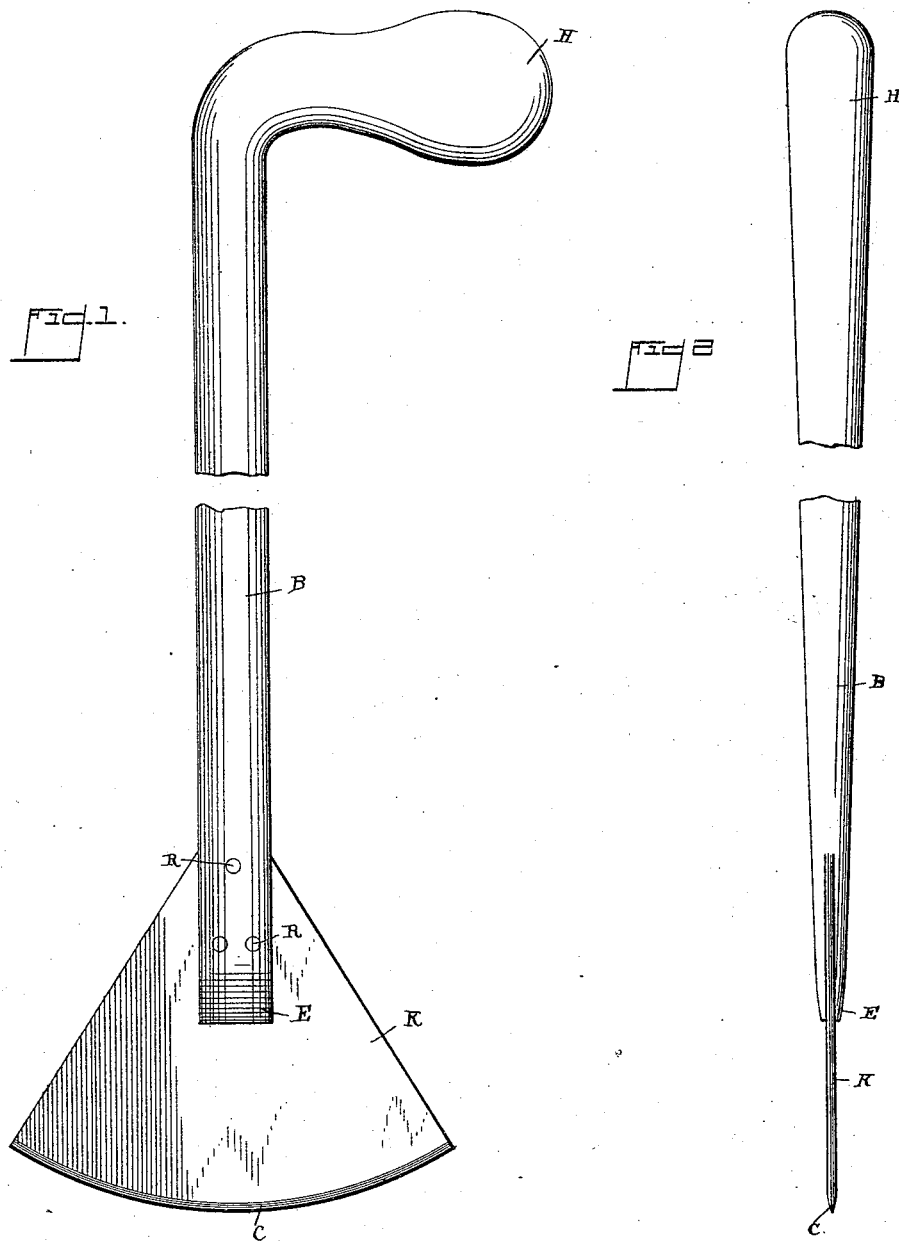


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TOBACCO-KNIFE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM S. TERRELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Warren Plains, in the county of Warren and State of North Carolina, have invented a new and useful Tobacco-Knife, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to cutlery, and more particularly to knives which are especially applicable for use in the tobacco-field; and the object of the same is to produce certain improvements in knives of this character.

To this end the invention consists in the specific details of construction hereinafter more fully described and claimed, and as illustrated on the sheet of drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of this improved knife in position for use. Fig. 2 is an edge view of the same, taken at right angles to Fig. 1.

Referring to the said drawings, the letter H designates the handle, which, as shown, is of approximately pistol shape, and B is the body thereof, which tapers to the lower end E. At said end it is split and a knife-blade K is inserted, being held in place by transverse rivets R, whose heads are countersunk, so as to stand flush with the sides of the body. The knife is of approximately segmental form, its curved edge C being sharpened by grinding or otherwise, as illustrated.

It is well known in this art that the stalk of the plant is first split longitudinally to receive the stick upon which it is hung for drying, and is afterward cut off below the slit. This work has heretofore been done with an

ordinary cleaver or butcher-knife, and the shape of such knife necessitated the operator stooping or bending, because the handle was in alignment with the cutting-edge. In the present invention the operator can stand upright and by a downward pressure force the cutting-edge into the stalk and split the latter. This can be done without his stooping at all, on account of the length of the body B, and this length also serves the additional advantage that it prevents his hand coming in contact with the leaves or sticks of the plant, which often results in breaking them off and in scratching his hand. The tapered shape of the body also prevents injury to the plant and facilitates the grinding of the edge.

I do not limit myself to any particular materials nor to the exact shape and proportion of parts.

What is claimed as new is—

The herein-described tobacco-knife, the same comprising a pistol-shaped handle whose body is tapered to its lower end, where it is bifurcated parallel with the tapered sides, and a knife-blade of the shape of a segment of a circle, its smaller end being riveted in said bifurcation and its curved edge being ground, substantially as hereinbefore set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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