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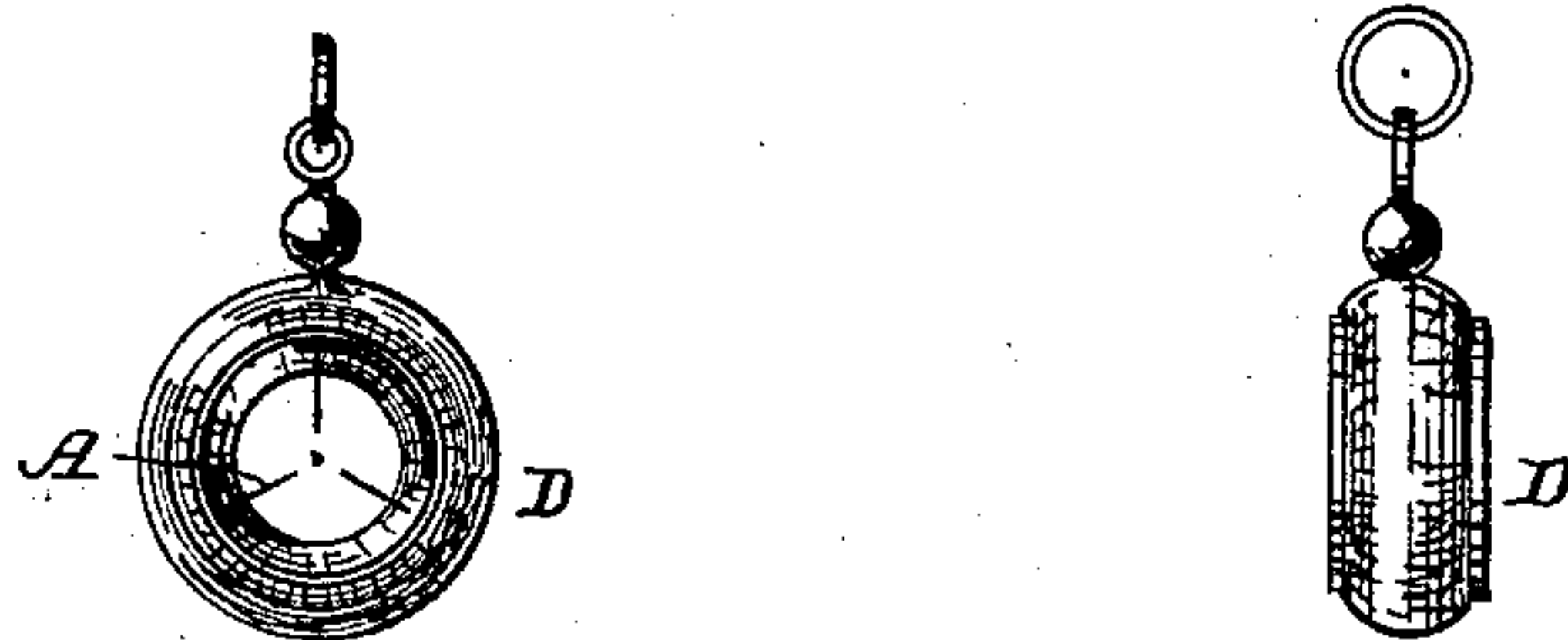


Fig. 1.

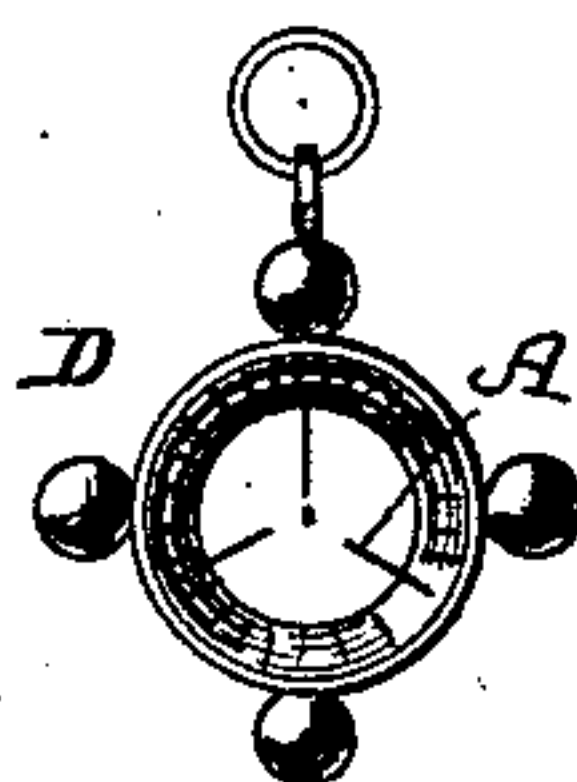


Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK WILLIAM POWELL, jeweler, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, residing at 5 Hatton Garden, London, England, 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 appertains to make and use the same.

This invention consists of an improved instrument for cutting or perforating cigars, whereby slits or insertions are made in the end of the cigar parallel to its length by means of blades of special shape, so as to permit the escape of smoke without cutting off the end of the cigar or tearing the tobacco-leaf, and thereby causing the outer leaf of the cigar to unfold. The blades which I employ as cutters are semicircular in shape and two or more in number. They are arranged within a trinket of suitable form for being worn on the watch-chain or carried in the pocket, and have a hollow annular or tubular interior.

In order to make my invention more clearly understood, I have shown in the accompanying drawings means for carrying the same into effect.

In said drawings, Figure 1 shows a front and side elevation of a trinket with knives in center. Fig. 2 shows a front view of a similar trinket of different pattern. Fig. 3 shows the blades.

A represents the blade with one shank. B

shows another form with two shanks. C shows another form with shanks at end. In each instance the cutting portion of the blade is beveled, inclined, or rounded, so that the mere longitudinal movement of the cigar into the cutter causes each blade to press radially inward on the wrapper and to make a draw cut lengthwise of the cigar and from a point near the conical tip for a short distance toward the other end without ripping or unfolding the wrapper.

The trinket D, to which the blades are attached, is of any usual kind and annular form having an internal space of suitable dimensions.

The semicircular blade is found to free itself conveniently when the cigar is withdrawn.

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

A cigar-cutter consisting of a hollow or tubular holder open at each end and having fixed within it blades parallel with the axis of the holder, projecting radially inward, and having opposite to each end of the holder beveled or rounded cutting-edges adapted to slit the cigar-wrapper by inward pressure when the cigar is inserted from either end of the holder, substantially as set forth.

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