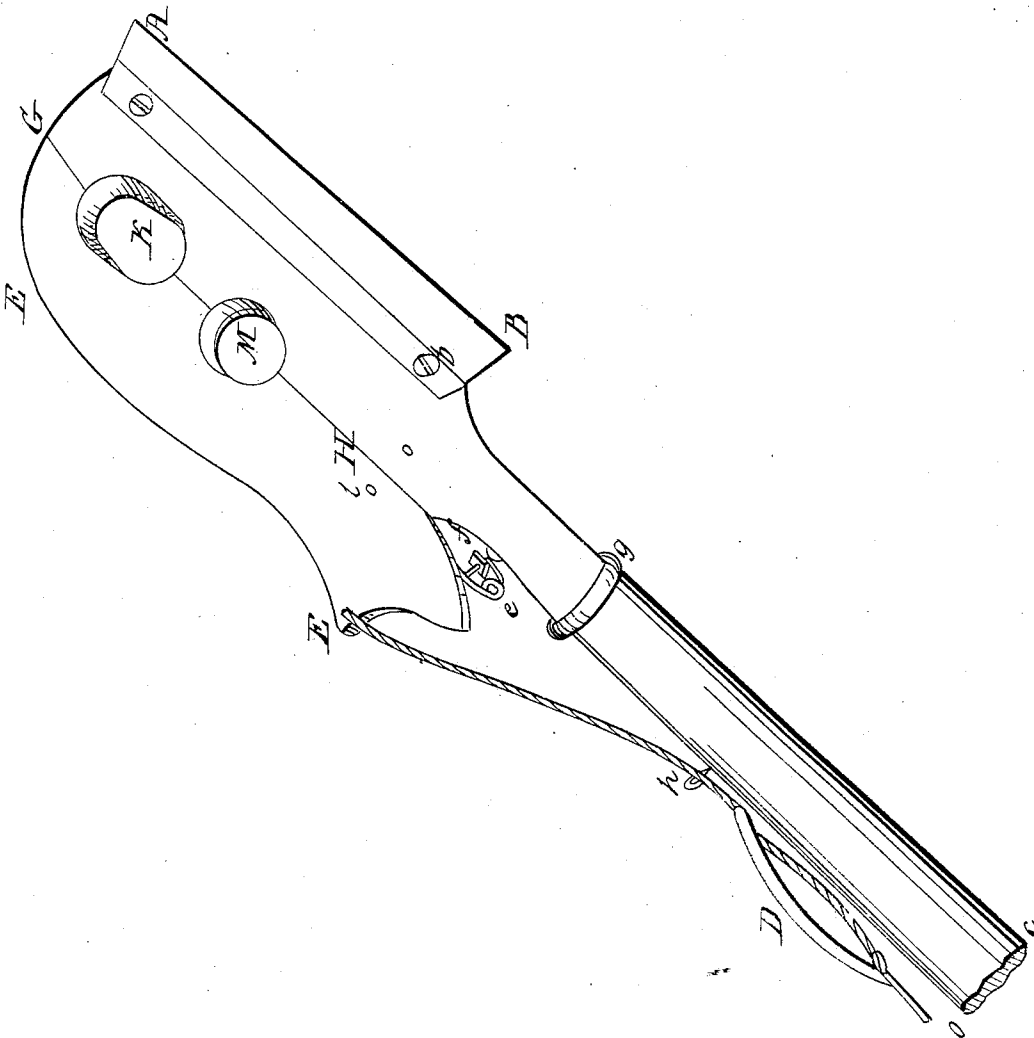


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Cane-Stripper.

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IMPROVEMENT IN CANE-STRIPPER.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, JOHN C. BROWN, of the town of Crawfordsville, county of Montgomery, and State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Cane-Stripper and Cane-Cutter; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full and true description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of the invention consists in the form in which the said tool is constructed, and the manner in which the same is used; said tool to be made of wood and steel, or iron and steel, or any other suitable material.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my said invention, I proceed to describe it more fully.

Said tool consists of two jaws, represented by A B *g* and E F of the accompanying drawings. The jaw E F is set on a hinge at H, so as to revolve round the rivet *l*. The other jaw A B *g* is provided with a blade secured to it by the two screws *a* and *b*, and affixed to a suitable handle at *g*. Between the two jaws are two circular openings with edge-shaped sides, one larger than the other, and respectively represented by *k* and *m*. The said jaws are held together by the hinge at H and a spring represented by *e*. To the jaw F E is attached a cord at E, which runs through the metal eye *h*, and is provided with a leather loop at D.

To use the tool, the operator grasps it in his hands in such a way that the thumb of one hand passes through the leather loop D. Then, with an upward diagonal stroke of the blade A B, he strikes off the top of the cane. Next he opens the jaws E F and A B *g*, aforesaid, by pulling the cord E *h* O with his thumb in the leather loop D, and passing the tool over the cane until the stalk is in one of the openings, he slacks the cord, and the elasticity of the spring *e* carries the jaw to again. By being run down on the cane as it stands, the edge-shaped sides of the said openings will strip off all the leaves. Then, by pulling the cord E *h* O, the jaws are opened again, and the tool can be taken off of the cane. Lastly, by a downward diagonal stroke of the blade A B, the cane is cut off.

The openings *k* and *m* are made of different sizes in order that they may suit different-sized stalks of cane.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The cane-stripper and cane-cutter herein-described, when the same is considered as a whole device, and constructed in its said several parts as aforesaid, and used for the purpose and in the manner substantially as set forth.

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