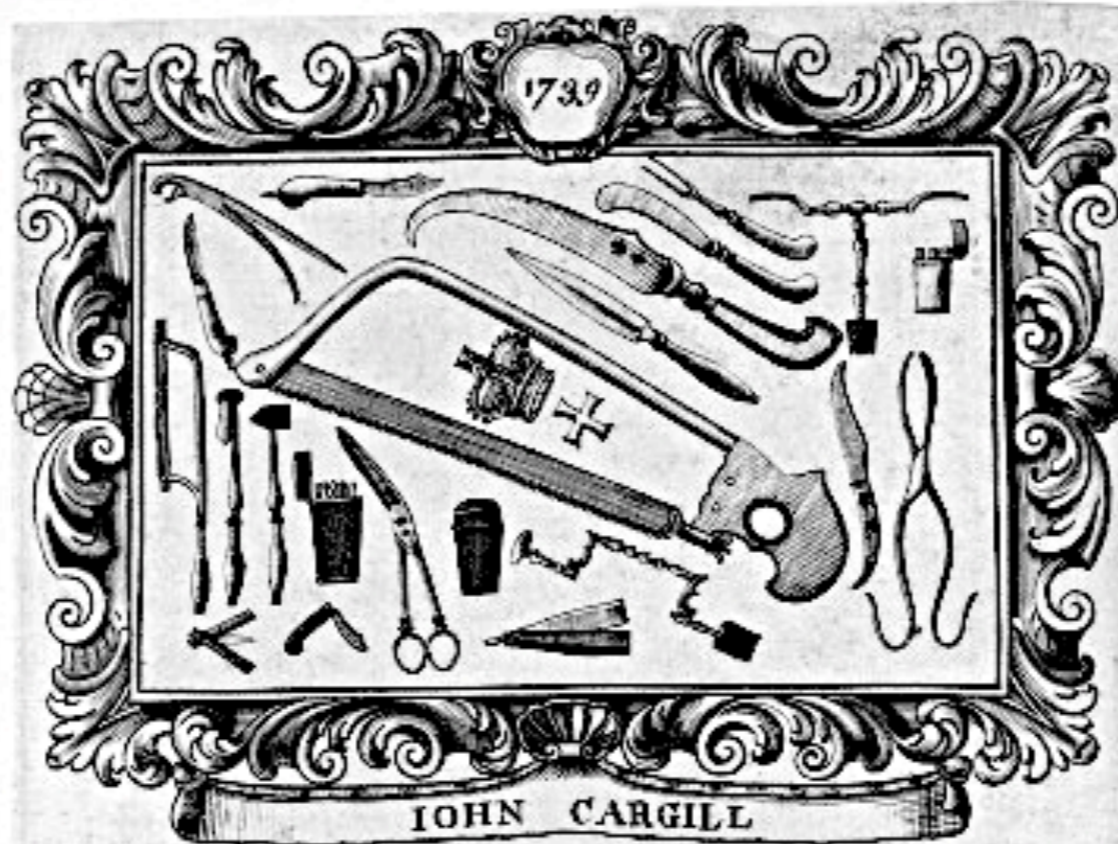
Trade Card
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Ben.ⁿ Dawson,
Razor Maker.

