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FIG. 1.

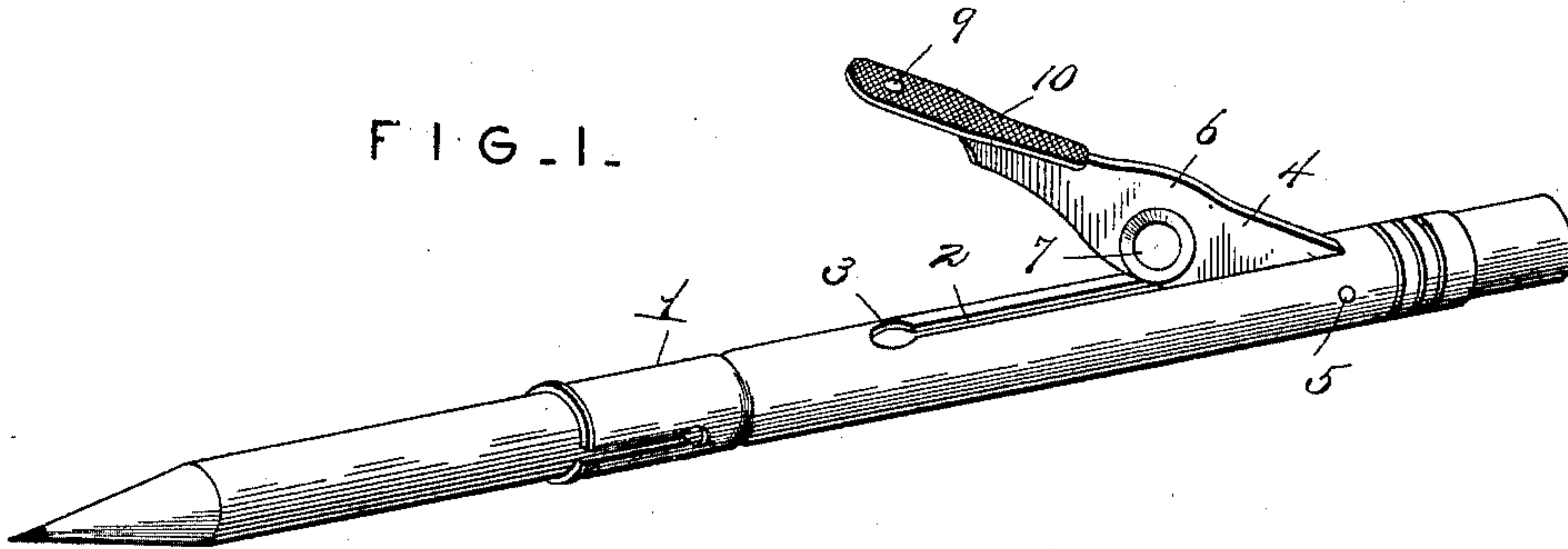


FIG. 2.

