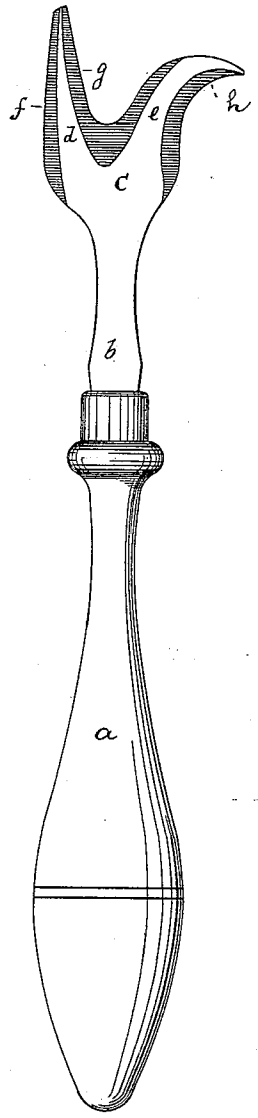
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN RUEKSTUHL, of Matteawan, Dutchess county, State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Ripping-Knife, of which the following specification is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to a ripping knife for opening the seams in clothing, and for similar purposes.

The invention consists in the elements of construction hereinafter more fully pointed out.

The accompanying drawing represents a side view of my improved ripping-knife.

The letter *a* represents the handle of the knife, and *b* is the shank of the blade, which terminates in an enlargement or head, *c*. The head *c* is provided with one straight upwardly-projecting prong, *d*, and with one outwardly-curved or hook-shaped prong, *e*. The straight prong *d* is of tapering shape, and has two cutting-edges, *f g*, while the hook *e* has a cutting-edge, *h*, formed on its concave side. In use either one or the other of the prongs is used as a ripper, according to convenience.

I claim as my invention—

The combination of handle *a* with shank *b* and head *c*, having straight tapering prong *d* and curved prong *e*, the prong *d* having cutting-edges *f g*, and the prong *e* having cutting-edge *h*, substantially as specified.

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