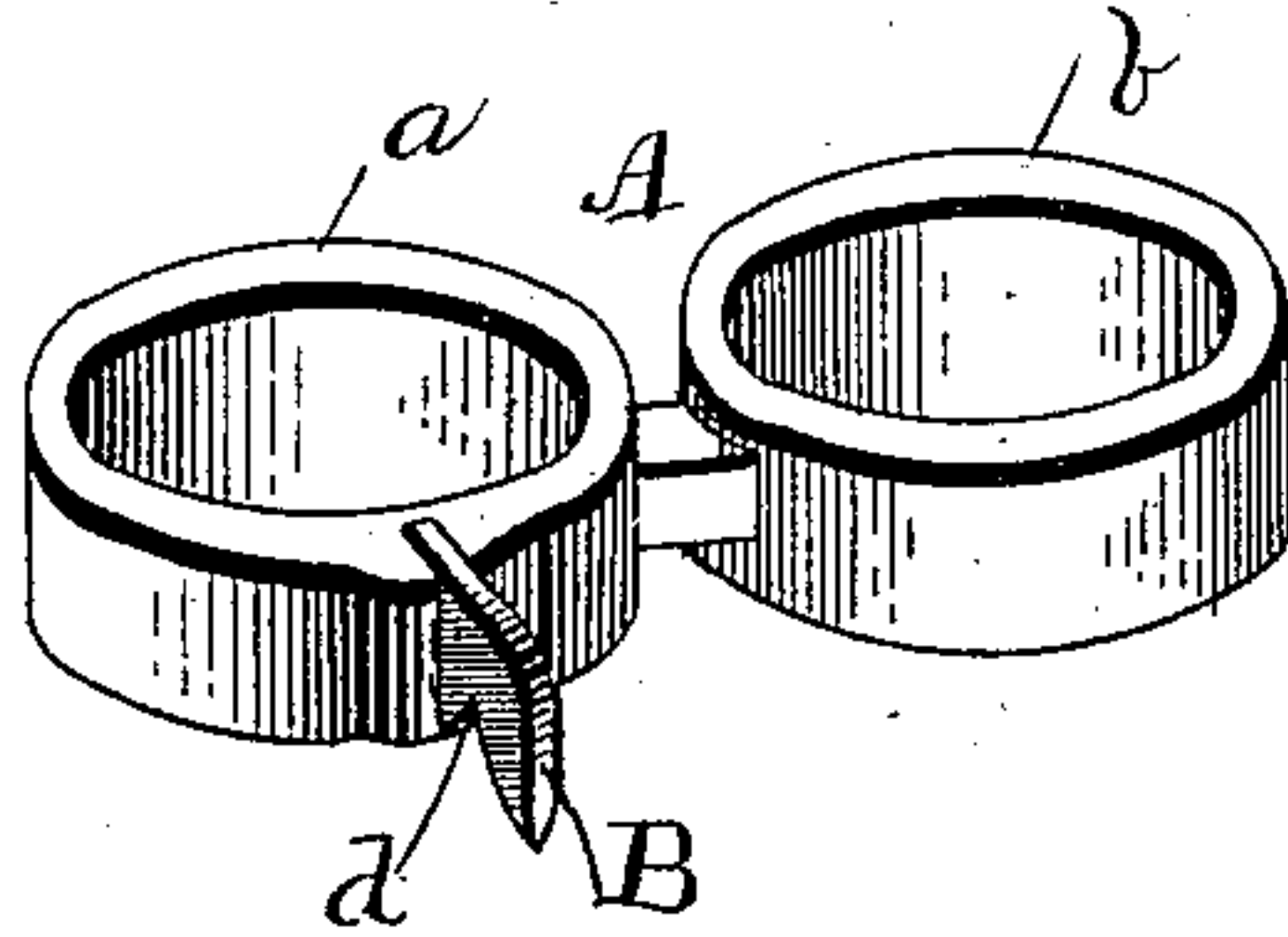


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS M. BRAY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pittston, in the county of Pittsylvania and State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Twine-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 relates to certain new and useful improvements in twine-cutters.

The novelty resides in the peculiar construction of the cutter, as will be more fully hereinafter described, shown in the drawing, and then particularly pointed out in the claim.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawing, which, with the letters of reference marked thereon, forms a part of this specification, and in which is shown a perspective view of the cutter.

Referring now to the details of the drawing by letter, A designates the cutter, which consists of two rings *a* and *b*, one of which is designed to be placed on the little finger and the other on the finger next to it, and on the ring that is designed to be placed on the little finger is the cutting-blade B, which is preferably seated in a slot in the enlarge-

ment of the ring and in which it may be secured in any suitable manner, and the cutter is formed with a notch *d*, so that the twine will be received therein with little trouble and be easily cut. The two rings are joined together in any suitable manner. The additional ring is for the purpose of holding the ring with the cutter, so that it cannot turn upon the finger, and thus it will always be in proper position for use, which it would not be if it were not for the presence of the second ring and joined thereto.

What is claimed as new is—

A twine-cutter comprising two rings rigidly secured together by an integral connection separating said rings, one of them formed with an enlargement, and a cutting-blade held in said enlargement and provided with a notch adjacent to the outer face of the enlargement, substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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