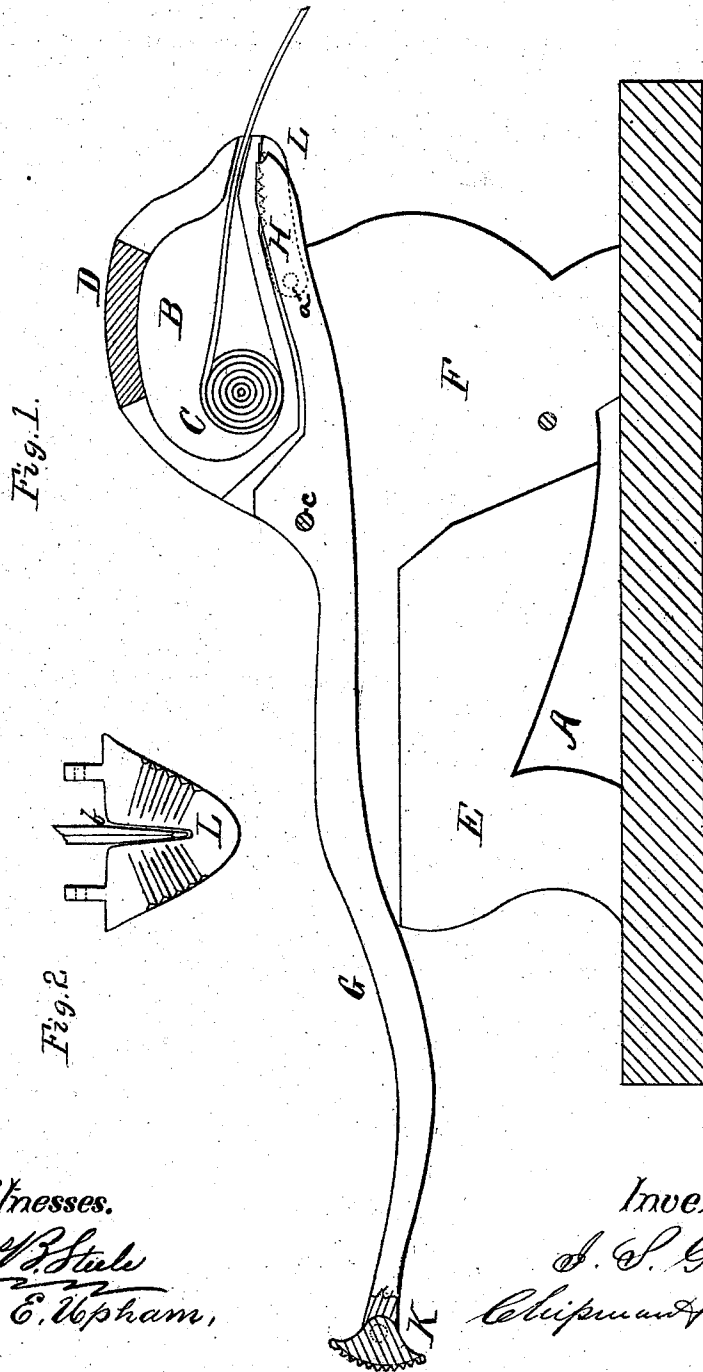


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IMPROVEMENT IN TOBACCO-KNIVES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ISAAC S. GOLDMAN, of Winterset, in the county of Madison and State of Iowa, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Combined Twine-Box, Tobacco-Knife, and Boot and Shoe Float; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of an inside view of the left half of my cast frame. Fig. 2 is a view of the under jaw.

This invention has relation to frames for tobacco-knives and other implements and articles required on the counters of country stores and other places where general merchandise is sold; and it consists in the construction and novel arrangement of the frame, suitably recessed along the center of the body for the reception of the lever or handle of the tobacco-knife, and having the front portion hollowed out for the reception of the twine-ball. It also consists in the arrangement of the serrated lower jaw or cork-presser, which is notched centrally for the reception of the blade of the knife, and is adapted to be operated by the same lever, the blade being kept back by means of a pin.

In this invention the lion-shaped frame has been employed on account of the proportionally large size of the head, which adapts it, especially when hollowed out, for containing the twine-ball.

In the accompanying drawings, the letter A designates the left casting of the frame, the right casting being symmetrical therewith. B indicates the hollow head portion, in which the twine-ball C is placed through an aperture in the top of the head, which is provided with a suitable cover, D, the twine passing out

through either nostril, which is perforated for this purpose. The sections or castings, when joined together, are in contact at the head, and at the lower and rear part E of the body, the space F between the head and the part E being left to form an irregular central slot for the knife-lever to play in. G indicates the lever, bearing at its forward end the blade H, and pivoted at the point *c* just back of the head. The handle has the proper curve to fill the upper opening of the slot along the center of the back, and is extended to the rear, forming the tail. Sometimes the scraper K is pivoted to the end of the tail, serving a very useful purpose when the lever is taken out of the frame, the fulcrum-pin being removed. L indicates the lower jaw, having a central notch in its rear portion at *b*, and serrated at the sides to serve as a cork-presser. The ends of these serrations, appearing at the edge of the mouth, represent the teeth of the animal.

This cork-presser is operated by the knife-handle, a pin, *a*, being passed through perforations in the jaw, and over a notch in the knife, connecting the two together and retracting the latter out of the way. When the knife is operated the pin *a* is withdrawn.

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

The frame E F B, centrally recessed to receive the lever G, and having a hollow front, B, to receive a ball of twine, and also adapted to hold interchangeably the cutting and pressing tools, as described, the several parts being constructed and arranged as specified.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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