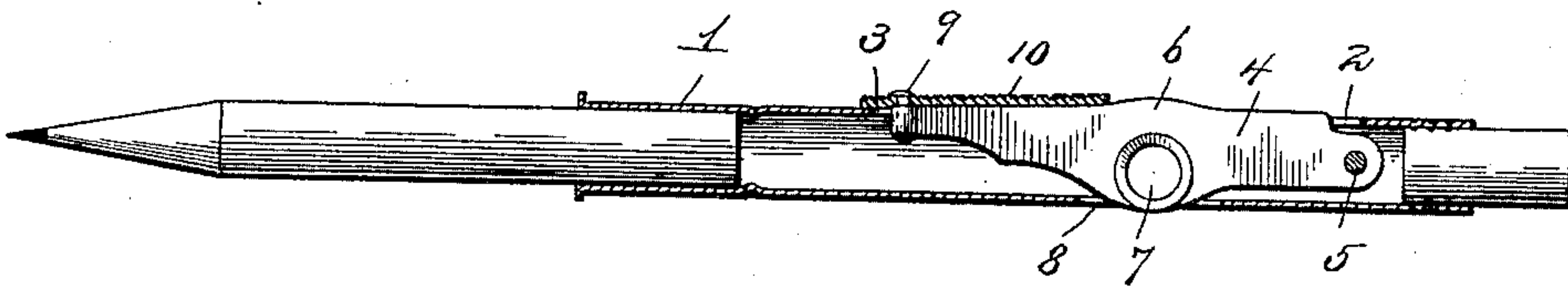
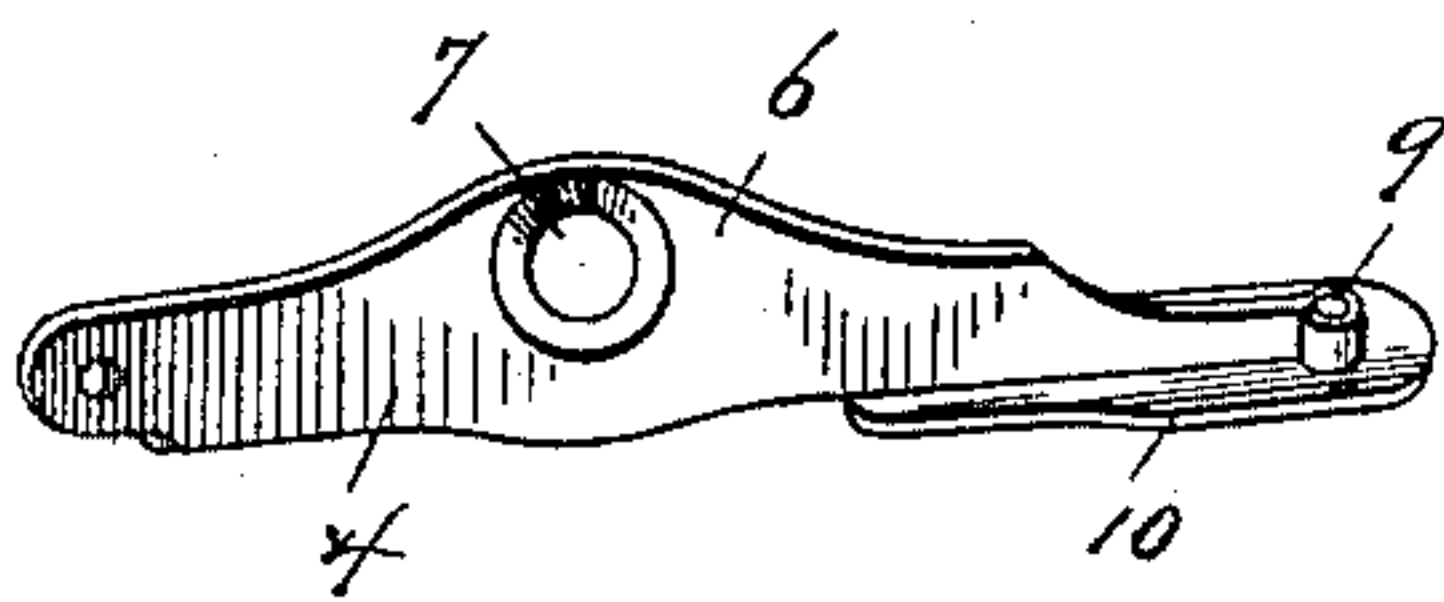


FIG. 3.



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CIGAR-TIP CUTTER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM SCHOTT, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, (Brooklyn,) in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cigar-Tip 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.

The invention relates to cigar-cutting attachments for pencil-holders; and it consists in a novel construction and arrangement of the parts of the cigar-cutting attachment, whereby the cutting of the tip of the cigar is effected on the outside of the case or holder instead of within such case or holder, as is usually done, thereby preventing the particles crumbled from the cigar in the process of cutting from lodging within and obstructing or filling the case or holder, and thereby interfering with its operation.

The construction and arrangement will be best understood from the following description and claim, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved cigar-cutting attachment applied to a pencil with the pivoted cutter raised and in operative position. Fig. 2 represents a longitudinal section through the pencil, showing the cutter in side elevation in closed position. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the cutter blade or lever detached and shown inverted.

