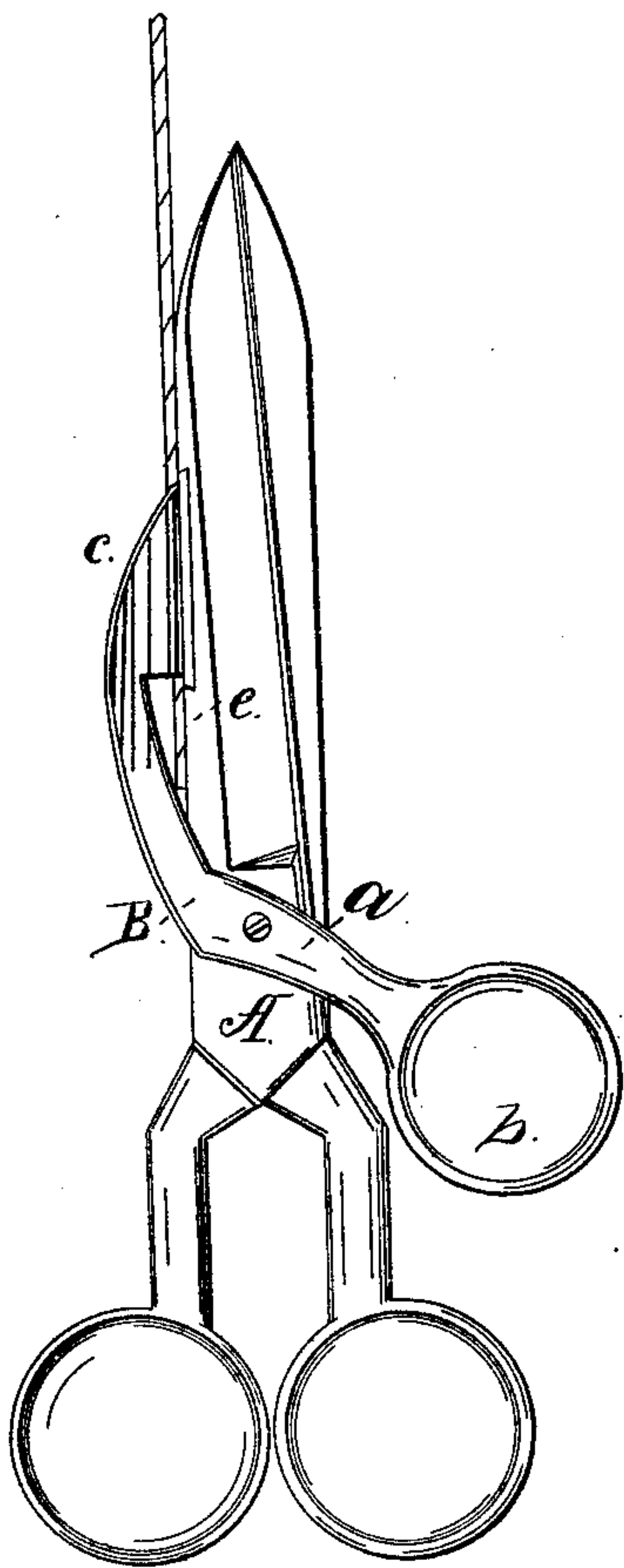


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IMPROVEMENT IN SCISSORS AND BUTTON-HOLE CUTTERS COMBINED.

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

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, J. A. ALTHOUSE, of New Harmony, Posey county, Indiana, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Scissors; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification.

The drawing represents a pair of scissors with my improved button-hole cutter attached.

The design of this invention is to combine a button-hole cutter with an ordinary pair of scissors for the sake of convenience and economy.

A represents an ordinary pair of scissors, to which is attached a button-hole cutter, B, by the same rivet *a*. The button-hole cutter B has a finger-loop, *b*, at one end, so placed on one side of the handle of the scissors as to receive the fore-finger at the same time, (the scissors are held in the usual way for cutting with,) and at the other end is the cutter-blade *c*, the edge of which works upon the surface of a soft metal block, *e*, that is let into the back of one of the scissors-blades to cut the hole for a button in any fabric placed under it, or instead of a piece of soft metal for receiving the sharp edge of the cutter-blade *c*, the edge may work in a slot in the back of the blade of the scissors or on the edge like the scissors-blades.

The material to be cut is placed under the cutter-blade *c*, and, by bearing on it in the same manner that scissors are used for cutting with, the button-hole is cut.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A button-hole cutter, B, attached to a pair of scissors by the same rivet *a*, when constructed and operating as herein shown and described.

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