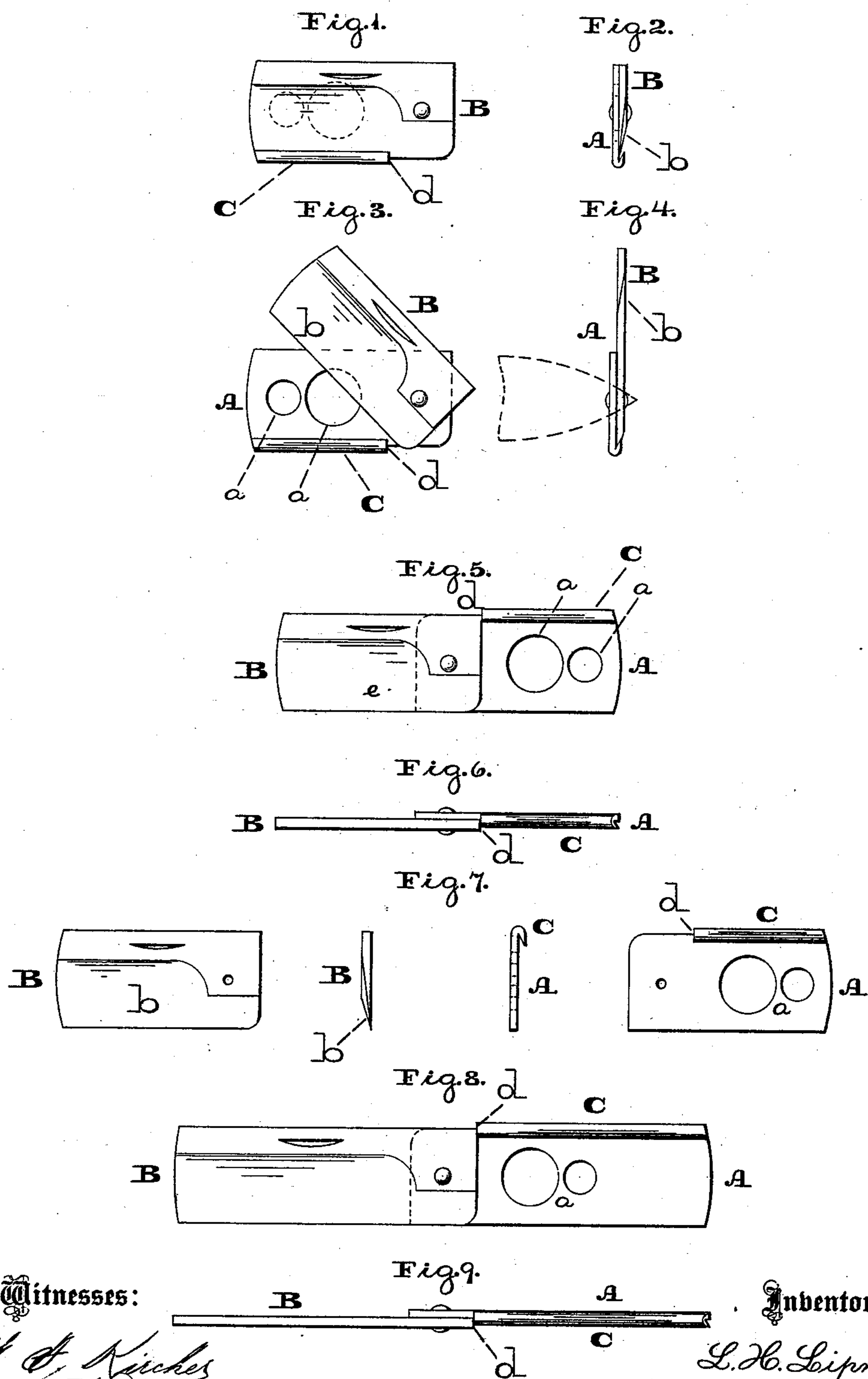


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IMPROVEMENT IN POCKET CIGAR-CUTTERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEWIS H. LIPMAN, of the city and county of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in a Cigar-Cutter and Pocket-Knife, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figures 1 and 3 are side elevations of the cutter and knife embodying my invention. Figs. 2 and 4 are end views thereof. Fig. 5 is a side elevation of the cutter and knife open. Fig. 6 is a top view thereof. Fig. 7 is a side elevation, the parts being separated. Fig. 8 is a side elevation of a modification. Fig. 9 is a top view thereof.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

My invention consists of a cigar-cutter, also adapted to be employed as a pocket-knife. The stock of the device has openings, through which the tips of cigars may be introduced, and by the descent of the pivoted blade said tips may be nicely cut off, as a step preliminary to smoking.

The blade may be entirely opened, and the stock then serves as a handle, thus providing a convenient pocket-knife.

Referring to the drawings, A represents a stock or plate of metal, preferably flat, and in the same are formed circular openings *a* of different diameters. B represents a blade, which is pivoted to one end of the stock A, and adapted to move over the openings *a* of the stock, said blade having a cutting-edge, *b*.

Extending along one edge of the stock A is a flange, C, which is so disposed that when the blade B is shut or folded, the cutter-edge *b* is inclosed by said flange, and thus guarded and non-exposed, the flange C extending only a certain length of the stock, so as to leave a shoulder, *d*, at the part of the stock adjacent to the pivoted end of the cutter B.

When the device is to be carried in the pocket or elsewhere, the parts are in position shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the cutting-edge *b* of the blade entering the space of the flange C, thereby preventing injury by the blade to the pocket or to the person possessing the device.

The flange C may somewhat tightly embrace the cutting-edge of the blade, so as to prevent the accidental opening of the latter; but the same result may be accomplished by tightening the pivot or axial pin of the blade.

When the blade B is opened or partly opened, the openings *a* are uncovered. The tip of a cigar may now be introduced into one of said openings, according to size, and the blade will be quickly closed, by which operation the tip will be severed, and it drops from the stock, the cigar being in condition to be lighted and smoked.

The extent of descent of the blade is regulated by the flange C, and the severing act is accomplished without danger of cutting the fingers or hands.

When, for other purposes, a pocket-knife is required, the blade will be opened to full extent, as shown in Figs. 5 and 6. In this case the perforated stock A serves as a handle, and the heel of the blade abuts against the shoulder *d* of the flange C, whereby the blade will be properly held during the operation of cutting.

In Figs. 8 and 9 the blade and stock are lengthened, merely to provide a larger knife than is shown in Fig. 5.

If desired, a spring may be attached to the stock or blade, and so applied that the power of the blade will be increased, or its closing motion assisted while the tip of the cigar is being cut.

The flange C may be continued so as to inclose more or less of the blade without affecting the utility of any part of the device.

I am aware that the parts enumerated are old, considered separately, and I therefore disclaim them; but

What I do claim is—

The herein-described device as a new article of manufacture.

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