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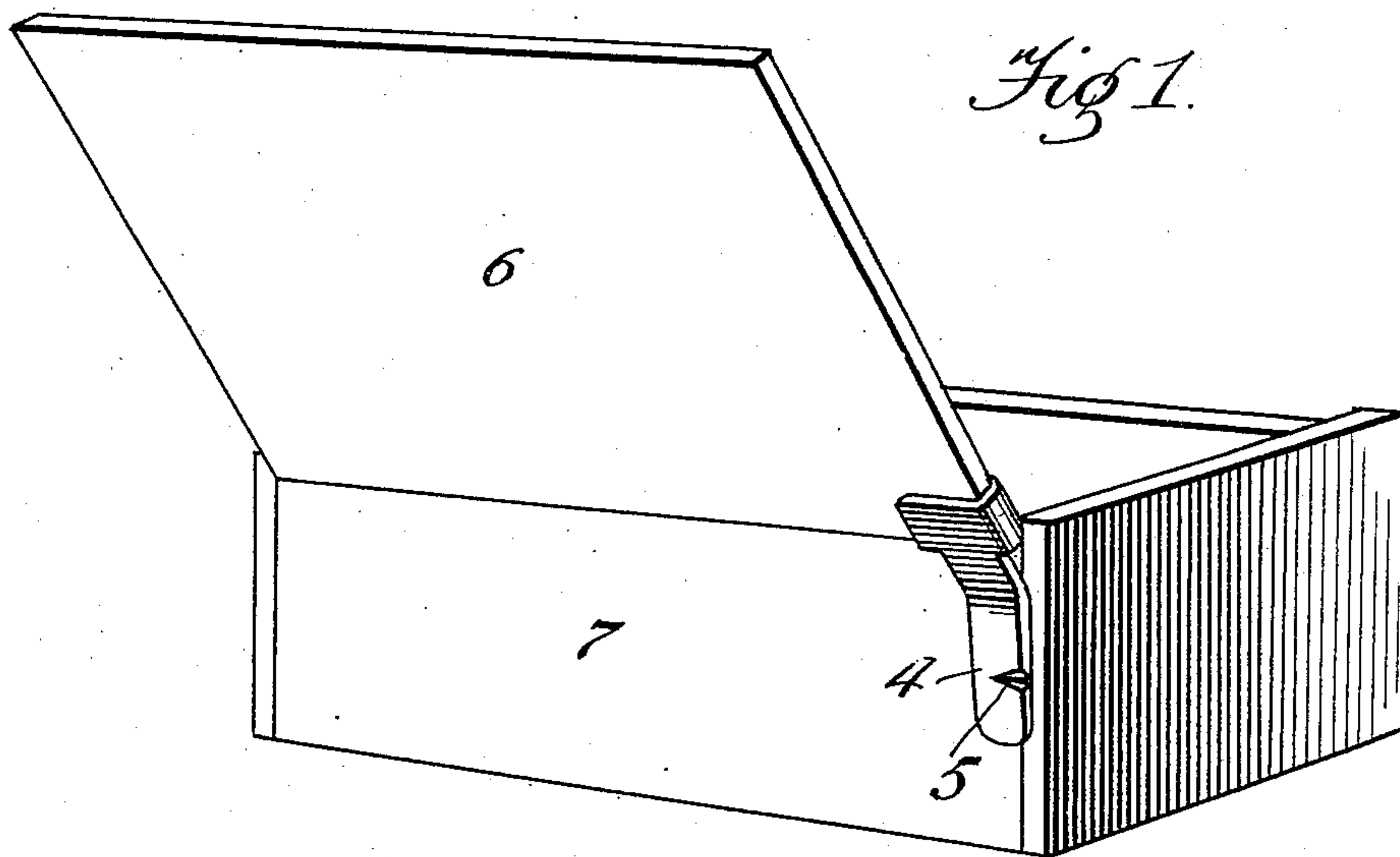


