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PAPER CUTTER.

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Fig. 1.

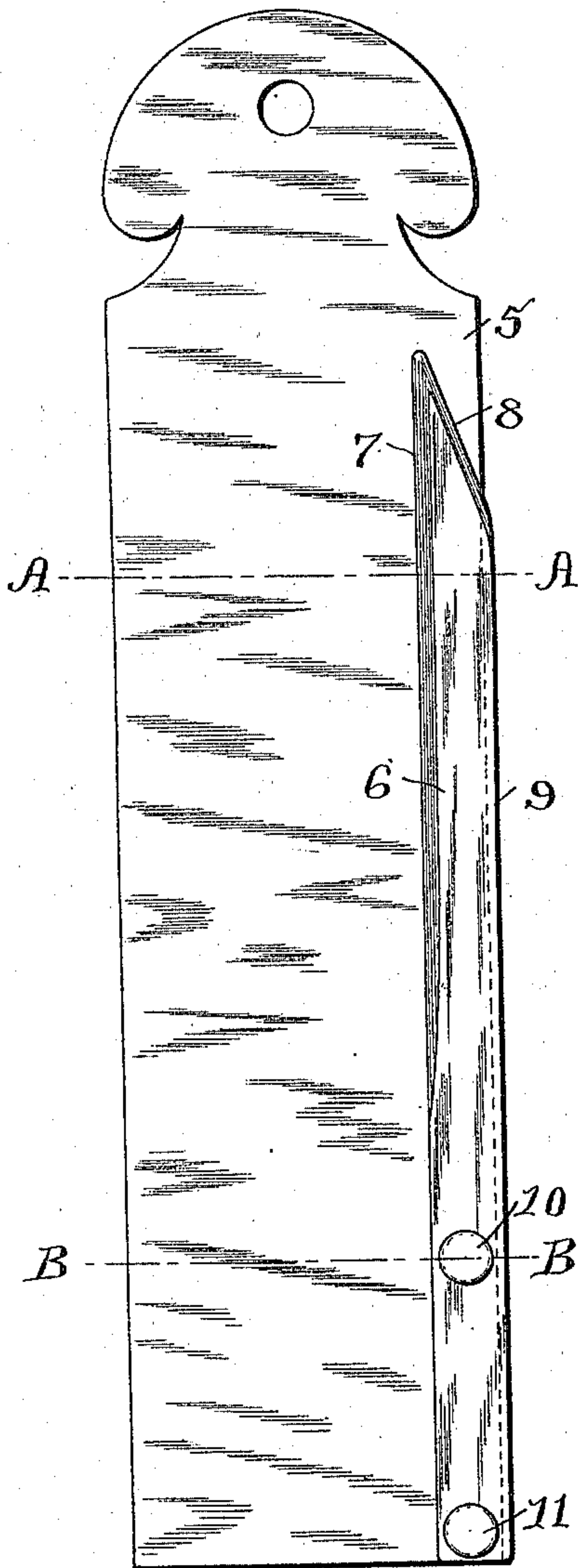


Fig. 2.

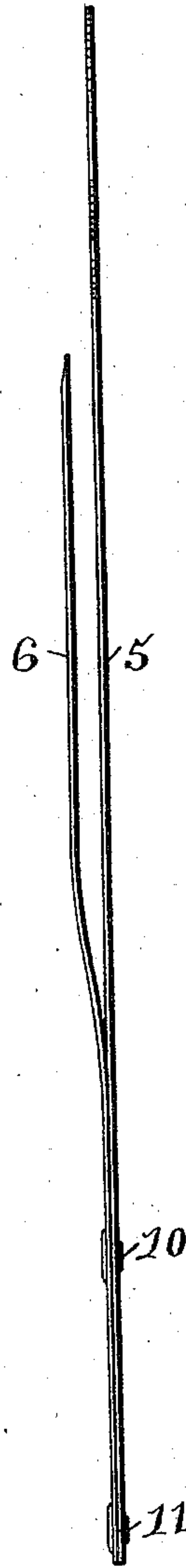


Fig. 3.