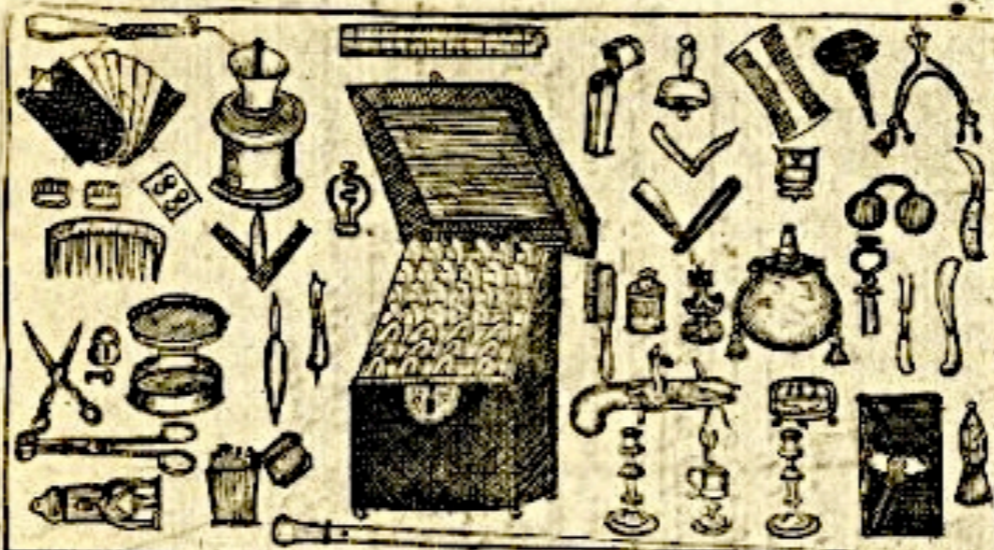
Successor to the Late M. Sam.^l Worsley,
At the W & Crown, in Russel Court, Drury Lane
LONDON.

Makes & Sells Razors, Scissors, Lancets,
Penknives, Fleams & Pruning-knives, all
sorts of Knives & Forks, & Likewise Stones &
Strops; Also Silver, Metall, & Steel Buckles, of
all sorts, Steel Snuffers, Cork Screws, & Curling
Irons, Silver & Stone Buttons, Snuff Boxes,
Tweezer Cases Watch Chains, & Metall & Steel Seals, &c.
N.B. old Razors, Scissors, Lancets, & Penknives,
Carefully Ground & Sett.

Trade Card
(Lewis Walpole Library)



John Cargill
Instrument Maker,
at y^e Saw & Crown in Lombard Street,
LONDON.
Makes & Sells all sorts of Surgeons
Instruments, Razors, Scizers, Pen-
knives, Caseknives, Carving Knives,
Cuttoes, &c. At Reasonable Rates.



John Brailsford
CUTLER in y^e Broad part of St^e =
Martins Court LEICESTER FIELDS maketh &
Selleth all Sorts of the Best LONDON Work
Knives Forks Razors Scissors Penknives Sleams
Gardners & Painters Knives Fine Steel & Met-
tle Buckets Cork Screws Spurs Snuffers Tobacco
& Snuff Boxes Powder Horns Dogs Collers & Pad-
locks Ivory Box & horn Combs Ivory Pocket-
Books & Brushes Canes Rules Pencils Curl-
ling Tongs Ink Stands &c. with all sorts of
Birmingham & Sheffield Ware & Fitteth up
Silver China & Aggett Hoops wth y^e best Steel
Blades at Reasonable Rates. Canes Mounted.

Advertisement for John Brailsford, Cutler

c.1750

(The British Museum)



French Draft Trade Card of François Fajot, Cutler and Barber, Paris
18th Century
(The British Museum)



French Draft Trade Card of François Fajot, Cutler and Barber, Paris
18th Century
(The British Museum)

