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Fig. 1.

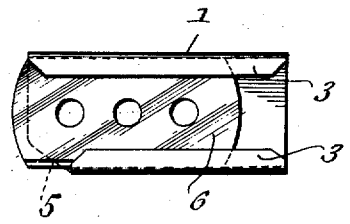


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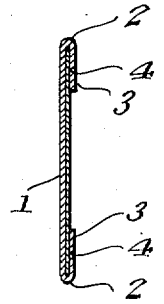
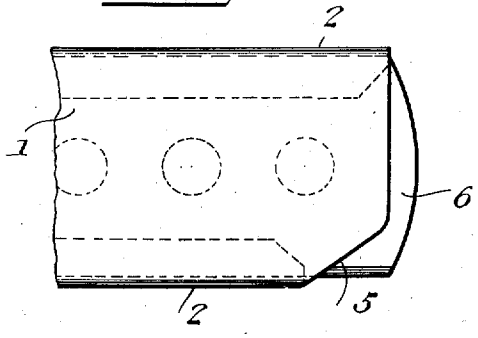


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GUY L. HUYETT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Minneapolis, in the county of Ottawa and State of Kansas, have invented new and useful Improvements in Ripping Devices, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in ripping devices and has particular application to a device of the class described for use by tailors, dressmakers and similar trades people whereby the seams of garments may be readily and quickly ripped open.

In carrying out the present invention, it is my purpose to provide a ripping device of the class described whereby the seams of garments may be ripped open rapidly and conveniently and wherein the blade or knife may be moved into and out of active position whenever desired so that when the device is not in use, the cutting edge thereof will be protected.

It is also my purpose to provide a device of the type set forth which will embrace the desired features of simplicity, efficiency and durability and which may be manufactured and marketed at a minimum expense.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter set forth in and falling within the scope of the claim.

In the accompanying drawing; Figure 1 is a plan view of a ripping device constructed in accordance with the present invention. Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view therethrough. Fig. 3 is an enlarged fragmentary plan view showing one end of the device.

Referring now to the drawing in detail, 1 designates the cutter holder comprising a single sheet of metal preferably rectangular in contour and having the opposite longitudinal edges thereof bent upon themselves as at 2 to form flanges 3 overlying the main body portion of the holder and spaced apart therefrom to form alining guideways 4. One corner of the holder 1 is rounded as at 5 and the adjacent end of the flange 3 terminates short of the rounded end 5. Mounted within the guideways 4 formed by the flanges 3 is a cutter blade 6 preferably of a length equal to the shorter flange and capable of sliding movement upon the holder. When the device is out of service, the cutter blade 6 lies between the flanges 4 and the cutting edge thereof is protected, while when the blade is slide to active position one end of such blade is projected beyond the short flange and over the rounded end 5 of the holder. The device is now held between the fingers of the operator in such manner that the blade will be held against sliding movement within the holder and the exposed edge of the cutter blade moved over the seam to cut the thread.

From the foregoing description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, the construction and manner of employing my invention will be readily apparent. It will be seen that I have provided a ripping device whereby seams and the like may be readily opened and wherein the cutter blade may be moved to active and inactive position when desired.

I claim:

A ripping device comprising a cutter holder formed of a single sheet of metal having the opposite longitudinal edges bent upon itself to form flanges and spaced apart from the main body portion of the metal and providing guideways, one corner of said holder being rounded and the adjacent end of the proximate guide flange terminating short of such rounded end, and a cutter blade slidably mounted within the guideways formed of said flanges and capable of movement over the base plate whereby one edge portion thereof will project over the rounded corner of the holder and be exposed.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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