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Fig. 1.

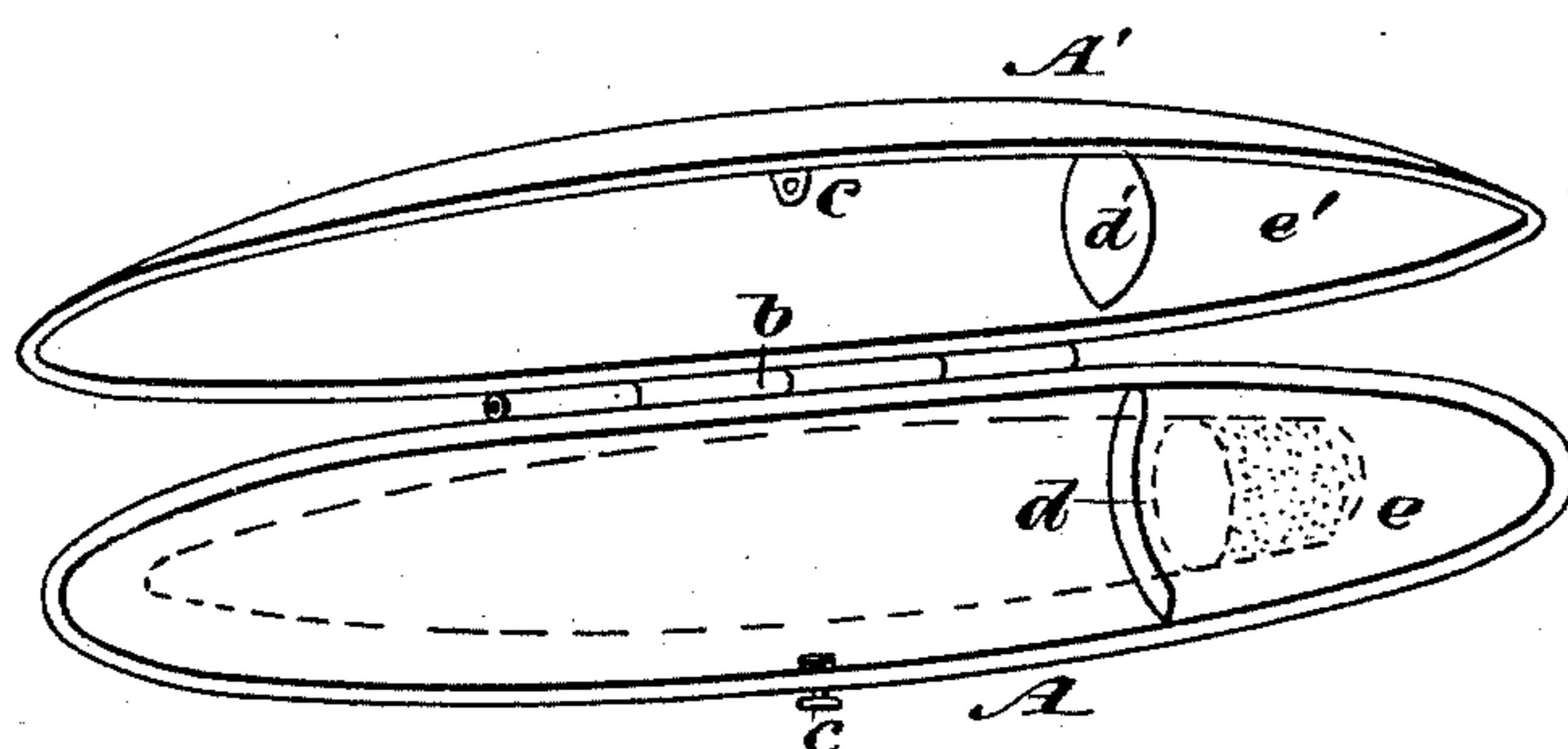
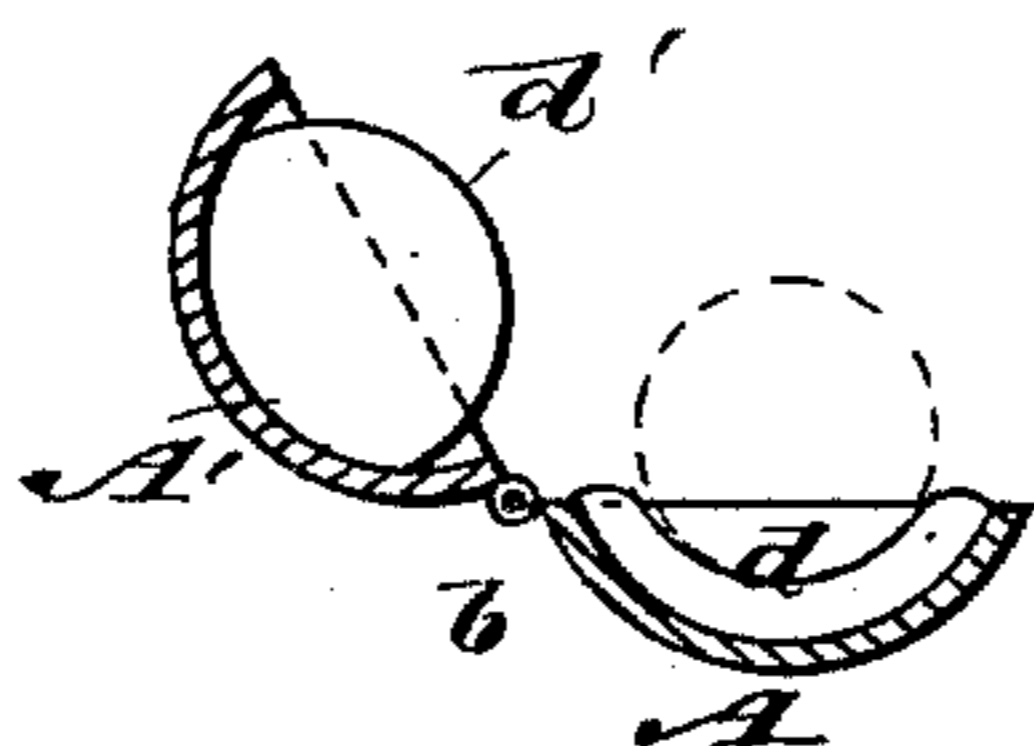


