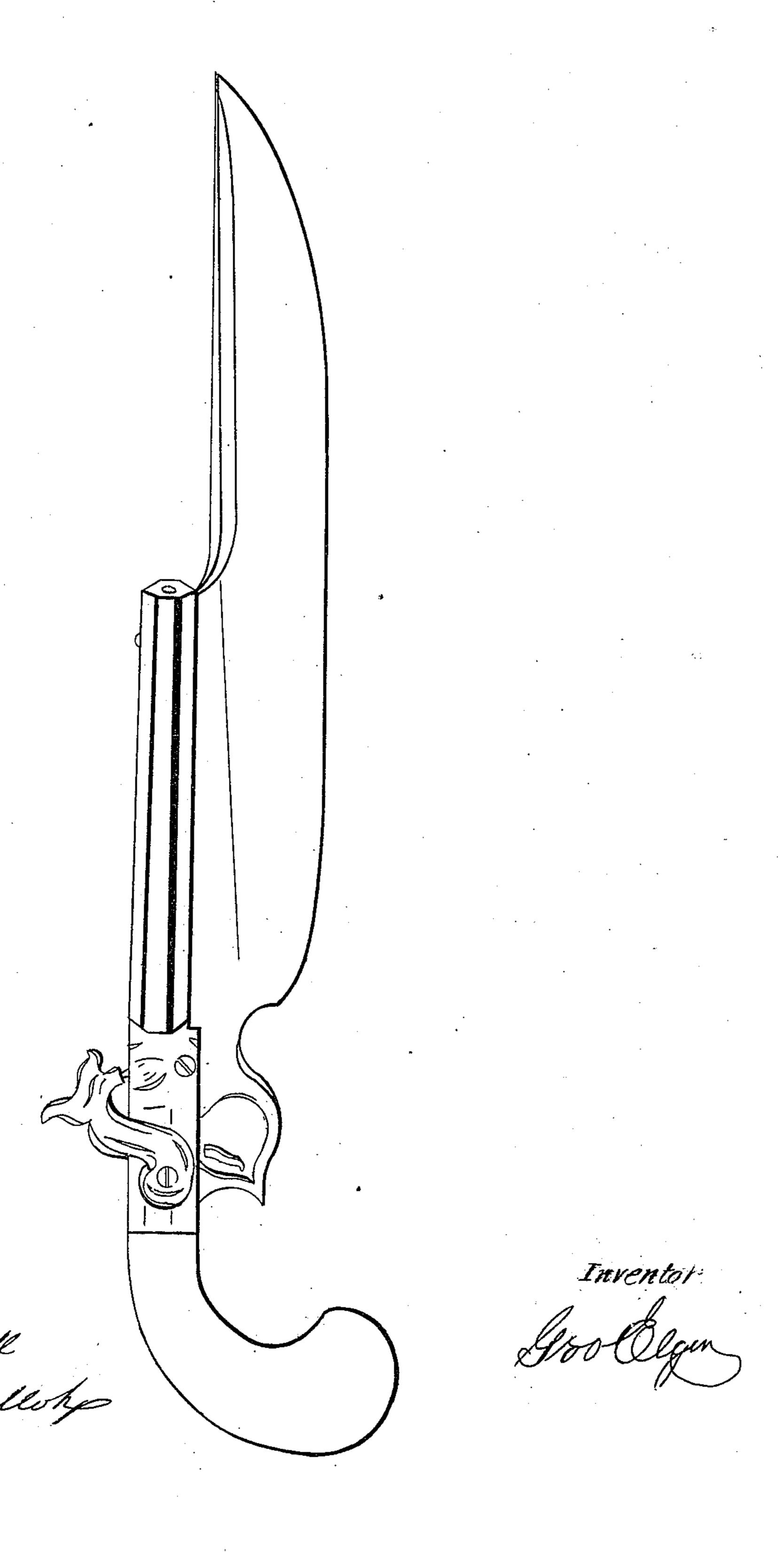
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IMPROVEMENT IN THE PISTOL KNIFE OR CUTLASS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 254, dated July 5, 1837.

To all whom it may concern:

city, county, and State of New York, late of | in the following manner: The handle being the city of Macon, county of Bibb and State of Georgia, have invented a new and useful instrument called the Pistol-Knife or Pistol-Cutlass; and I do hereby declare that the following is a true and exact description.

The nature of my invention consists in combining the pistol and Bowie knife, or the pistol and cutlass, in such manner that it can be used with as much ease and facility as either the pistol, knife, or cutlass could be if separate, and in an engagement, when the pistol is discharged, the knife (or cutlass) can be brought into immediate use without changing or drawing, as the two instruments are in the hand at the same time.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction and operation.

I construct my pistols, knives, and cutlasses Be it known that I, George Elgin, of the i in any of the known forms, and combine them the same, the barrel and blade are combined by tongue and groove with a screw or screws, or the barrel and blade can be made solid, or the two can be soldered in such manner as to be firm and substantial. The barrel is combined on the top or back of the knife or cutlass, and may extend to any distance to suit the maker or manufacturer.

> What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

> The combination of the pistol and blade in the manner above described, using any metals for the manufacture of those articles which will produce the intended effect.

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Witnesses:

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