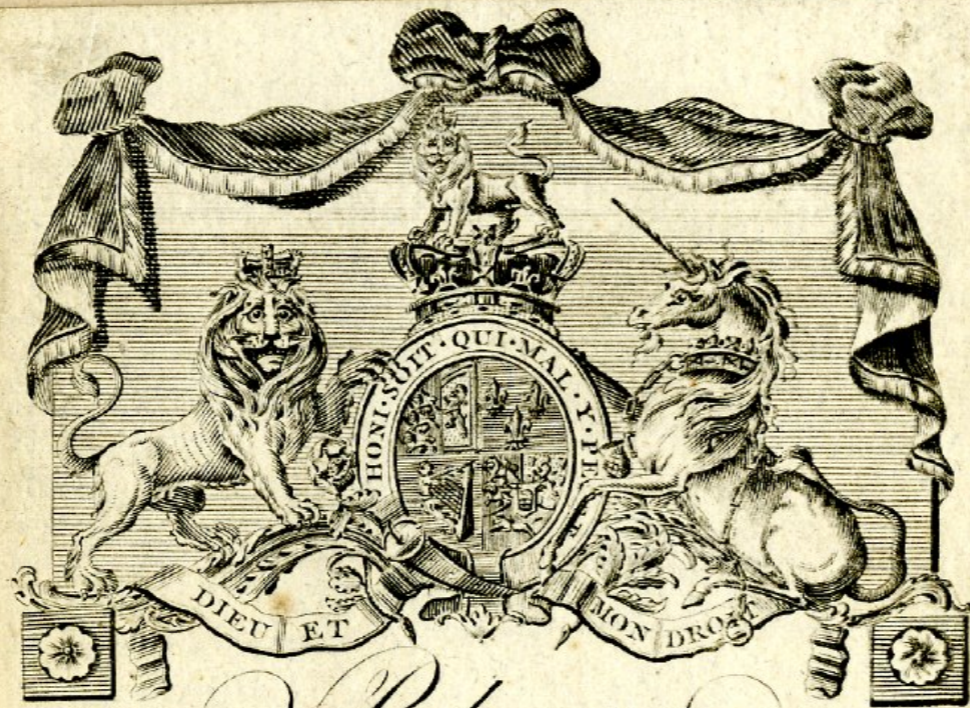


Trade Card for Henry Patten of London

c.1750

(Victoria & Albert Museum)

1794



Palmer,

RAZOR MAKER & CUTLER,

to His Majesty,

and His Royal Highness the

PRINCE of WALES,

St. James's Street.



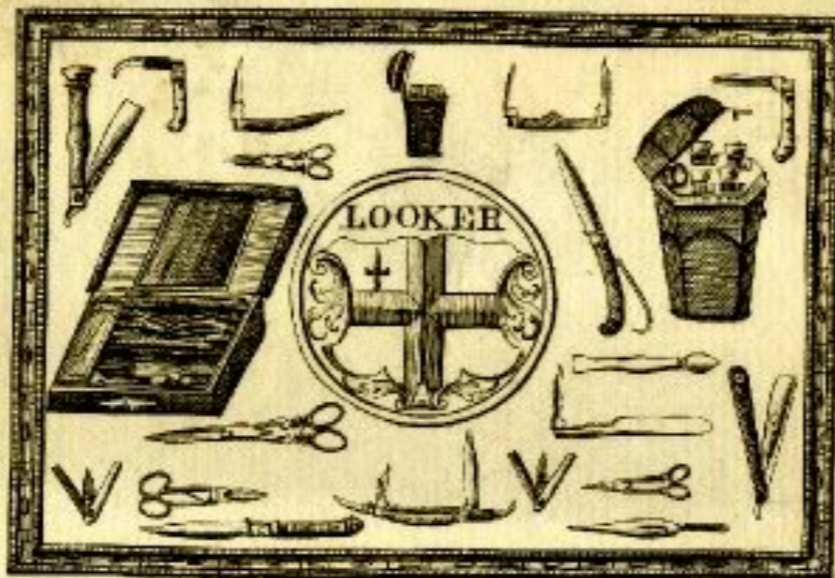
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*Gentlemen's complete Dressing Cases,
and all sorts of Cutlery finished in
the highest Perfection*

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Trade Card
1794
(The British Museum)



Henry Looker
RAZOR MAKER,

*Removed from the Royal Exchange,
to the City Arms, within three Doors of
the Mansion House, in the Poultry,*

LONDON.

