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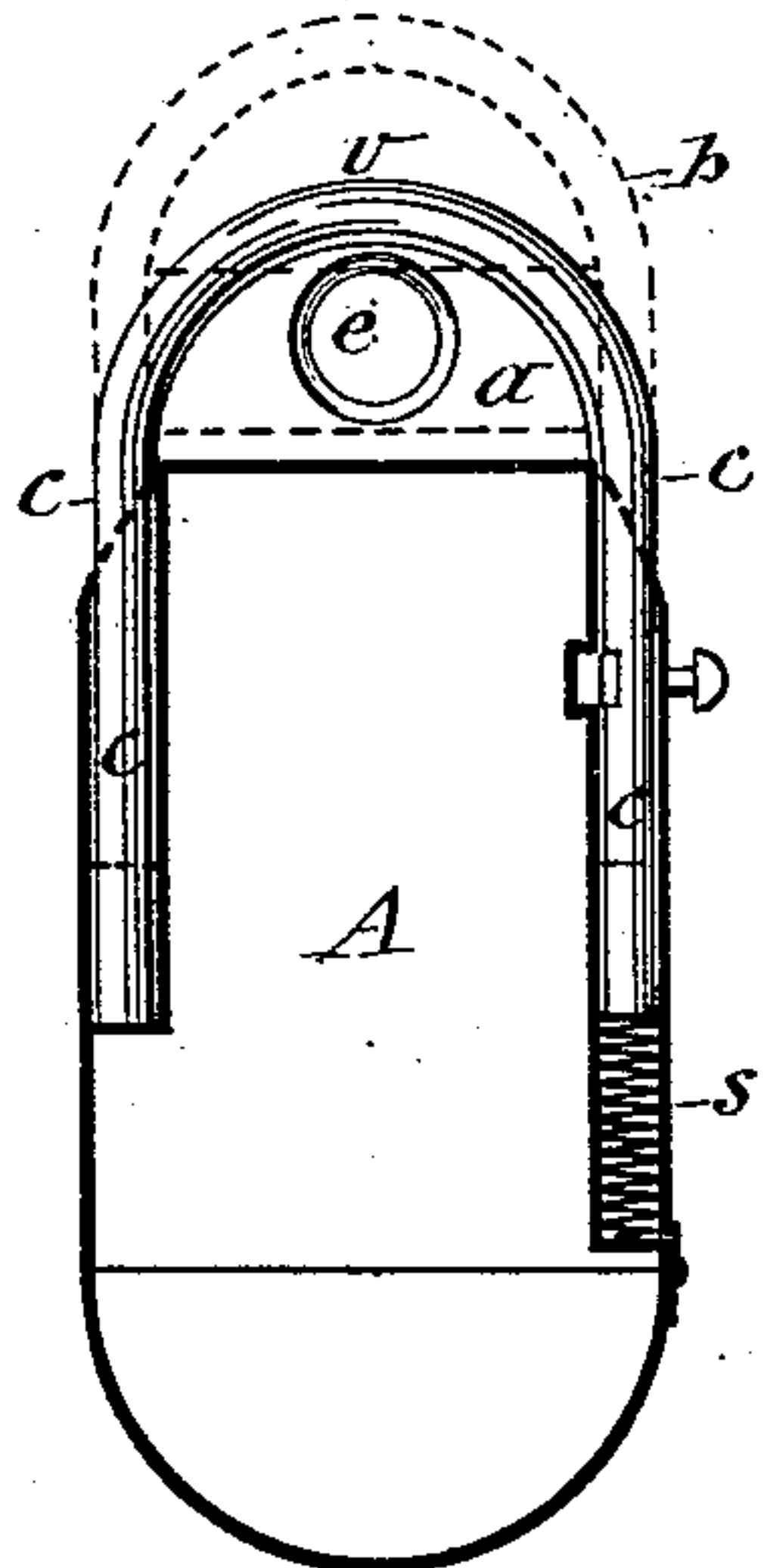