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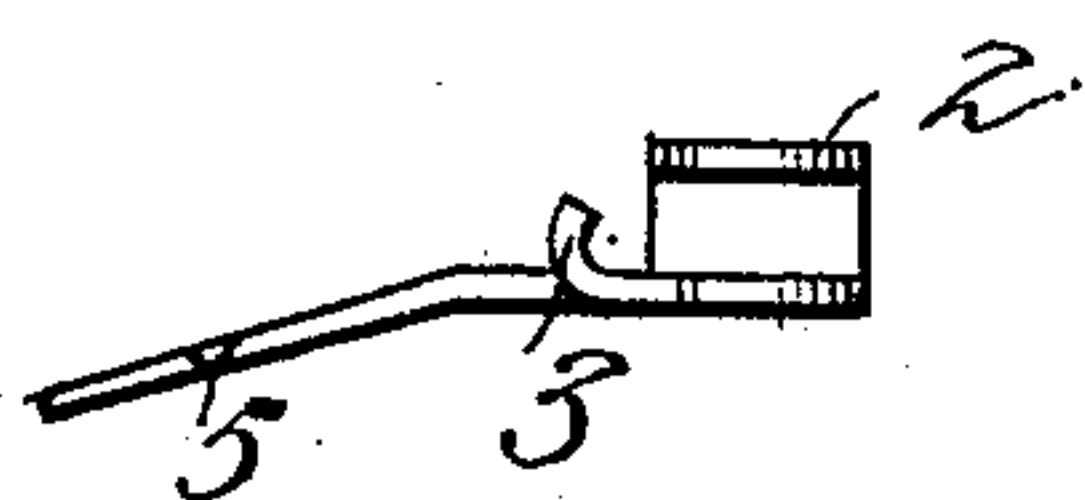
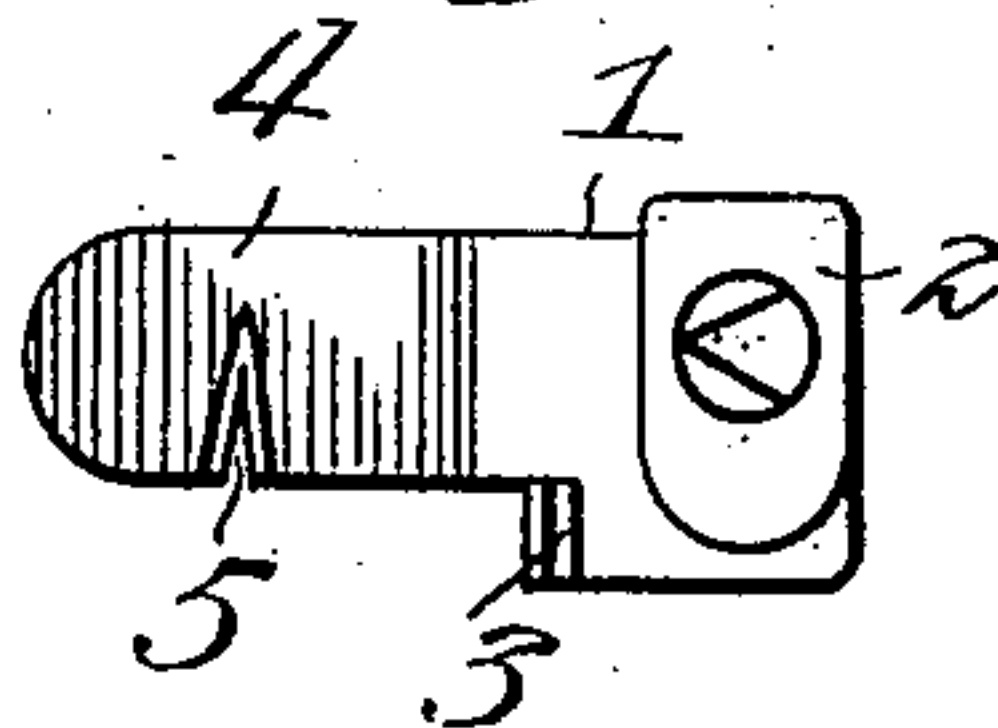


