Hockensmith & Weaning June 09, 1874 Patent 151,878 for Improvement to Can Openers

An eBay Can Opener from April 6, 2022 was listed as unmarked and it really looked neat to me. I thought my bid of \$266.99 was crazy but I won with a bid of \$209.17 (third place was at \$85). After \$15 shipping, tax and an Esnipe fee, I had \$244.00 in it. It is a very unusual style but not marked. I spent about week trying to find the patent and I use Google Advanced Patent search as most times for any patent they will show 15-25 associated patents. I had searched from the first 1858 Can Opener patent until I was looking at a 1903 patent by George Redpath (#741,276). One of the associated patents was for an "Improvements in Can Openers" dated June 9, 1874. When I pulled the patent drawing up, it was "Bingo" time. It is always great to tie a piece to the patent.





