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POCKET TOBACCO CUTTER.

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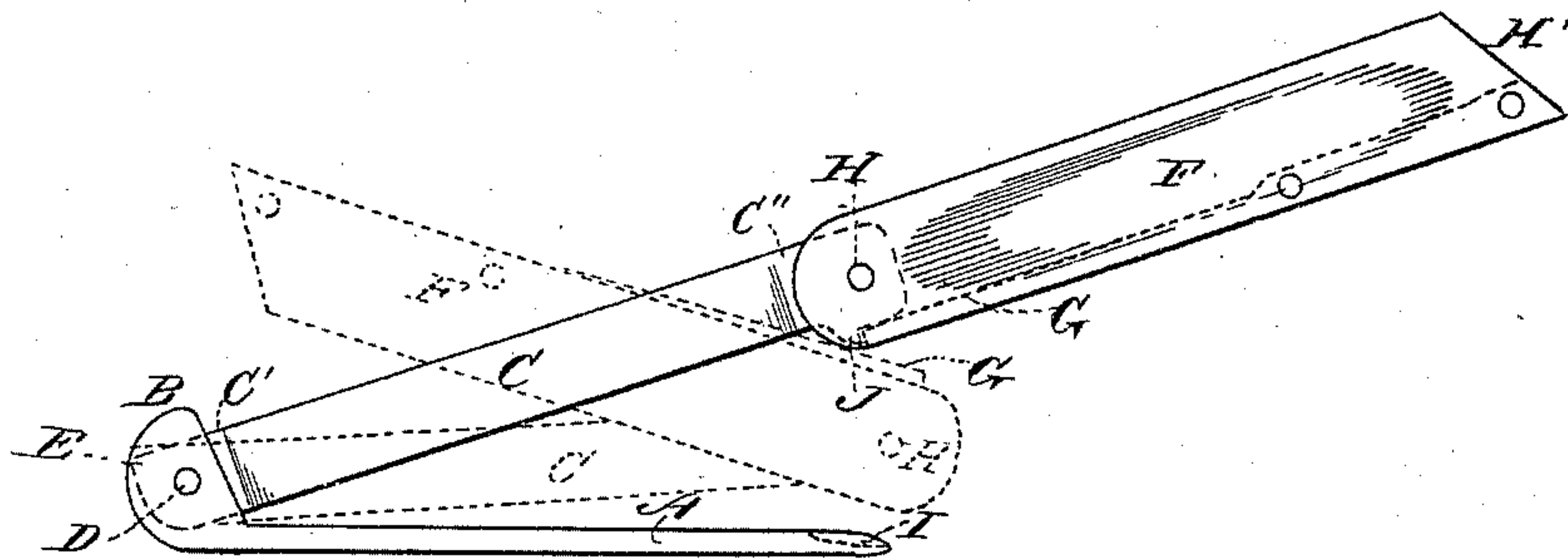


Fig. 1.

