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SCISSORS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY ELIZABETH HULTQUIST, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brookhaven, in the county of Lincoln and State of Mississippi, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Scissors, of which the following is a specification.

This invention involves simple improvements in scissors or shears, the invention being designed for special work.

Though the invention can be used in various ways, yet it is constructed particularly to facilitate the cutting of oil-paper slips to a desired size and forming the slips of paper with a pair or pairs of slits that are located for convenient reception of a postage stamp or stamps to attach the latter to the slip of paper in a convenient way for mailing purposes.

The special application of the invention will appear more fully hereinafter, and generally describing the construction a scissors comprising the same consists mainly of the usual pivoted connected blades sharpened for cutting purposes, each blade, however, being formed with a tang longitudinally thereof and carrying a pair of blades designed for making slits related so as to readily receive a postage-stamp in the manner above described.

For a full description of the invention and the merits thereof and also to acquire a knowledge of the details of construction of the means for effecting the result reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a pair of scissors constructed in accordance with the invention. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the scissors closed. Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view through the coacting pairs of cutters or blades which are auxiliary to and carried by the main blades of the scissors. Fig. 4 is a plan view showing a slip of paper having a stamp secured thereto in slits, such as may be made by use of the scissors comprising the invention.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

Specifically describing the invention, the numeral 1 indicates the main blades of the scissors, which are pivotally connected intermediate of the ends thereof, as shown at 2, and which are provided at one end with sharp edges, while at the other end each blade has the usual handle 3. The blades 1

are adapted to coact with one another for shearing cutting action in the customary manner, and at the outer extremity of each blade is formed the longitudinally-extending tang or arm 4, which is preferably integral with the blade 1. Each of the tangs or arms 4 carries a pair of auxiliary cutters or blades 5, and the latter are preferably formed integral with the tang 4, as illustrated in the drawing. The cutters 5 have the inner edges thereof sharpened, and each pair of cutters will coact with the other pair in performing the cutting operation.

Fig. 4 illustrates a slip of paper which may be readily inserted in an envelop or postal communication and which may be cut out by means of the use of the main blades 1 of the scissors, hereinbefore described. After the slip of paper, which is indicated by the numeral 6, has been cut out the scissors may be utilized to form spaced slits 7 by placing the paper 6 between the auxiliary cutters 5 and forcing the handles 3 of the scissors together in the customary way. The provision of the tangs 4 arrange the blades or cutters 5 in spaced relation to the main blades 1, and this is necessary and desirable in order that the slits 7 may be formed in the central portion of a slip of paper. Postage-stamps at the present time are frequently vended in small booklets or small paper slips, and after the postage-stamps are removed from the book the latter are ordinarily useless.

The scissors embodying this invention may be advantageously used for the purpose of providing spaced pairs of slits 7 in the oil-paper pages of stamp-books, so that small quantities of stamps may be readily secured in the books by inserting the ends of the stamps in the slits 7, as shown in Fig. 4. The stamp in Fig. 4 is designated 8. The invention, however, is susceptible of various uses, as above mentioned.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

1. A pair of scissors comprising the usual pivotally-connected main blades, and a pair of blades or cutters carried by the outer end portions of each main blade.

2. A pair of scissors embodying main pivotally-connected blades provided with suitable handles, and pairs of cutters or blades attached to the outer end of the main blades in spaced relation to the latter, said pairs of auxiliary blades or cutters being adapted for coöperation on movement of the main blades.

3. A pair of scissors comprising pivotally-
connected main blades and suitable operat-
ing-handles therefor, each main blade being
formed with a longitudinal tang at its outer
5 end, said tang being provided with a pair of
cutters or blades auxiliary to the main blades
and operable therewith.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature
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