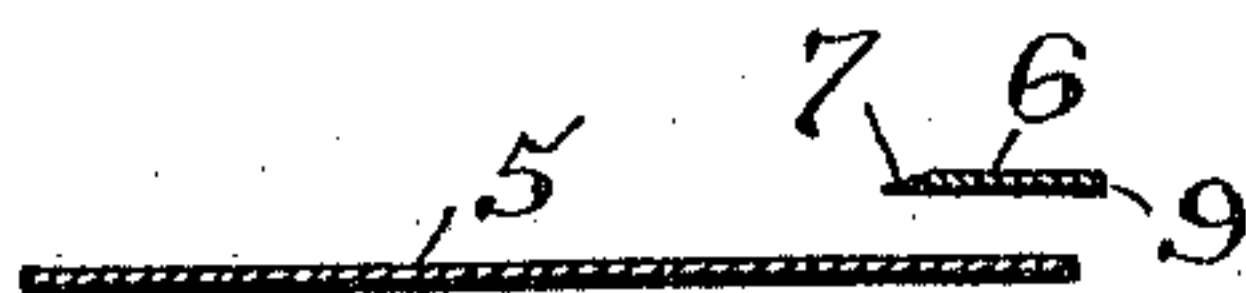
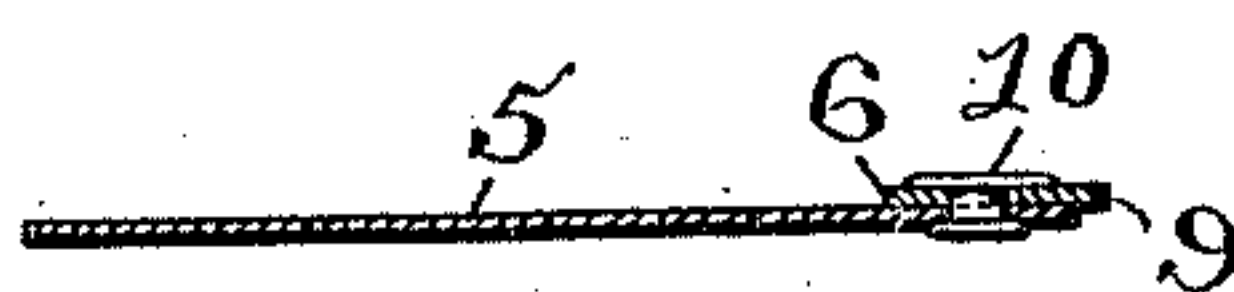


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE H. EDWARDS, of Johnston, in the county of Providence and State of Rhode Island, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Paper-Cutters; and I hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

This invention has reference to an improvement in paper-cutters by which the paper-cutters are adapted for use as an envelop-opener and an overhanging ruler.

The invention consists in the peculiar and novel construction by which the paper-cutter is adapted for a variety of uses, as will be more fully set forth hereinafter.

A paper-cutter is, owing to its infrequent use under ordinary conditions, liable to be placed out of sight and has to be searched for when required. By constructing the paper-cutter so that it serves a variety of useful purposes it is more likely to be kept in sight.

Figure 1 is a side view of a paper-cutter provided with a cutter-plate adapted to cut open envelopes, books, and other similar articles and secured so that one edge forms a projecting ruler which can be used to draw lines in ink. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of the improved paper-cutter. Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view on the line A A, and Fig. 4 is a transverse sectional view on the line B B.

In the drawings, 5 indicates a sheet-metal

paper-cutter forming a parallelogram with angular edges.

6 is a spring-plate having the beveled cutting edges 7 and 8, as also along one side the straight edge 9. The spring-plate 6 is bent, as shown in Fig. 2, so that the cutting edges may be used in the opening of envelopes and for other purposes.

The spring-plate 6 is secured to the sheet-metal paper-cutter 5, preferably, by the rivets 10 and 11, so that the straight edge 9 projects over the edge of the sheet metal 5, preferably parallel therewith, so that when a pen is drawn along the edge 9 any ink deposited on the edge will not mar the paper on which an ink-line is drawn.

The paper-cutter is by the improvement described adapted for a variety of uses. It is inexpensive and supplies a long-felt want.

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

In a compound device of the nature described, the combination with the sheet-metal plate 5, of the spring-plate 6 provided with the cutting edges 7 and 8 and the straight edge 9 secured to the plate 5 so as to extend beyond one edge, as described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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