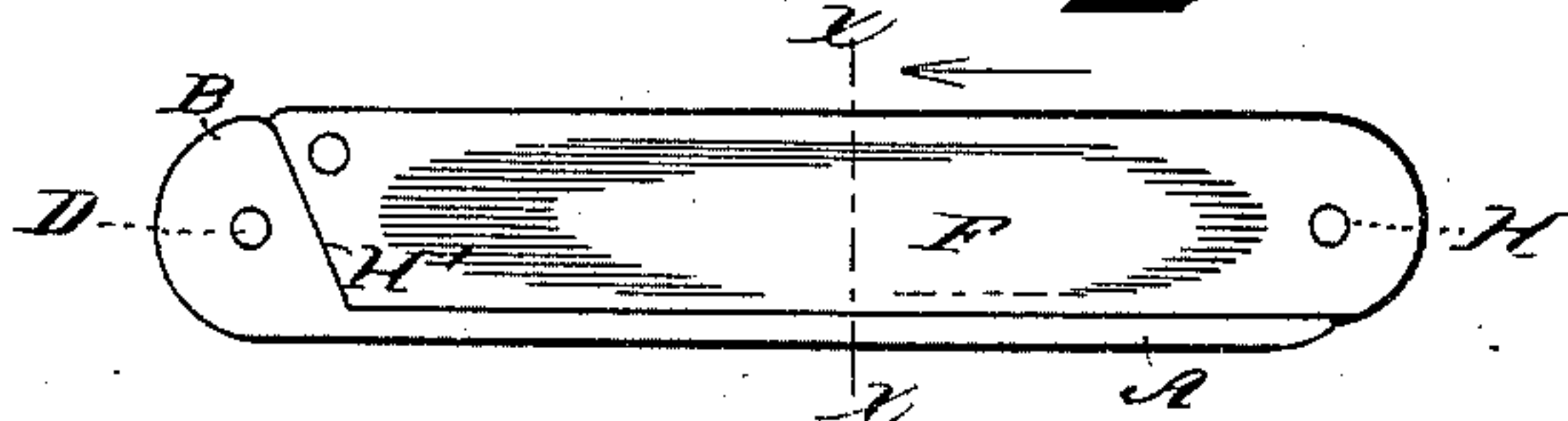


Fig. 2.

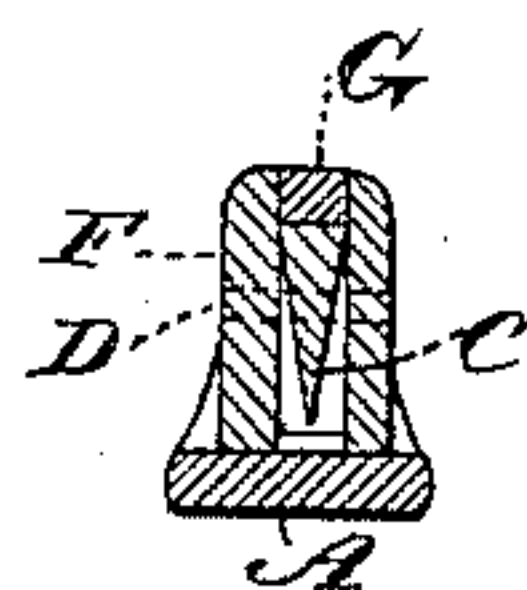


Fig. 4.

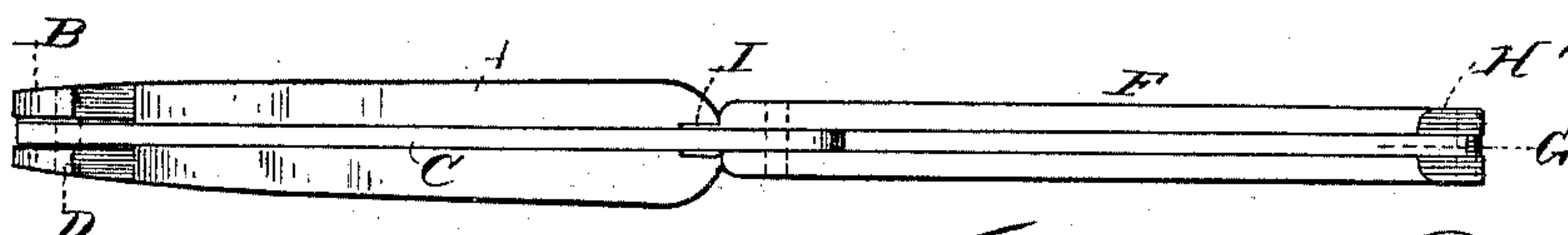


Fig. 3.



Fig. 5.

