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Fig. 1.

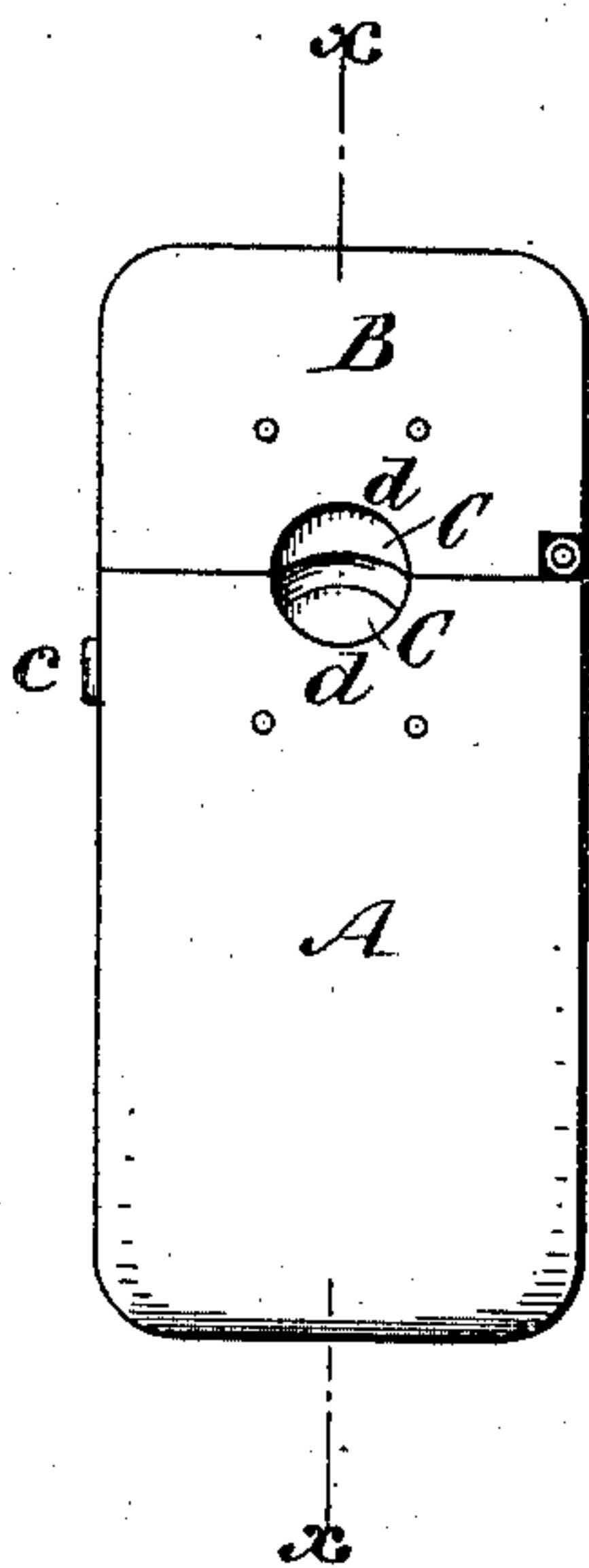


Fig. 2.

