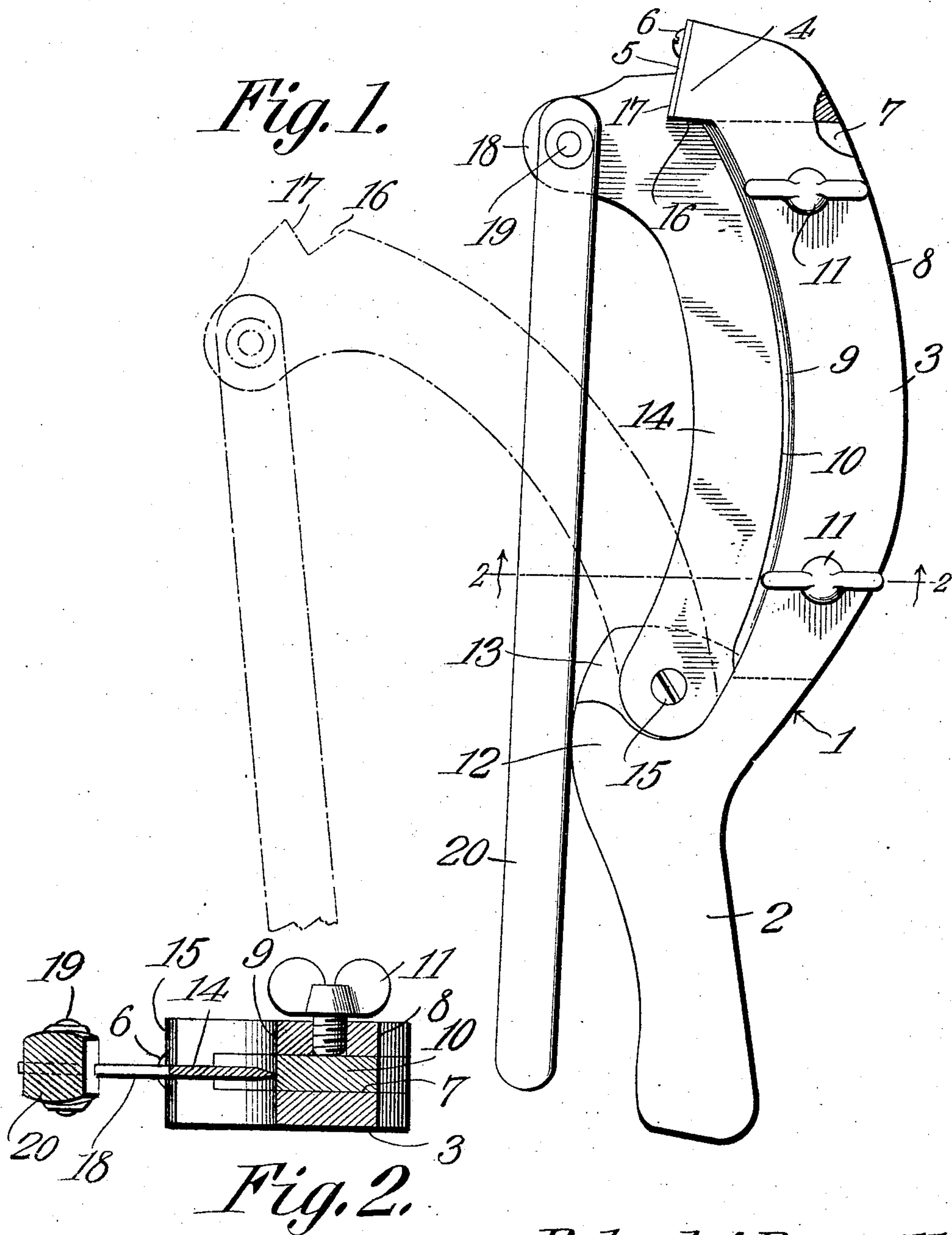


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ROBERT A. BAGGETT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Belton, in the county of Bell and State of Texas, have invented a new and useful Knife, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates generally to knives and particularly to devices for cutting grass, shrubs, and the like.

