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CIGAR-CUTTER.

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Fig. 1.

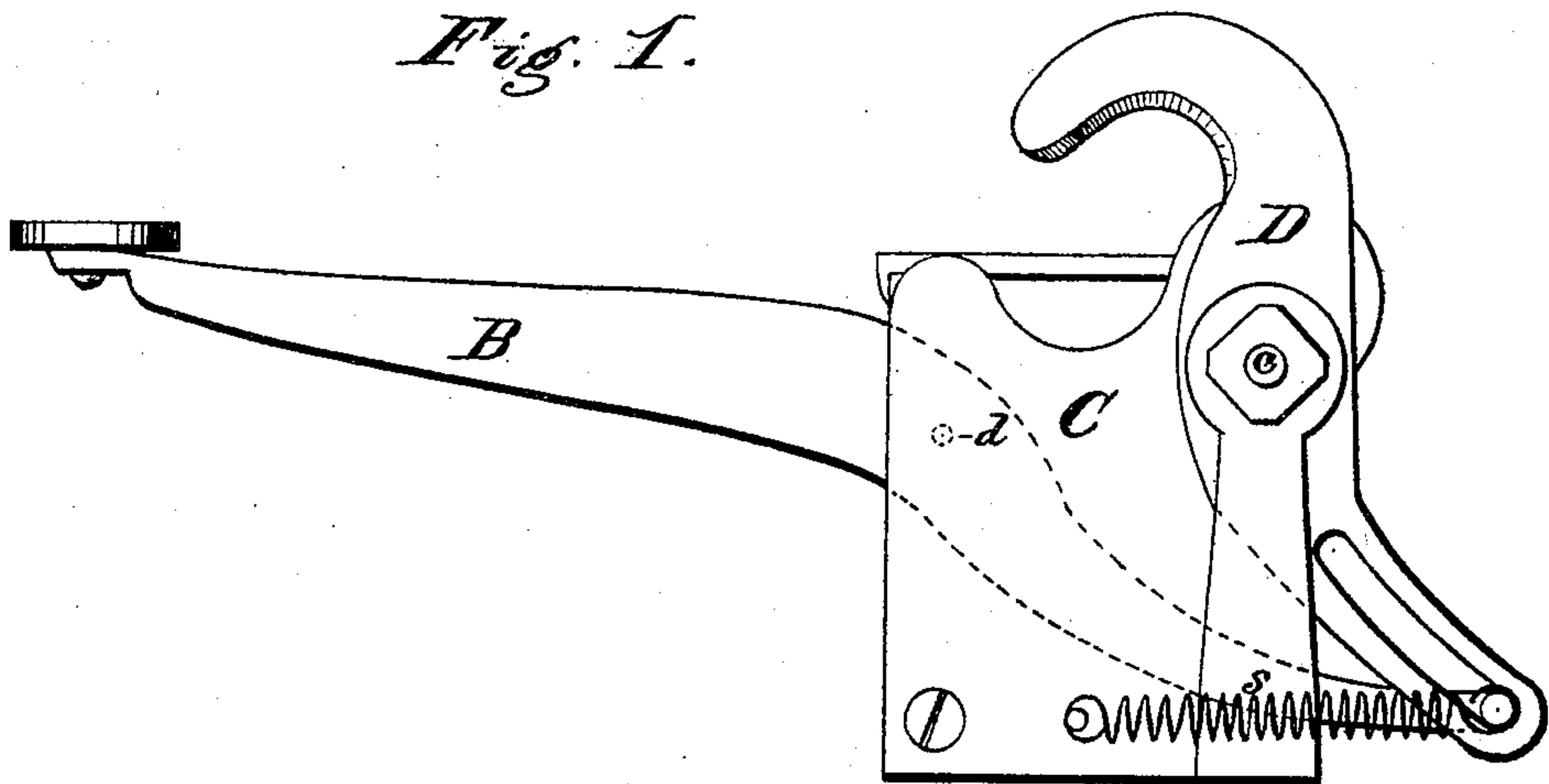
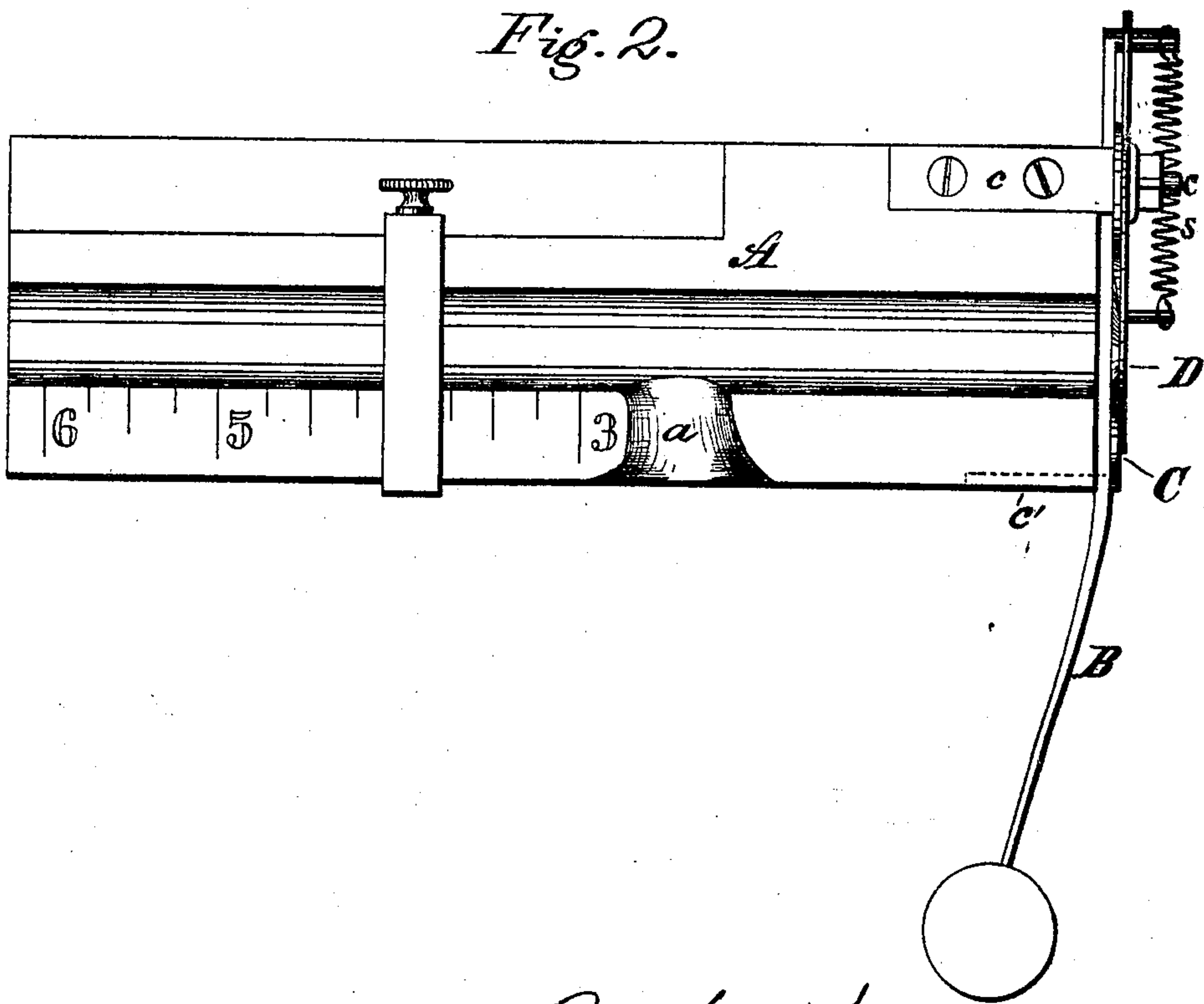


