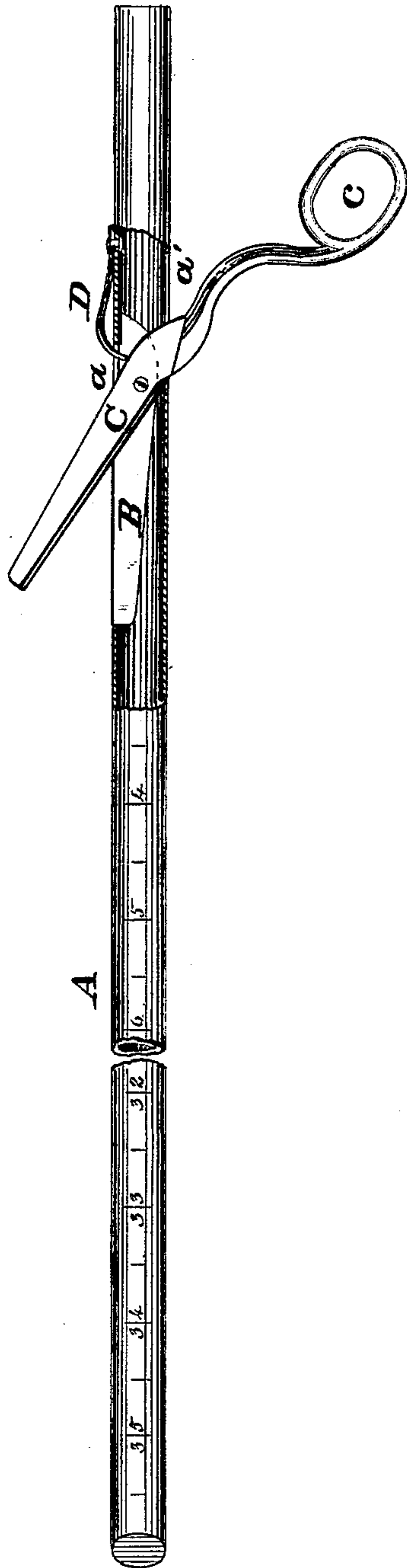


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IMPROVEMENT IN COMBINED SCISSORS AND SCALE-MEASURE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SCOTT STIVERS, of Liberty, Union county, Indiana, have invented a new and useful Combined Measure and Scissors, of which the following is a specification.

My device consists, essentially, of a cylindrical rod (preferably a metallic tube) having a longitudinal slot, within which is secured one blade of a pair of scissors, whose other blade is maintained in the open position by means of a spring.

The object of the invention is to combine in one implement the functions of a measure and those of scissors or shears.

In the accompanying drawing an implement embodying my invention is shown in partly-broken side elevation.

A represents portions of a yard-stick or measure composed of a metallic tube.

One blade, B, of a pair of scissors is so firmly brazed or otherwise permanently secured within the tube as to cause its cutting-edge to protrude slightly above the periphery of the tube. To this blade is pivoted, in the ordinary manner, the other blade, C, whose operating-bow *c* remains attached to it. Slots *a a'* in the stick or rod A permit the play and closure of the blade C. A spring, D, holds the blade C to the open condition, except when purposely closed by the operator.

My implement is operated in the manner

following: The operator, grasping the rod in the hollow of his right hand, inserts the fourth finger thereof in the bow *c*, and with his left hand draws the material over the rod and into the open throat of the scissors. He then, by pressing the cloth tightly upon the rod with the thumb of his right hand, holds the cloth firmly in position, while with his fourth finger, as aforesaid, he closes the scissors and cuts the goods.

Among manifest advantages of this implement, it may be stated that it combines the usefulness of two instruments for all purposes for which a measure and scissors are employed. The operator is at no inconvenience and loses no time after measuring any number of yards in searching for his scissors, because he holds them in his hand, ready for use.

I claim—

In the described combination, the measuring rod or tube A and scissors, one of whose blades, B, is permanently fastened in said rod, and whose other blade, C, plays in slots *a a'* in the rod, and is held open by spring D, substantially as set forth.

In testimony of which invention I hereunto set my hand.

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