

Gloucestershire's Industrial Heritage

Can You Identify This Piece of Specialist Equipment Please?

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To GSIA Members

A GSIA member has sent in this photograph with the hope that someone might know exactly what the intended use of this unusual tool was.



He says "The serrated grips are fixed and the gap between them is about 2 inches fully open. They are about inch and a quarter diameter. The pointed arm looks to be for a handle."

I was unsure what 'fixed' meant in this context. I think it must mean neither grip can rotate, as

clearly the upper grip will move up or down according to which way the curved handle is turned. The wooden handle might provide some stability when screwing down the upper grip. The serrations will increase the localised stresses on the object between the grips. Indeed it would certainly leave an imprint on a flat plate of mild steel say, but what use would that be?

I am sure it would defeat the most stubborn nut at Christmas.

Comments that are more sensible than mine will be passed on to the owner.

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