*Makes the very best Sort of Razors, Penknives,
Lancetts, Variety of Pocket Knives, Scissors,
Table Knives & Forks, fine Stones, Stropps, and
all other Cutlery Ware*

*N.B. Razors, Penknives, Lancetts &c. Carefully
Ground and Selt*

Advertisement for Henry Looker

c. 1790

(The British Museum)

Razor Boxes



Dutch Turtle Shell & Silver Gentleman's Toilet Box

c. 1700 - 1730
(Victoria & Albert)



Dutch Turtle Shell & Silver Gentleman's Toilet Box

c. 1700 - 1730
(Victoria & Albert)



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Dutch Turtle Shell & Silver Gentleman's Toilet Box

c. 1700 - 1730
(Victoria & Albert)



Continental, Probably South German, Silver Mounted Shagreen Gentleman's Toilet Box
18th Century
(Christie's)



Continental, Probably South German, Silver Mounted Shagreen Gentleman's Toilet Box
18th Century
(Christie's)



Straight Razor Marked "Clark & Hall Cast Steel"
Razor Case
(Guilford Courthouse National Military Park)



Razor Box with Painted Lid & Silk Lining
18th Century
("Big Daddy" West Collection)



Razor Box with Painted Lid & Silk Lining
18th Century
("Big Daddy" West Collection)



Razor Box with Painted Lid & Silk Lining
18th Century
("Big Daddy" West Collection)



Wood Razor Box Recovered from the 1785 Wreck of the General Carleton of Whitby
c. 1785
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Razor Box
18th Century
(Guilford Courthouse National Military Park)



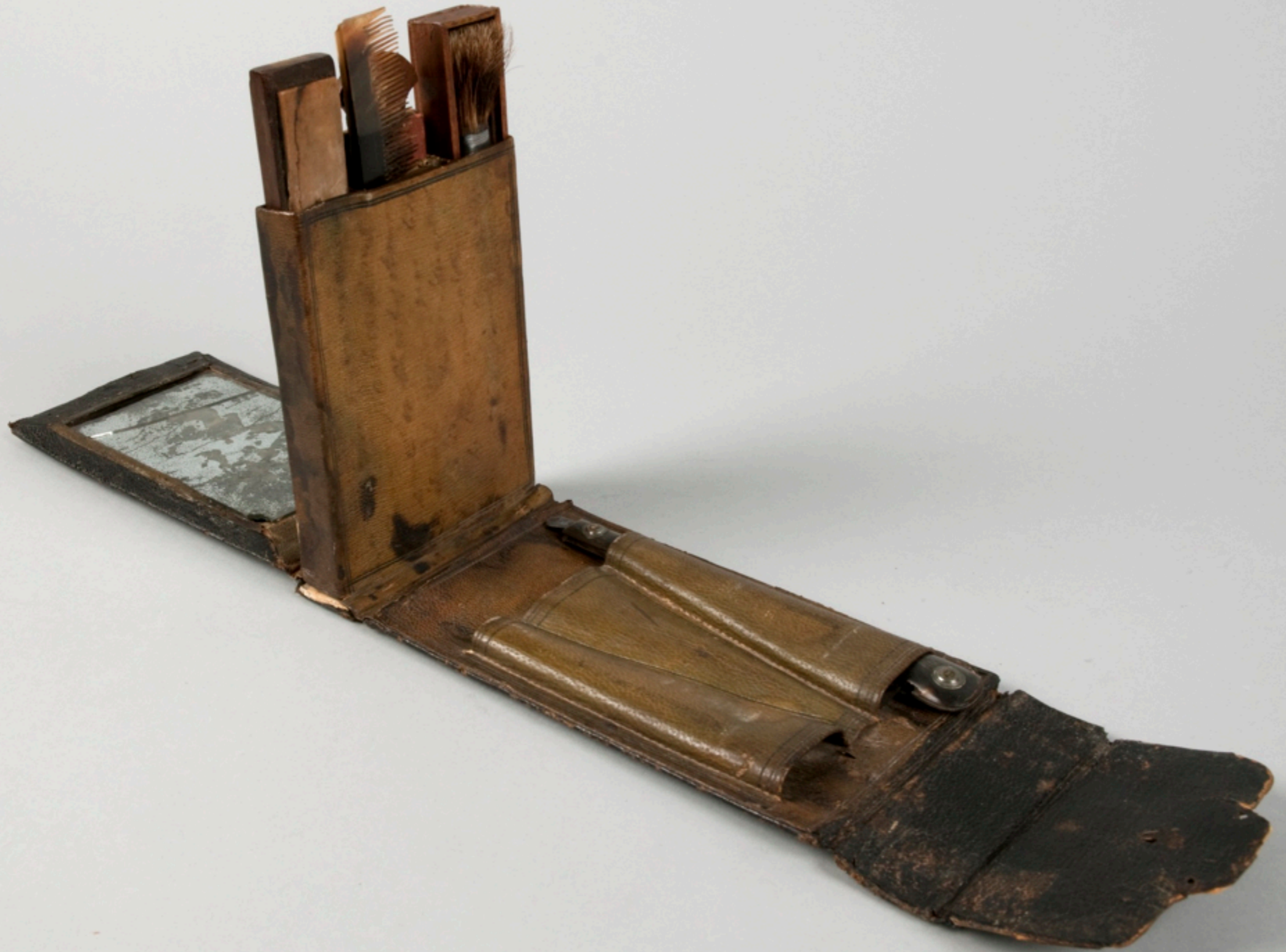
Razor Boxes
18th Century
(Private Collection)