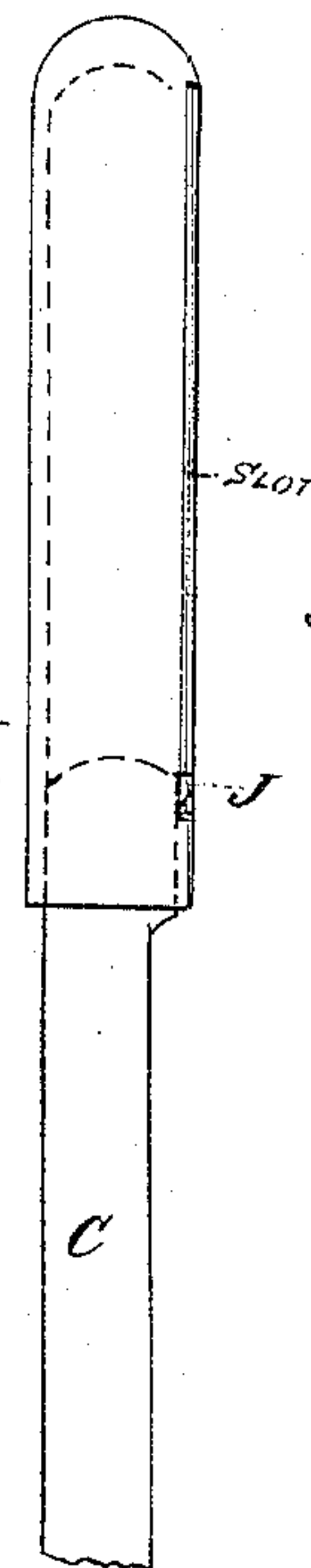


Fig. 6.

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POCKET TOBACCO-CUTTER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRISON T. REED, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Revere, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Pocket Tobacco-Cutters, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification.

The object of my invention is to furnish an inexpensive and convenient implement for cutting or shaving tobacco. Said invention is preferably adapted to be carried about the person, and as a pocket implement its dimensions would compare with the illustrations.

My improved invention to this end comprises a supporting-base, a blade thereto pivoted, and a handle adapted to receive the blade when the device is closed, my invention thus making a compact pocket tobacco-cutter.

The utility of my invention is further exemplified in the drawings forming a part of this specification, wherein—

Figure 1 illustrates my invention expanded and ready for use in the manner shown in Fig. 5. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the device closed. Fig. 3 exhibits a top plan in a position similar to that observed in Fig. 1. Fig. 4 indicates a transverse vertical section on the dotted line $x x$, Fig. 2. Fig. 5 designates in perspective my invention as adapted to the work for which it is designed. Fig. 6 is a modified view of the construction.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts throughout the various views thereof, referring to which—

A represents the metal base provided with an upturned pivot-rest B, which is slotted to receive the blade or cutter C, the latter being pivoted to the part B, as at D. The blade end C' is so constructed that the square corner adjacent to said end C' limits the movement of the blade in opening the instrument by coming in contact with that part of the base embraced between the two pivoted ears or rest B, while it permits the cutting-edge of the blade when closing or operating to approach the base lying in juxtaposition therewith when the implement is closed. To the opposite end of said blade C' is pivotally attached the two-part inclosing handle F in a manner similar to the ordinary pocket-knife,

though in a reverse order, the retention-spring being indicated in dotted lines, as at G, and the pivot securing this end of the blade to said handle is seen at H. I form the incline H' in a manner to coincide with the incline of the bifurcated pivot-rest B of the base, so as to produce a close juncture of the parts when closed, as will be observed in Fig. 2. To further this adjustment, I provide at the extreme end of the supporting-base A the depression or recess I, which receives the projecting ledge J, formed upon the heel of the blade C adjacent to the cutting-edge. This obviates any lateral movement of the base and tends to secure the handle centrally to the former when the parts are brought together in closing.

In the modification exhibited in Fig. 6 I may find it desirable to omit the spring G and telescope the blade directly into its handle when closing the device.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

1. In a pocket tobacco-cutter, the supporting-base provided with a re-entering angle for the reception of the blade-heel and an upturned bifurcated pivot-rest, in combination with the blade thereto attached and the inclosing handle pivoted to said blade, substantially as specified.

2. In a tobacco-cutter, the supporting-base provided with a recess I for the reception of the blade-heel and the bifurcated pivot-rest B, in combination with the blade thereto attached and the inclosing handle pivoted to said blade, substantially as specified.

3. In combination with a cutting-blade, a handle thereto pivoted, provided with a retaining-spring, said handle being further provided with a terminal incline H', adapted to and co-operating with the incline on the bifurcated pivot-rest B, forming an integral part of said base supporting the blade and handle, as herein set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, on this 24th day of October, A. D. 1890.

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