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern.

Be it known that I, JOHN O. ULLIN, of Ludington, in the county of Mason and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful
5 Improvement in Cigar-Cases, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention has for its object the more perfect and cleaner use of a cigar that, not having been wholly consumed or smoked out
10 at one operation, dies out or is reserved—that is to say, so much as remains of it—for further use by relighting it, so that one and the same cigar may be made to serve for two or three
15 separate and distinct smoking operations and each time be easy to light by reason of its presenting a clean-cut or exposed lighting-end surface.

To these ends the invention consists in a longitudinally opening and closing case
20 adapted to hold a partly-burned cigar within it and provided internally with knives or cutters that, when the case is shut, operate to sever the burned end or portion of the cigar carrying or forming the ash from the remain-
25 der of it, substantially as hereinafter described.

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

30 Figure 1 represents a view in perspective of my improved cigar-case in its open position and showing by dotted lines a partly-burned cigar therein ready to be cut by the closing of the case, and Fig. 2 is a transverse
35 section of the same.

The case—that is, its body part—which may be made of any suitable metal or other material, is constructed of two longitudinal hollow or concave portions A A', hinged together
40 along their one edge, as at b, and adapted when closed to hold the cigar equally, or thereabout, throughout its thickness within them. To this end the case is preferably made of a rounded and tapering cigar-like shape, and
45 when its sections A A' are shut together they may be held closed by a spring or other suitable catch c. In the interior of the one dished or hollow section A, at a short distance from its one end, is secured a shallow transverse
50 knife or cutter d of concave shape on its cutting-edge, while the other dished or hollow

section A' has a similarly-arranged broader or deeper transverse knife or cutter d' of greater depth and of convex form on its cutting-edge, so that when the two sections A A' 55 are shut together the knife d' will work close down or past the cutter d.

When it is required to preserve a partly-burned cigar for further use, it, with its ash end or burned portion, is laid in the case-section A, with the forward end of the cigar having the ash on it immediately over the knife d and over the short end cavity e in said section formed by said knife, so that on shutting the other section A' upon the section A its 65 knife d', acting conjointly with the knife d, which acts in the capacity of a cutting-block, will make a clean cut of the burned end of the cigar and leave it deposited in the short end cavities e e' of the case, while the remainder 70 of the cigar will be left in the other portion of the case back of the knives, with its front end surface in a condition to admit of its being evenly and easily lighted when the unused portion of the cigar is taken out of the 75 case for a succeeding "smoke." This action and use of the case may be repeated two or more times till the whole cigar is consumed by repeated and separate or distinct smoking operations. The ash or burned portion of the 80 cigar left in the case may be separately emptied out of it each time and none of it be left adhering to the unburned portion of the cigar to give the latter an unpleasant taste or odor or to make dirt or dust about the person when 85 lighting and smoking it.

I do not restrict myself to any precise shape of the case or knives therein, as these may be changed without changing the operation or action of the case. 90

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

1. As a new article of manufacture, a cigar-case composed of two longitudinal opening 95 and closing sections adapted to hold a partly-burned cigar singly within it and provided internally with transverse knives or cutters arranged intermediately of the length of the case, substantially as specified. 100

2. In a cigar-case of the character described, the two longitudinal concave opening and

closing sections A A', hinged together along their one edge, as at *b*, and provided internally intermediately of the length of the case, the one with a shallow transverse knife or
5 cutter *d*, having a concave cutting-edge, and the other with a deeper transverse knife or cutter *d'* of convex form on its cutting-edge,

said knives being arranged approximately opposite each other, essentially as and for the purpose herein set forth.

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