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Cigar-Point Splitters.**

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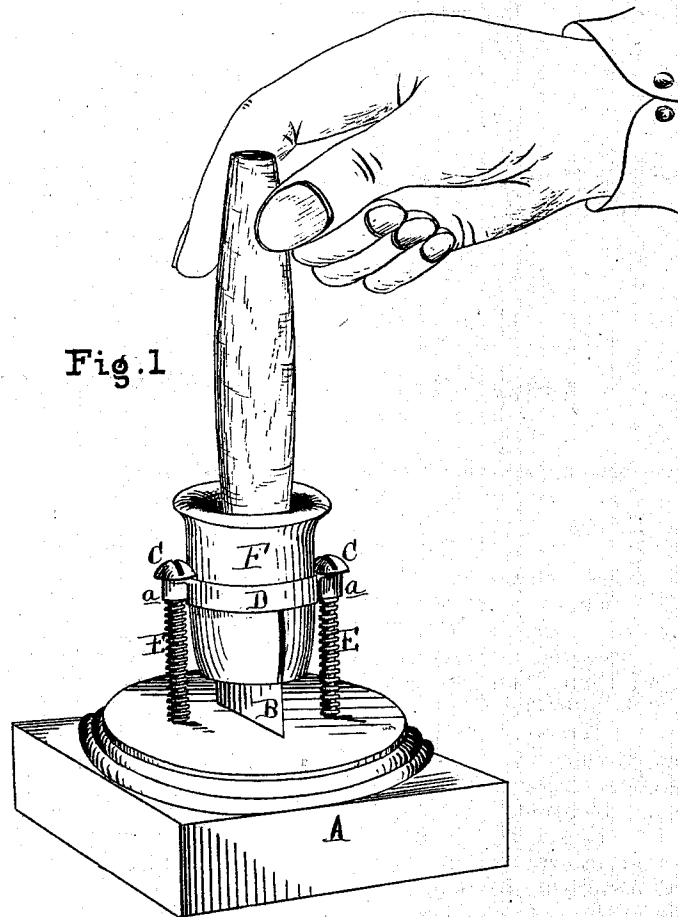


Fig. 1

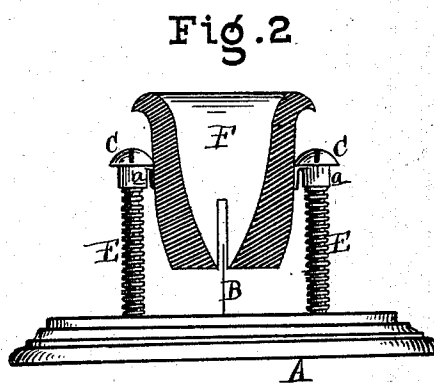


Fig. 2

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IMPROVEMENT IN CIGAR-POINT SPLITTERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ADAM SICKENBERGER, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in a Cigar-Point Splitter; and I do declare that the following is a true and accurate description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and to the letters of reference marked thereon and being a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my splitter with a cigar inserted in the guide-socket, preparatory to splitting its point. Fig. 2 is a cross-section of the same.

Like letters refer to like parts in both figures.

This invention has for its object to provide a device in which the point of a cigar may be inserted and pressed downward upon a stationary knife, whereby the cigar-point will be split instead of cutting it off, as heretofore, leaving the point unimpaired in strength and symmetry, and from which the "tuck" of the wrapper will not unfold. The invention consists in the peculiar construction and arrangement of the several parts, as more fully hereinafter set forth.

In the drawing, A represents a base, in which is inserted a vertical blade, B, sharpened on its upper horizontal edge, at either

side of which are standards C C, preferably long machine-screws, with all the threads except those near the points cut or turned off, the points being tapped into the base. D is a ring or yoke, with two eyes, *a*, projecting at opposite sides, and which slide on the guide-standards C, being supported or held up to the heads thereof by a light spiral spring, E, coiled around each standard. F is a bowl or socket, resting in the yoke D, and is slotted, as at *b*, to slide down upon the blade.

If the point of a cigar be inserted in socket F, as shown in Fig. 1, and then pushed down, the blade will split the cigar end, and give it the necessary draft to cause it to smoke freely when lit. When the cigar is withdrawn from the socket the springs throw the latter up to place again.

Needles may be used in place of knife B.

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

The construction and arrangement of the blade B, guide-standards C C, ring or yoke D, springs E E, and socket F, with relation to the base A, as and for the purpose set forth.

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