Traveling Shaving Kit Owned by George Washington
c. 1780 - 1800
(Mount Vernon Ladies' Association)



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This shaving case was
used through the "War of Independence" by Washington, as
General in Chief of Ameri-
-ca^s (U.S.A.) 1776, and given to his
connection David Huest of
Va, as he has used it. (Preserve
with shaving case from use to use
as a relic of the "Great & Good"
"The Father of his Country")

Traveling Shaving Kit Owned by George Washington

c. 1780 - 1800

(Mount Vernon Ladies' Association)



Shaving Case from General Nathaniel Green to
Peter Francisco New Store, Buckingham County Virginia July 4, 1776
(Guilford Courthouse National Military Park)



Mahogany Razor Case Owned by George Washington
Probably Made in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Purchased by Washington in May of 1775
(Mount Vernon Ladies' Association)



Spanish Shaving Kit
18th Century
(Christie's Auction House)

Sharpening Stones



Stone Hone Used for Sharpening Razors
Given to George Washington by his Nephew, Major George Lewis
c. 1775 - 1800
(Mount Vernon Ladies' Association)

Shaving Brushes



30 mm

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Shaving Brushes in Iron Sleeves (Handles Missing) Recovered from the 1785 Wreck of the General Carleton of Whitby
c. 1785
(From: "The General Carleton Shipwreck 1785" Wrak Statku - Polish Maritime Museum)



SHAVING SET with brush, razor and soap dish
Made and used by Solomon Moon
Gift of Dr. & Mrs. Fiske Wood

Shaving Set with Brush, Razor & Soap Dish Used by Solomon Moon
18th Century
(Fort Ticonderoga)



“TRAGEDY BURLESQUE or the BARBER turned ACTOR”
by Bowles & Carver c. 1785

Shaving Mirrors



Self Portrait
Lt. Gabriel Bay March 1775
(National Maritime Museum)



English Japanned Shaving Mirror stamped "EP"
Queen Anne Period
(Brunk Auction House)



Mahogany Shaving Mirror
Mid 18th Century
(Skinner Auction House)



Walnut Veneer Shaving Mirror
Mid 18th Century
(Estate of Walter Bott Loucks, Jr.)