FIG 1-

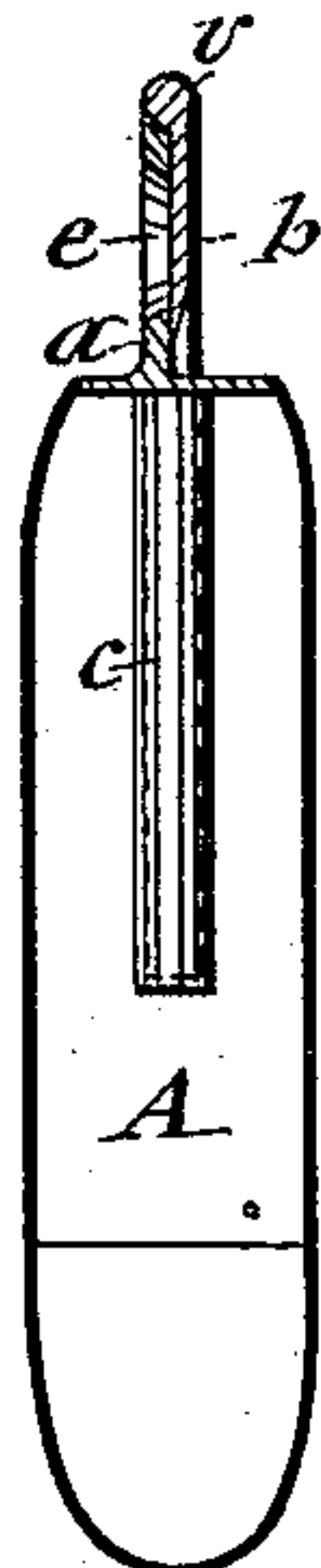


FIG 2-

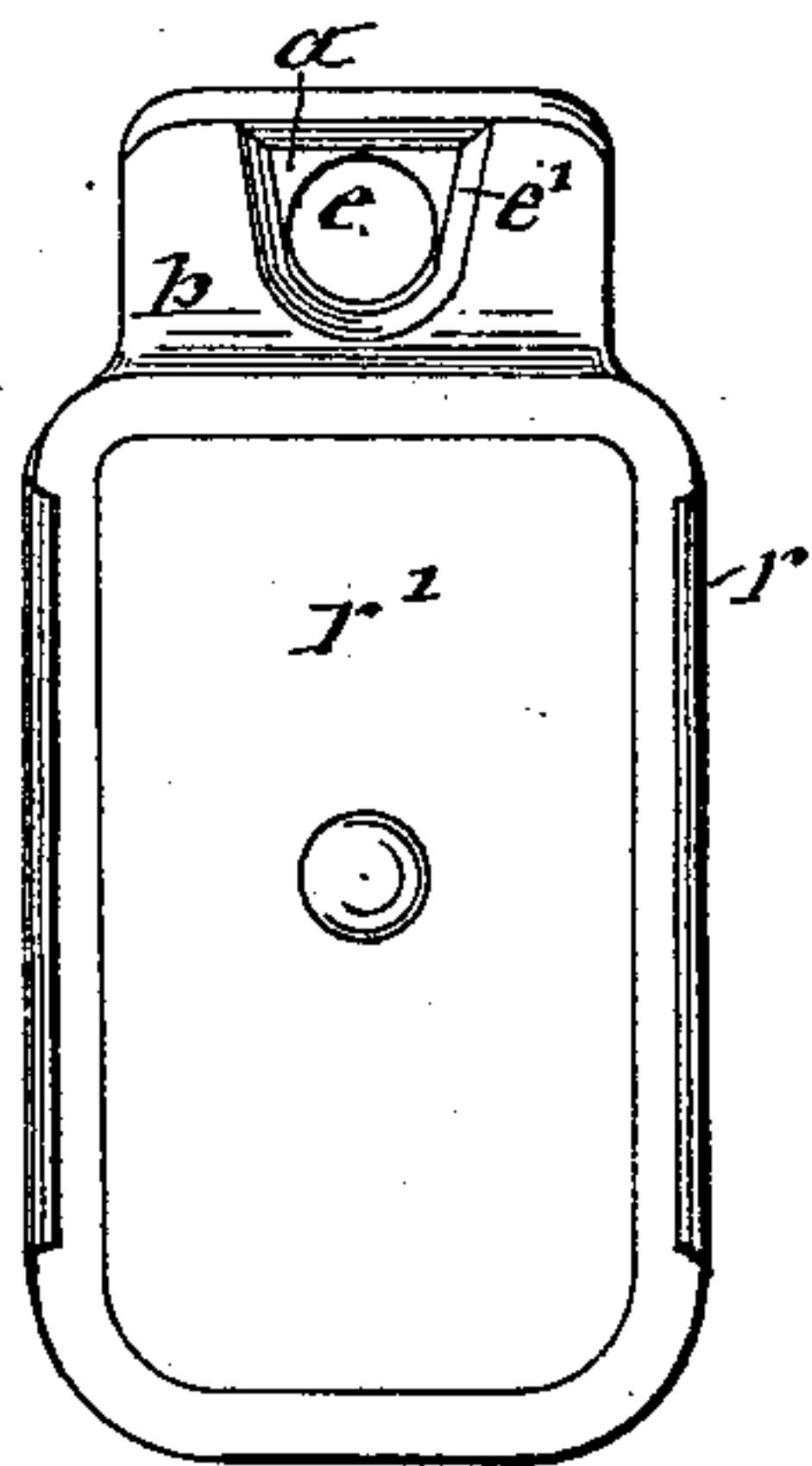


FIG 3-

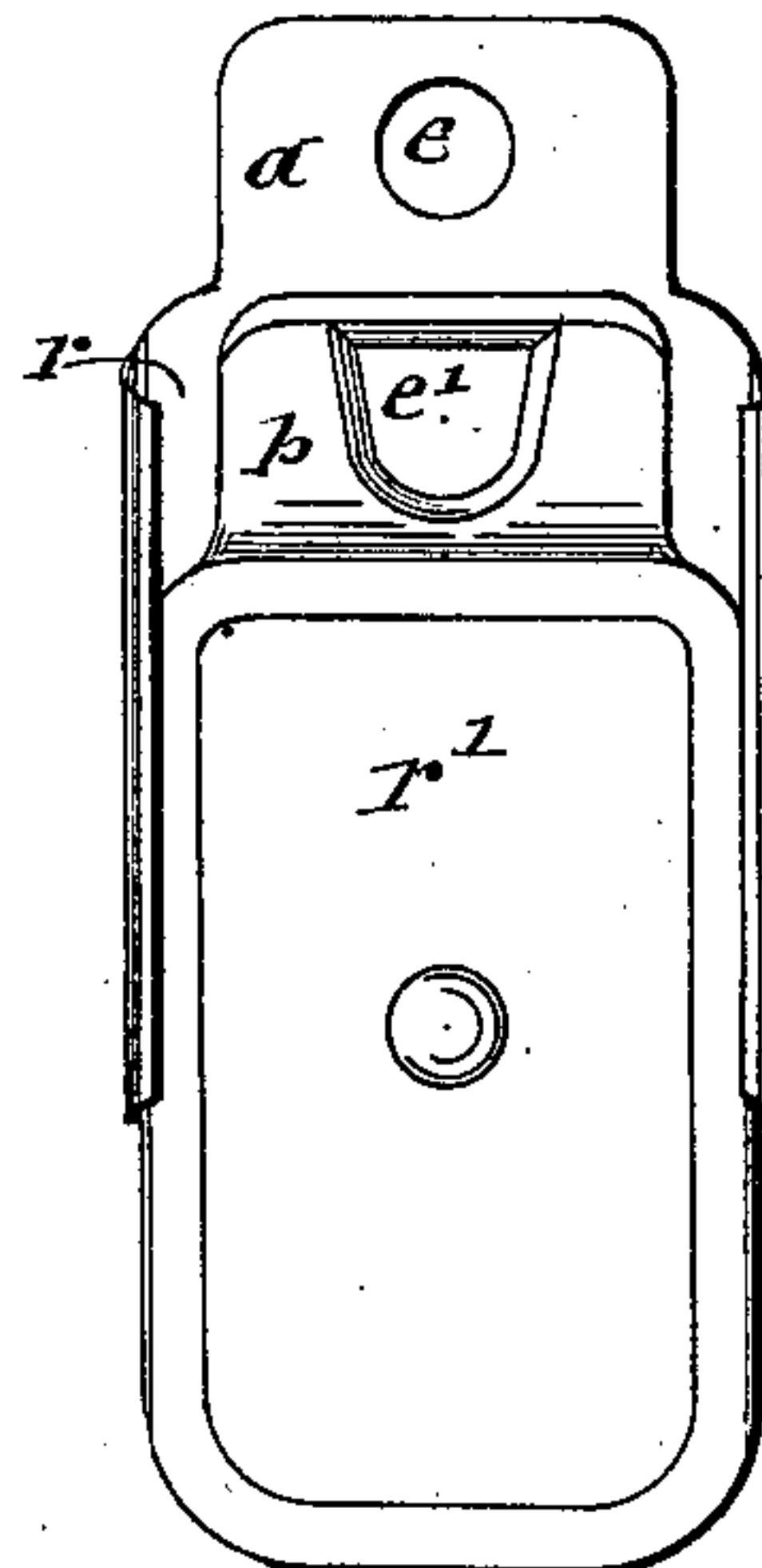


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## COMBINED POCKET-CASE AND CIGAR-CLIPPER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ARTHUR P. YATES, of Syracuse, in the county of Onondaga, in the State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Combined Pocket-Case and Cigar-Clipper, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a full, clear, and exact description.

10 The object of this invention is to provide a simple and convenient device for clipping the end of a cigar, and which shall be compact and easily carried in a person's pocket and readily brought into use when required.