Fig 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, IVER K. BERGQUAM and CONRAD BJERKE, citizens of the United States, residing at Grafton, in the county of Walsh and State of North Dakota, have invented new and useful Improvements in Box-Openers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a combined cigar box opener and lid holder, and the object of the invention is to provide a simple, cheap and effective device of this character, which comprises a blade by which the lid of the cigar box may be pried open, the blade being provided with a V-shaped slit by which nails may be extracted and the device being provided with a clasp adapted for engagement with one end of the cover to provide a holder by which the cover of the box may be supported in open position.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device of this character having a lip upon which is being printed a figure designating the price of the cigars within the box, the figure being conspicuously displayed when the device is in position for holding the cover of the box open.

With these and other objects in view the invention resides in the novel construction of cigar box openers, hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a cigar box, the lid of which being swung back and sustained in this position by our improved device. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the drawings. Fig. 3 is a top plan view of the same.

The improved device is constructed of a single strip of suitable metal, and comprises a body 1, having one of its edges provided with a U-shaped clasp 2, adapted to overlie the body. The clasp 2 is resilient so that it may accommodate itself to different thicknesses of cigar box lids upon which it is adapted to be applied in a manner hereinafter described. The body 1 is provided with an upturned inner edge or lug 3, and the body is also provided with a lateral extension 4. This extension 4 extends from the body at a suitable angle and the free end of the extension or blade 4 is sharpened to provide a substantial knife surface. As clearly illustrated in Figs. 1 and 3 of the drawings, the extremity of the blade 4 is rounded whereby it may be readily inserted between

the lid and body of the cigar box to open the lid of the box. The blade 4 is provided with a V-shaped slit 5 upon one of its sides, and this slit 5 is adapted to serve as a claw by which the nails of the box may be readily withdrawn.

The clasp 2 has its upper face provided with a suitable figure adapted to designate the price of the cigars contained within the box which has its cover supported by the improved device.

When the cover 6 of the box 7 is opened, the clasp 2 of the device is inserted over the edge of the box at one of the corners adjacent the hinged edge of the cover, and the lug 3 contacts the outer edge of the cover, the angular blade lying adjacent the body of the box. With this arrangement it will be noted that the cover is firmly supported at a suitable angle upon the box. It will be further noted that the clasp 2 of the device is positioned upon the front face of the cover, and the figure upon the clasp conspicuously displayed, so that the price of the articles within the box may be readily observed.

From the above description it will be seen that there is provided an effective cigar box opener which may be readily positioned upon the cover of the box to support the same. It will be further noticed that the blade of the device may be readily employed for defacing revenue stamps when the contents of the box have been removed.

Having thus fully described the invention what is claimed as new is:

1. The herein described box lid holder comprising a body to lie on the rear side of a box lid at one lower corner thereof, an arm integral with and overlying the front side of the body to bear on the front side of the box lid and coacting with the body in forming a clasp to engage said lid, a downwardly extending arm integral with the body to bear against the rear wall of the box and a lip at the lower side of the body and at one side of said downwardly extending arm to engage the lower edge of the box lid.

2. The herein described box lid holder comprising a body to lie on the rear side of a box lid at one lower corner thereof, an arm integral with and overlying the front side of the body to bear on the front side of the box lid and coacting with the body in forming a clasp to engage said lid, a downwardly extending arm integral with the body to bear

against the rear wall of the box and a lip at the lower side of the body and at one side of said downwardly extending arm to engage the lower edge of the box lid, said downwardly
5 extending arm having a rounded outer end to enable the same to be used for opening the box lid and being provided in one side with a slit for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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