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PAPER CUTTER.
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Fig. 1.

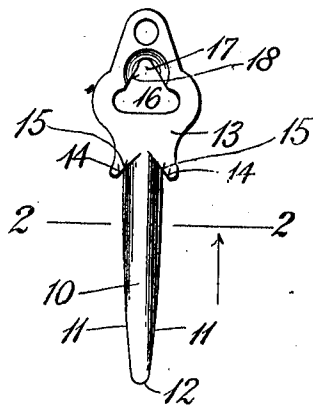


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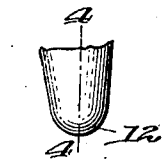
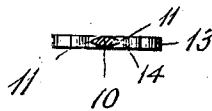


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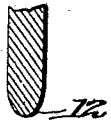


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK W. BURDICK, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Hartford, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Paper-Cutters, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact specification.

This invention relates to paper-cutters, and more particularly to that class thereof which are adapted for pocket use and may be attached to a key-ring, and it has for one of its objects, the provision of a device of this nature embodying certain new features as will be hereinafter described and particularly pointed out in the claim.

The invention has been clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of a paper-cutter embodying my invention, and Fig. 2 is a cross section thereof on line 2, 2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a side view of the end portion of the blade in part broken away, on an enlarged scale. Fig. 4 is a section on the line 4, 4, of Fig. 3.

Briefly stated, my improved paper-cutter is particularly adapted for the purpose of slitting envelops, magazines, etc., and is of such size that it may be conveniently carried in a pocket or reticule, while at the same time it may be attached to a key-ring, if so desired.

In the drawings, 10 denotes the blade which is preferably sharpened at both edges 11 thereof and the point of which is slightly rounded as at 12 so as to avoid danger of hurting the wearer. At one end of the blade is a head 13 which may be secured thereto or made integral therewith, this head being, furthermore, shaped so as to form shoulders 14 which are preferably disposed at an acute angle relative to the cutting edges 11 but which are comparatively blunt while the edges 11 are sharp to a point of junction with the shoulders 14.

Practice has demonstrated that a construction as above stated will perform the work of slitting envelops without any trouble whatever, and inasmuch as the shoulders 14 are blunt, the device in its entirety may be pushed along in the crease of the paper so that the cutting operation will as a matter of fact take place particularly at the point 15. Furthermore, by virtue of the bluntness of the shoulders 14, all liability of the head 13 slipping between the adjacent paper-leaves will be obviated.

The handle or head-portion 13 is preferably provided with an opening 16 having a notch 17, the edge 18 of which may be sharpened so as to serve as a pencil sharpener, if desired, it being evident that by virtue of its location, remote from the blade, this sharp edge 18 will not be liable to inflict any injury to the user during the slitting operation, while, on the other hand, when the device is to be used as a pencil sharpener, the blade may be grasped and the sharp edge 18 pulled along on the pencil point somewhat after the nature of whittling.

Many changes may be made in the particular formation of the head as well as of the shoulders above described without departing from the spirit of the invention.

I claim:—

A paper cutter comprising a blade having a rounded end portion, and a handle formed integral therewith and provided with rigid oppositely disposed lateral projections integral with said handle to form shoulders, said shoulders having a blunt edge disposed at an acute angle relative to the cutting edge of the blade, both edges of said blade being sharpened from the rounded end portion to their points of junction with the edges of said shoulders.

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