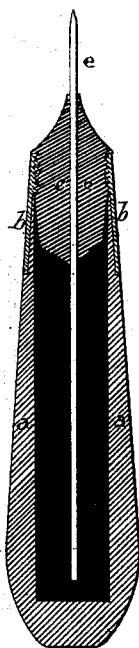


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB DEMAREST, of Belleville, county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Leather-Cutting Tools, of which the following is a specification:

The nature of my invention relates to the construction of a handle for knives used in cutting leather and other such articles, and consists in a divided clamp, having a tapering thread, through which the knife-blade passes, and which can be made to hold the blade in any desired position.

In the accompanying drawing, my invention is shown in section.

a represents a hollow wooden handle, to which the threaded ferrule *b* is attached. Screwing into this ferrule is the divided clamp *c*, made in two equal parts, threaded, and slightly tapering upon their periphery, so that when screwed up into the ferrule they will be brought closely and tightly together. Passing between these two parts up into the handle is the knife-blade *e*, which, by slightly loosening the clamp, can be drawn out or in, and se-

cured in any desired position. The front ends of the clamp are formed so that it can be readily operated by the thumb and first finger, without the use of a wrench, generally required, and is much more handy and easily used than any now in use. On the inside of each half of the clamp is formed a recess, which will vary according to the shape of the blade preferred.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As a new article of manufacture, a hollow handle, *a*, provided with ferrule *b* and divided clamp *c*, constructed and operating as described, so that the blade *e* can be adjusted back and forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I hereunto affix my signature this 6th day of February, 1873.

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