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Thread Cutter.*

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Fig: 1.

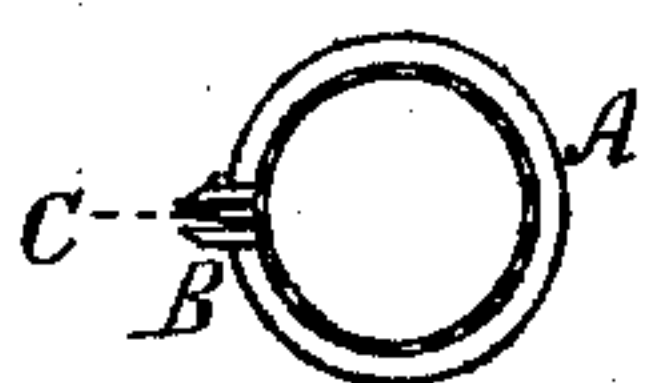


Fig: 2.

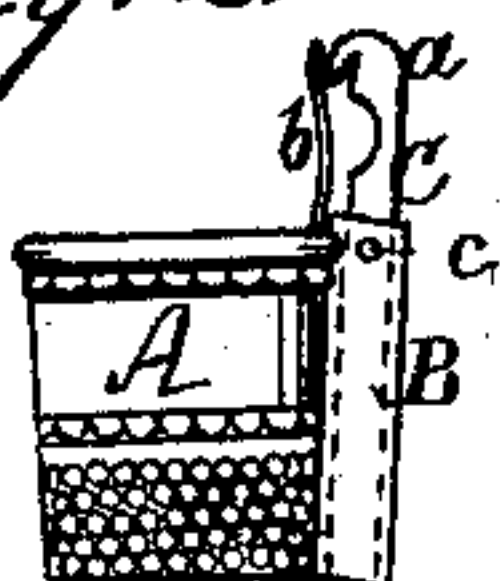


Fig: 3.

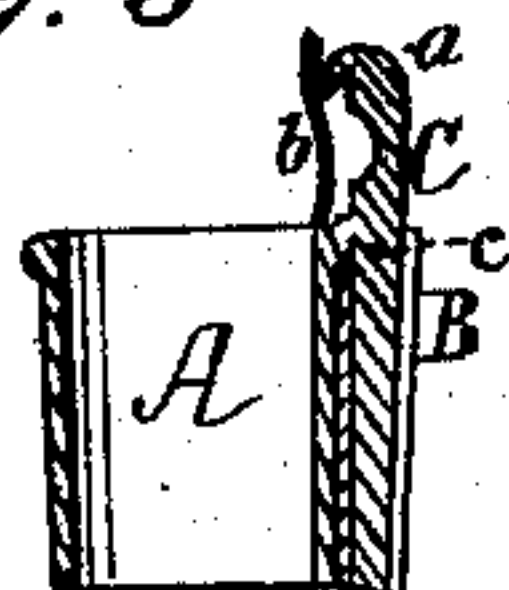


Fig: 4.



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IMPROVEMENT IN THIMBLES WITH GUARDED CUTTERS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL PERSONS TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME.

Be it known that I, LEWIN A. PECK, of Newton Corner, in the county of Middlesex, and State of Massachusetts, have made a new and useful invention of a Thread or Twine Cutting Thimble; and I do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the following specification, and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a top view.

Figure 2, a side elevation; and

Figure 3, a longitudinal section of my said invention.

Figure 4 exhibits an end view of with its thimble or clasp open lengthwise so as to spring upon and fit to the finger of a person.

In figures 1, 2, and 3 of such drawings, A denotes a sewing thimble, having a grooved knife case or guard, B, affixed to one side of it. Within such case is a lever knife, C, whose handle *a* projects from and beyond one end of the case in manner as represented, and rests against a spring, *b*, projecting either from the thimble or the case. The knife is supported in or connected to the case or guard by means of a fulcrum or pin, *c*, which goes laterally through the two. The outer edge of the knife-blade is to be the sharp or cutting edge, in order that when a thimble is fixed on or applied to a person's finger, pressure on the handle of the knife will throw the blade outward beyond the case, so as to enable the person to cut twine or thread. Thus after having sewed or stitched a piece of cloth or other material by the aid of the thimble, the knife will afford a ready means of separating the thread from the material. The office of the spring *b* is to force the blade back into its case or guard. By having the thimble or clasp slit lengthwise, as shown at *d*, in fig. 4, (in which A denotes the clasp, and B the case or guard, and C the knife,) it may be applied to or held upon and fit the finger of a person to better advantage often than when made solid or without the slit, the thimble or clasp under such circumstances being elastic so as to spring open laterally. As made with the open elastic clasp, as described, the article is useful for grocers and various others using twine for binding packages. The case, by covering the knife or its blade, when within it, serves as a guard to prevent such blade from accidentally doing injury to the wearer.

I claim the combination as well as the arrangement of the lever knife, and its operative spring, with the thimble or finger clasp, as set forth.

I also claim the combination as well as the arrangement of the knife, and its case or guard, with the thimble or clasp, as explained.

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