15 Cigar-clipping devices have been combined with match-safes in various ways; but in every instance, so far as has come to my knowledge, the combination and arrangement of parts has been such as to require an opening in the side  
20 of the case and cause the clippings to drop inside of said case, and thus necessitated either frequent emptying of the case or extra outlets from the same. All of these objections I overcome by combining with the case or safe a  
25 rigid blade projecting outward from the end thereof, and provided with the usual aperture for the reception of the end of the cigar to be clipped, and a cutting-blade, also projecting  
30 outward from the end of the case and sliding over the fixed blade, all as hereinafter more fully described, and specifically set forth in the claims.

The accompanying drawings fully illustrate my invention. Figures 1 and 2 are a face view  
35 and vertical transverse section, respectively, of a pocket match-safe embodying my invention; and Figs. 3 and 4 illustrate the invention embodied in another style of match-safe, and  
40 showing the same in two of its operative positions.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A represents a case of any desirable form, adapted to contain either matches or cigars,  
45 and to be convenient to carry in a person's pocket. To the end of the body or frame of the said case I permanently affix a knife-blade, *a*, which projects outward therefrom, and is provided with an eye or aperture, *e*, of proper  
50 size to receive the mouth end of a cigar required to be trimmed or clipped, the edges of

said aperture being properly sharpened for that purpose. *b* is another knife-blade, connected with the case *A* and adapted to slide over the knife-blade *a*, and thereby clip the end of  
55 the cigar protruding through the eye *e*. The knife-blade *b*, I prefer to attach to guide-rods *c*, which slide in tubular bearings fixed to the case *A*, and are held yielding in an outward-projecting position by means of a spiral spring, *s*,  
60 pressing on the end of said rods, as illustrated by dotted lines in Fig. 1 of the drawings. By making the two rods *c c* of one piece of wire bent *U* shape a guard is formed over the end of the fixed knife-blade *a* by the cross bar or  
65 bow *v* of said wire, which prevents the wear of the pocket by the said knife, and also serves as a stop to the approach of the blade *b* to the case *A*, said blade being operated by forcing it toward the case, thereby causing it to slide over  
70 the eye *e* of the blade *a*, and clipping the end of the cigar protruding through said eye.

If it is desired to dispense with the guide-rods *c c* and the spring *s*, I make the case *A* of two longitudinal sections, *r* and *r'*, one of which  
75 constitutes the case proper, and the other being the cover fitted to slide over the former, the exterior surface of said parts being serrated or provided with a suitable thumb-piece to facilitate the manipulation of the device. 80

The end of the section *r*, I provide with a blade, *a*, which projects outward from the end of the case and has a sharpened eye, *e*, similar or like the eye of the fixed blade *a* shown in Fig. 1. The section *r'*, I provide with a similar  
85 blade, *b*, which also projects outward from the end of the case proper, and fits closely to the blade *a*, and has over the eye *e* a sharpened aperture, *e'*, so that by inserting the end of the cigar through said two apertures *e* and *e'* and  
90 sliding the section *r'* off the section *r* the protruding end of the cigar is sheared off.

If it is desired, the end of the blade *b* may be also sharpened, so that the cigar can be clipped by first opening the case, then, after  
95 inserting the end of the cigar through the eye *e* of the blade *a*, pushing the cover or section *r'* over the case or section *r*, and thus causing the end of the blade *b* to sever the end of the cigar protruding through the eye *e* of the  
100 blade *a*.

It will be observed that in both of the de-



scribed forms of the combined pocket match-safe and cigar-clipper the clipping-blades are arranged on the end of the match-safe, and slide rectilinearly one over the other, and exclude the cigar-clippings from the interior of the match-safe with which said blades are combined.

It will be observed that by my improvements I maintain the case or safe intact, and the cigar-clippings are kept out of the case.

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

1. The improved match-safe and cigar-clipper combined, consisting of a pocket match-safe having projecting outward from its end a fixed blade provided with an aperture for the reception of the end of the cigar to be clipped, and a cutting-blade, also connected to the end of said match-safe, and adapted to slide rectilinearly over the fixed blade, all constructed and arranged to operate on the end of the

match-safe and exclude from the interior thereof of the cigar-clippings, substantially as shown and specified.

2. The combination, with the pocket-case A, of the blade *a*, fixed to the end thereof and provided with the eye *e*, the combined guard and guide-rods *c*, having a cross bar or bow, *v*, over the end of the fixed blade, the blade *b*, attached to the guide-rods *c*, and the spring *s*, applied to the end of said rods, all substantially as described and shown, for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my seal, in the presence of two attesting witnesses, at Syracuse, in the county of Onondaga, in the State of New York, this 11th day of January, 1882.

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