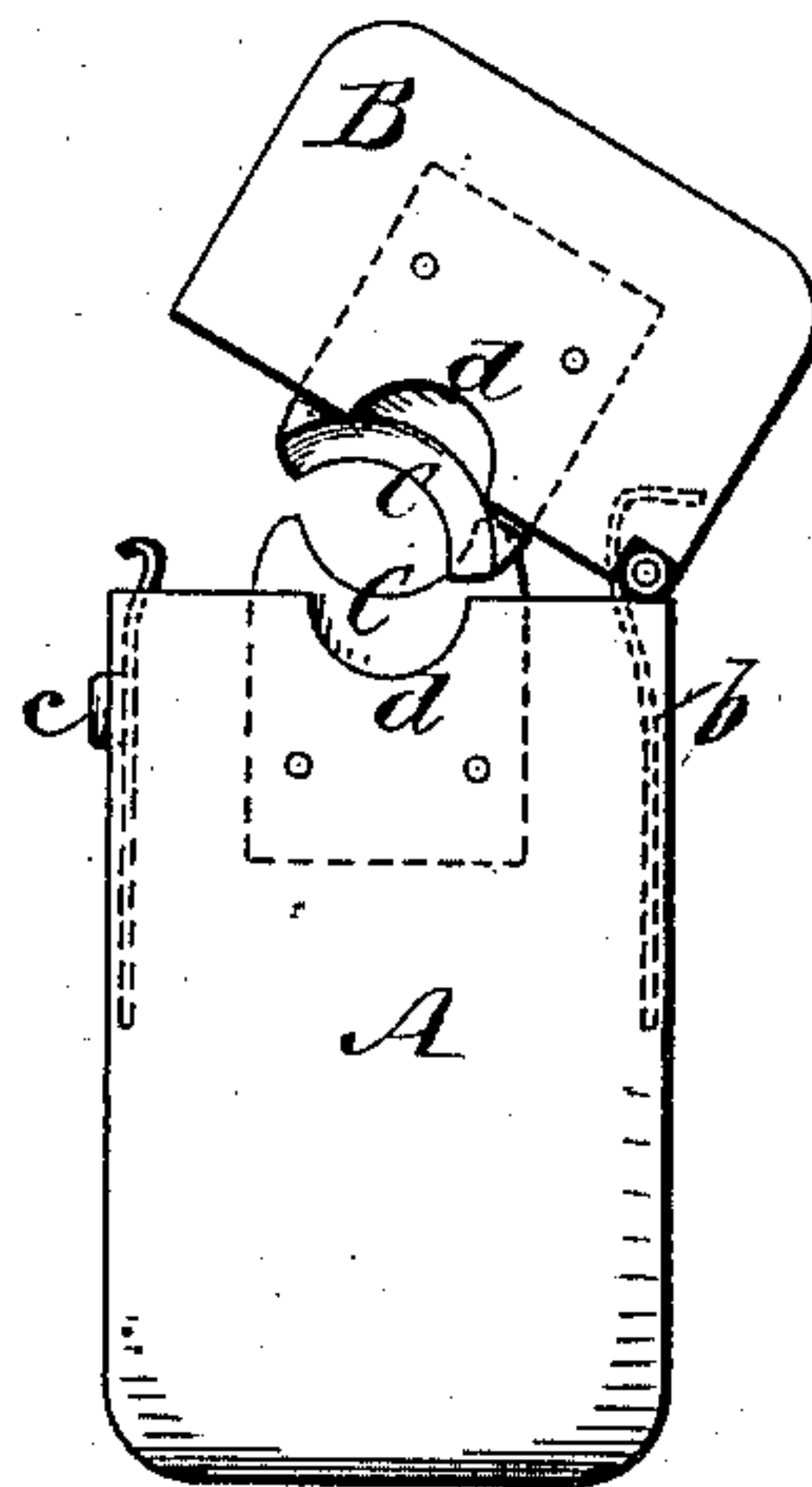
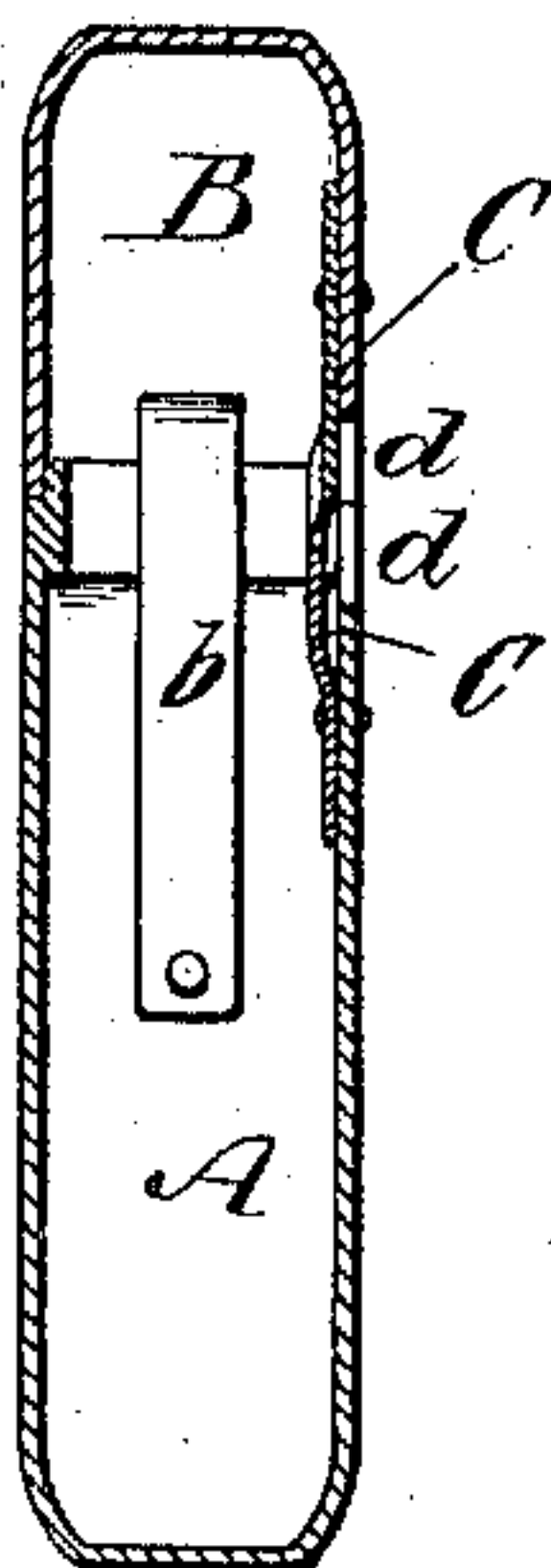