Referring to the parts of the attachment in detail, 1 indicates a cylindrical case or holder provided at one end with one or more slits adapting it to snugly engage the pencil in the usual manner and at the opposite or outer end with corrugations adapting it to receive and hold a suitable rubber eraser. Intermediate said ends the case is provided with a longitudinal slot 2, extending from near the eraser end to near the pencil-holder end and provided near the latter end with a circular opening 3, giving to the slot the appearance of an elongated buttonhole-slot.

4 indicates a cutter-blade pivoted at one end within the casing, near its outer end, at 5 and adapted to be folded within the casing through the slot 2. Intermediate its ends the

cutter-blade is given increased width or depth, as indicated at 6, and is provided with a circular perforation 7, the wall of which is countersunk on one side or ground to a cutting edge, the perforation in the blade being of suitable size to gage the amount of penetration of the tip of the cigar. The lower edge of the portion 6 is adapted to pass through a slot 8 in the lower wall of the case and to project slightly beyond the same, serving as a means for pressing the blade upward for raising the same into operative position. The blade is made, preferably, of finely-tempered steel and is provided at its free end with an eye through which a rivet 9 extends for securing to the blade a thumb-piece 10, preferably made in the ornamental configuration indicated and provided with a roughened or corrugated outer surface, though any suitable form of thumb-piece may be employed in lieu of that shown. The thumb-piece on the free end of the knife blade or lever may be extended to any suitable length beyond the perforation therein for giving the required leverage to the blade for enabling it to be operated with ease in cutting off the tips of the cigars, however hard the latter may be. The slot 2 into which the blade passes is made of just sufficient width to allow the passage of the blade, and the outer wall of the case may or may not, as preferred, be provided in alignment with the cutting portion of the blade or lever with a transverse depression (indicated at 11) forming a seat for the tip end of the cigar to rest in while being operated upon by the cutter-blade.

The circular opening 3 in the end of the slot 2 serves to accommodate the eye on the end of the cutter-blade through which the thumb-piece is riveted to said blade. The thumb-piece is made to conform in cross-section to the face of the holder, against which it rests and serves as a stop to limit the inward movement of the blade and also as a means for readily grasping the blade for opening or raising the same into operative position.

In operation the blade is raised into the position shown in Fig. 1, when the tip of the cigar is projected through the opening in said blade and rests upon the outer face of the case or holder. Now by pressing with the thumb or finger upon the thumb-piece the

tip of the cigar will be quickly and easily removed, the severed tip falling upon one side of the case, while the cigar is grasped in the hand or falls upon the other side, thereby preventing the tip from being left in the case and the fragments or particles crumbled therefrom in the process of cutting from being carried into the case and eventually clogging the same, as is done in those constructions where the perforation for the reception of the tip is formed in the walls of the case or holder itself and the cutting done within said case by the movement of the blade or cutter.

15 The construction as a whole is simple, durable, and effective in operation and is also inexpensive in cost of manufacture.

From the foregoing description it will be apparent that the cutting is done by means of the pivoted lever or cutter acting against the outer wall of the case and in this respect is regarded as being an important improvement over other constructions in which the cutting is done within or between the opposing walls of the case or holder.

25 It will be apparent that modifications may be made in the details of construction of the parts without departing from the invention

described and also that the cutter may be used as an attachment for penholders.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new, and sought to be secured by Letters Patent, is—

A cigar-cutter attachment comprising a tubular body or holder made cylindrical in form throughout its entire length, adapting it to receive and hold a writing implement and provided intermediate its ends with an elongated longitudinal slot, and a blade pivoted at one end in said holder to move through said slot and having a portion centrally of its length expanded in width to project through the slot and on opposite sides of the holder and provided in said expanded portion with a curved cutting edge and upon its swinging end with a thumb-piece for actuating the blade, the curved cutter portion of the blade operating in connection with the outer face of the tubular holder, all substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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