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Combined Finger-Nail Cleaner and Envelope-Opener.

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Fig. 1.

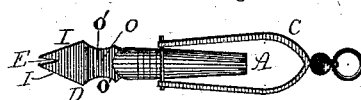
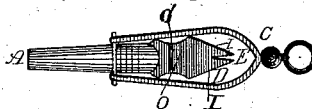


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN COMBINED FINGER-NAIL CLEANER AND ENVELOPE-OPENER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, C. P. TENER, of New Market, in the county of Highland and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Finger-Nail Cleaner and Envelope-Opener; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in devices for cleaning finger-nails and opening envelopes; and it consists in a blade which, for convenience, may be attached to a watch-key or other similar device, and which is so constructed that it may be used for cleaning the finger-nails, as an eraser, or as an envelope-cutter, as will be more fully described hereinafter.

The accompanying drawings represent my invention.

A represents a watch-key, which is pivoted in the support C, and by means of which the key may be attached to the watch-chain. To the upper edge of this key is secured the blade D, which has its upper end pointed and notched, as shown. This notch E is made sufficiently deep to allow either one of the points on either side to pass under and over the top of the finger-nail, for the purpose of trimming and cleaning it, and each of the edges I leading up to this notch may be used as a scraper or cleaner for the top of the nail at its inner end, and as an eraser, if so desired. The edge O' of this blade upon each side, just above the upper end of the watch-key, is made slightly concave, and is sharpened, so as to act as a paper-cut-

ter or for opening envelopes, and other similar purposes. Upon one or both sides of the blade is formed a file, O, which may be used for trimming and shaping the ends of the finger-nails and other such purposes.

In opening envelopes, the notch is inserted under one edge of the paper, and it may then be forced entirely across the envelope, opening it as it goes, or, after having opened the envelope sufficiently at one corner, the blade may be inserted until the cutting-edges I are brought to bear against the paper, when the balance of the envelope can be cut open with perfect ease. This edge I is also adapted for cutting paper in any form.

The blade, as here shown, for the sake of convenience, is attached to the watch-key, where it will always hang ready for use when needed; but it is evident that the blade need not necessarily be used in this connection alone.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. The blade D, having the notch E in its end for cleaning and trimming the nails, and the straight edge I for scraping the tops of the nails and for erasing, substantially as shown.

2. The blade D, having the notch E, straight-edge I, and curved edge O', substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 24th day of April, 1879.

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