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY B. EGGERT, of Bethlehem, in the county of Northampton and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and Improved Combined Cigar-Cutter and Match-Box, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention consists in certain improvements in combined match-boxes and cigar-cutters, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 represents a side view of a match-box embodying my invention, showing the box closed; Fig. 2, a similar view when the box is open, and Fig. 3 a longitudinal section on the line *xx* in Fig. 1.

A is the body of the box, which may be made of sheet metal, and is provided with a spring-hinged lid, B, *b* indicating the spring by which the lid is thrown open when released by pressing on a button-catch, *c*.

Secured within the box on the one side of the body A and corresponding side of the lid B are two concave steel cutters, C C, arranged to project beyond the meeting edges of the top of the body and bottom of the lid, and so that the one cutter, in closing the lid, slides as the blade of a shears over the other cutter, as seen in Figs. 1 and 3, through an opening, *d*, made in the side of the lid and body, which opening exposes the cutters to view. The opening is formed by notching the meeting edges of the lid and body of the box at the point where the cutters are located, and the purpose of this construction is to prevent the end of the cigar from being crushed, which would render a dry cigar unfit for use, as it

would not "draw" well if the wrapper were broken. If the meeting edges of the lid and body were straight and not notched, as shown, the end of a cigar would be crushed, because these edges would clasp it on opposite sides at the same time as the cutters.

The arrangement of the cigar cutter or cutters within the box protects the cutting-blades from interference with or catching on the lining of the pocket in which the match box or safe is carried.

By pressing on the catch *c*, the lid B springs partially open, as shown in Fig. 2, when the end of the cigar is inserted between the cutters C C and the lid pressed down or closed to sever said end.

I am aware that a knife has been secured to one inner side of the top of a match-box to cut off the end of a cigar when inserted through an aperture or notch in the body part of the box; also, that a base has been provided with a fixed concave cutter and a pivoted spring-operated lever having a concave cutter, and I do not claim, broadly, such construction as of my invention.

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

The combination, with the body A of the match-box and its hinged spring-lid B, having opening *d d*, formed by notches in the meeting edges of the lid and body of the box, of the internally-arranged concave sideshearing-blades, C C, made to close said opening *d d* when the lid is shut and to project beyond the meeting edges of the body and lid, substantially as specified.

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