The objects of the invention are to improve and simplify the construction of such devices; furthermore, to increase their efficiency in operation and to decrease the expense attending their manufacture.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of invention herein disclosed can be made within the scope of the following claims without departing from the spirit of the invention or sacrificing any of its advantages.

In the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification: Figure 1 is a side elevation, partly in section, of a knife constructed in accordance with the invention; and Fig. 2 is a section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Like reference numerals indicate corresponding parts in the different figures of the drawings.

The reference numeral 1 indicates a stock which is formed with a handle portion 2, a curved intermediate portion 3, and an abutment 4 which is provided with a removable wear plate 5 held in position by means such as the screw 6. The curved intermediate portion 3 of the stock 1 is formed with a longitudinal slot 7 which extends entirely through the stock from the rear edge 8 to the forward edge 9 thereof. Adjustably mounted in the slot 7 is a chopping block 10 which is formed preferably of wood or other soft material so as to receive the cutting edge of the knife blade as hereinafter described to cause the same to make a clean cut. The chopping block 10 is held in proper position within the slot 7 by means such as the set screws 11. Whenever the forward curved face of the chopping block 10 becomes worn down by the action of the knife, the set screws 11 can be loosened

and the chopping block pushed forward in the slot 7 so as to move it nearer to the knife and thus renew its efficiency.

The stock 1, at a point adjacent the meeting points of the handle 2 and curved intermediate portion 3, is formed with a lateral enlargement or projection 12 which is cut away at one side to produce a recess 13 in which the inner end of a knife blade 14 is pivotally mounted by means of a screw 15. The outer end of the cutting edge of the knife blade 14 is notched, as indicated at 16, to form a shoulder 17 which, when the stock 1 and chopping block 10 are moved toward the knife blade, is adapted to contact with the wear plate 5 so as to limit the movement of the stock toward the knife blade. The outer end of the knife blade is formed with a rearward extension 18 with which is pivotally connected at 19 a blade handle 20.

In using the improved device, the handle 20 is grasped in the left hand and the handle 2 in the right hand. The handle 20 is then held stationary and the handle 2 is manipulated so as to swing the stock, together with the chopping block 10, toward the cutting edge of the knife blade 14, whereby said cutting edge enters the chopping block 10 and consequently severs any grass or other material which is caught between the stock and the blade. The wear plate 5, by contacting with the shoulder 17, limits the movement of the chopping block 10 toward the blade 14 so as to prevent said chopping block from becoming worn away too soon. As previously described, whenever the inner face of the chopping block becomes worn down, said block can be readily adjusted forward in the slot 7 by loosening the set screws 11.

The improved knife of the present invention is strong, simple, durable and inexpensive in construction as well as thoroughly efficient in operation.

What is claimed is:

1. A knife comprising a slotted stock, a chopping block adjustably mounted in said slot, a knife blade, one end of which is pivotally connected to the stock and adapted to co-operate with the chopping block, an abutment carried by the stock and arranged to be engaged by the free end of the knife, and a handle pivotally connected to the free end of the knife.

2. In a knife of the class described, a han-



dled stock provided with a transversely extending slot, a detachable chopping block adjustably mounted within the slot, means for securing said chopping block in position, a  
5 knife blade having one end pivotally connected to the stock, and a second handle pivotally connected to the free end of the knife blade.

3. A knife comprising a stock having a  
10 handle, an abutment and a chopping block, a knife blade pivotally connected with said stock and having a shoulder adapted to engage said abutment for limiting the movement of the stock toward the knife blade, and  
15 a handle pivotally connected with said knife blade.

4. A knife comprising a stock having a handle, a curved intermediate portion having a slot, an abutment having a wear plate, an

enlargement adjacent said handle formed 20 with a recess, a knife blade pivotally mounted in said recess and having a notched outer end forming a shoulder adapted to co-operate with the wear plate of said abutment, a chopping block mounted in the slot of said 25 intermediate portion, set screws extending through said intermediate portion and engaging said chopping block, and a handle pivotally connected with the outer free end of said knife blade. 30

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses:

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