English Mahogany Shaving Mirror

c. 1720 - 1760

(Victoria & Albert)



Shaving Box with Fold Out Mirror
18th Century
(Private Collection)



A Monkey Shaving in a Mirror
by Thomas Bewick c. 1780 - 1790
(The British Museum)



English Mahogany Shaving Mirror
c. 1760 - 1780
(Victoria & Albert)

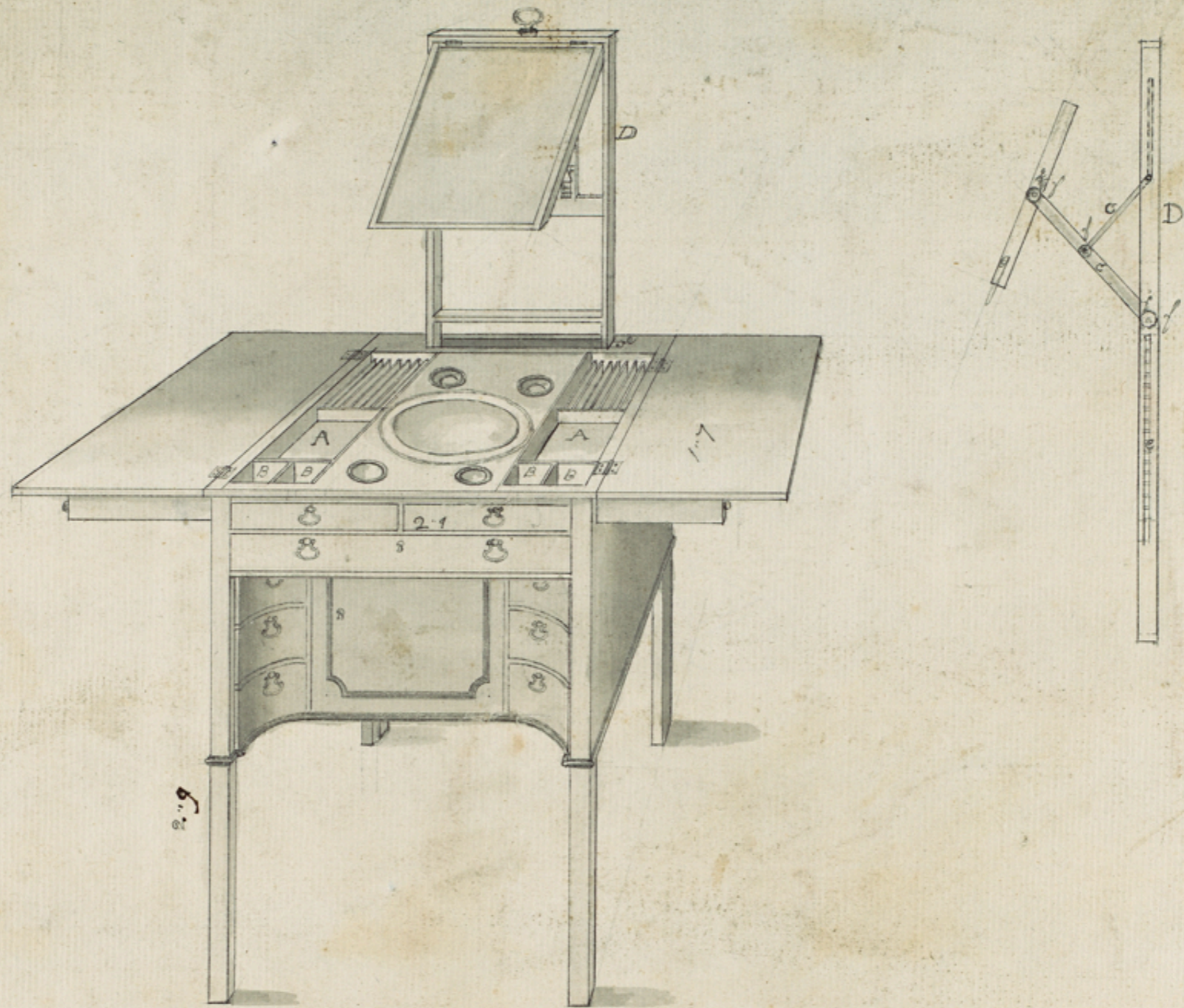


English Dressing or Shaving Stand on a Dressing Table

c. 1700 - 1730

(Metropolitan Museum of Art)