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CIGAR-CUTTERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACKSON SHEPARD, of Allegheny, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cigar-Cutters; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is an end elevation. Fig. 2 is a side elevation.

This invention relates to cigar-cutters; and consists in the construction and arrangement of parts, as hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, A represents the bed-block, generally of wood, cut away at the back for attachment to a table. It is grooved endwise on top for the cigars, and has the usual scale and movable guard. Pivoted at the end of the bed-block A at *b* is a wrist-lever, B, working in a vertical plane transversely of the bed A. Outside this lever B, resting against the shoulder-pins *c c'*, is the under knife C, which has a concave cutting-edge, as shown, and extending over the end surface of the block A, the concave edge corresponding to the groove in bed A. Outside of this, and pivoted to the prolonged shoulder-pin *c*, is the upper knife D, which also has a concave cutting-edge, as shown. Its lower end is slotted, and in it works the lower end of lever B, which is bent over to suit. Then attached to a pin on the face of knife C, and to the end of lever B, which projects through the slot in knife D, is a retractile spring, *s*, to keep the knives always apart after using, so as to be ready for the next cut. The rear upper edge of the block is recessed as a thumb-hole, *a*, so that in laying the cigar in position it may be held while cutting, without liability of the thumb to slip or press against the sharp edge of the block.

The lever B is bent over at its rear end, so as to come in toward the middle of device. The purpose of this is the purpose of my in-

vention, namely—to allow the operator to cut the cigar with one hand, and with the same hand adjust and hold the cigar at the proper position. This will be seen from the following operation:

The slide being adjusted, the uncut cigar is laid in the groove, with its fag end projecting over knife C, the thumb of operator lying out of the way in recess *a*. Then, while holding the cigar thus, he brings his wrist, or the ball of his hand, down upon the lever B, depressing its near end, throwing its far end up, and with it the slotted end of knife D, which then comes down, and the cigar is cut off neatly between the two knives. Pressure being released, the spring throws the knives clear of each other, and the device is ready again.

In case a left-handed man wishes to use the device, it can be constructed accordingly. While cutting the cigar that has just been rolled, the operator has his other hand free to gather more tobacco for the next cigar, thus saving time and trouble.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is as follows:

1. In combination with the longitudinally-grooved base A and support *c*, the knife D, having its upper end curved to form a cutting-blade, and its shank slotted, the operating-lever B, having its short arm connected to said slotted shank, and its long arm projecting forward and laterally toward the bed, substantially as shown, whereby the hand that holds the cigar, or the wrist thereof, may manipulate the lever, as set forth.

2. The bed-block A of a cigar-cutting machine, having the recessed thumb-hole *a* and longitudinal cigar-channel, substantially as shown, and for the purpose specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 22d day of October, 1875.

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