A Shaving Table



English Shaving Table Drawing
by Thomas Chippendale c. 1753 - 1754
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)

Barber Bowls



Dutch Tin Glazed Earthenware Barber Bowl
c. 1660 - 1680
(Victoria & Albert)



Dutch Tin Glazed Earthenware Barber Bowl
18th Century
(Guest & Gray)



English Tin Glazed Earthenware Barber Bowl from Birmingham

c. 1710 - 1720

(Victoria & Albert Museum)



English Tin Glazed Earthenware Barber Bowl from Birmingham

c. 1710 - 1720

(The British Museum)



English Tin Glazed Earthenware Barber Bowl

1716
(Christie's)



English Tin Glazed Earthenware Barber Bowl
Early 18th Century
(Christie's)



English Tin Glazed Earthenware Barber Bowl
Late 17th to Early 18th Century
(Private Collection)



English Tin Glazed Earthenware Barber Bowl
18th Century
(Christie's)



English Tin Glazed Earthenware Barber Bowl

1706

(Chipstone)



English Tin Glazed Earthenware Barber Bowl
Late 17th to Early 18th Century
(Antique Associates)



English Tin Glazed Earthenware Barber Bowl
Late 17th to Early 18th Century
(Antique Associates)



English Tin Glazed Earthenware Barber Bowl
Late 17th to Early 18th Century
(Antique Associates)



English Tin Glazed Earthenware Barber Bowl
Late 17th to Early 18th Century
(Antique Associates)



English Tin Glazed Earthenware Barber Bowl Depicting a Blacksmith
Mid 18th Century
(Van Nie Antiquairs)



English Tin Glazed Earthenware Barber Bowl

c. 1750

(Bostonian Society)



Dutch Tin Glazed Earthenware Barber Bowl
18th Century
(Victoria & Albert)



Dutch Tin Glazed Earthenware Barber Bowl
18th Century
(Victoria & Albert)



Dutch Lead Glazed Earthenware Barber Bowl from Yorkshire or Staffordshire

c. 1770

(John Howard)



Dutch Lead Glazed Earthenware Barber Bowl from Yorkshire or Staffordshire

c. 1770

(John Howard)



American Lead Glazed Earthenware Barber Bowl from Pennsylvania
"Shave me beautiful and fine that I will please the beloved one of mine." 1769
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



European Pewter Barber Bowl

c. 1750

(Private Collection)



English Pewter Barber Bowl
by James Hitchman c. 1675 - 1700
(Victoria & Albert)



English Silver Barber Bowl
c. 1682 - 1683
(Victoria & Albert)



French Silver Basin with Shaving Attachment
Basin by Jean Fauch c. 1745 - 1746, Attachment by Joseph-Pierre-Jacques Dugua c. 1760 - 1761
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



French Sheffield Plate Barber Bowl
Late 18th Century
(Victoria & Albert)

Shaving Jugs



English Silver Shaving Jug
c. 1682 - 1683
(Victoria & Albert)



Irish Silver Shaving Jug
by John Williamson of Dublin 1736
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)

Soap Boxes



English Silver Soap Box for Shaving
c. 1682 - 1683
(Victoria & Albert)



French Silver Soap & Sponge Boxes
by C. Louis Gérard 1739
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)

French Facial Hair



*Fils de cent Boucs, me prends-tu pour un
Saint Laurent.*

C. P. Marillier del.

R. De Launay sculp. J. de la Roche fecit.

Illustration to "Estevanille Gonzalez" & Engraved for 'Oeuvres choisies de Lesage' (Paris & Amsterdam, 1783)
by Robert De Launay after Clément Pierre Marillier 1783
(The British Museum)



Illustration to "Estevanille Gonzalez" & Engraved for 'Oeuvres choisies de Lesage' (Paris & Amsterdam, 1783)
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