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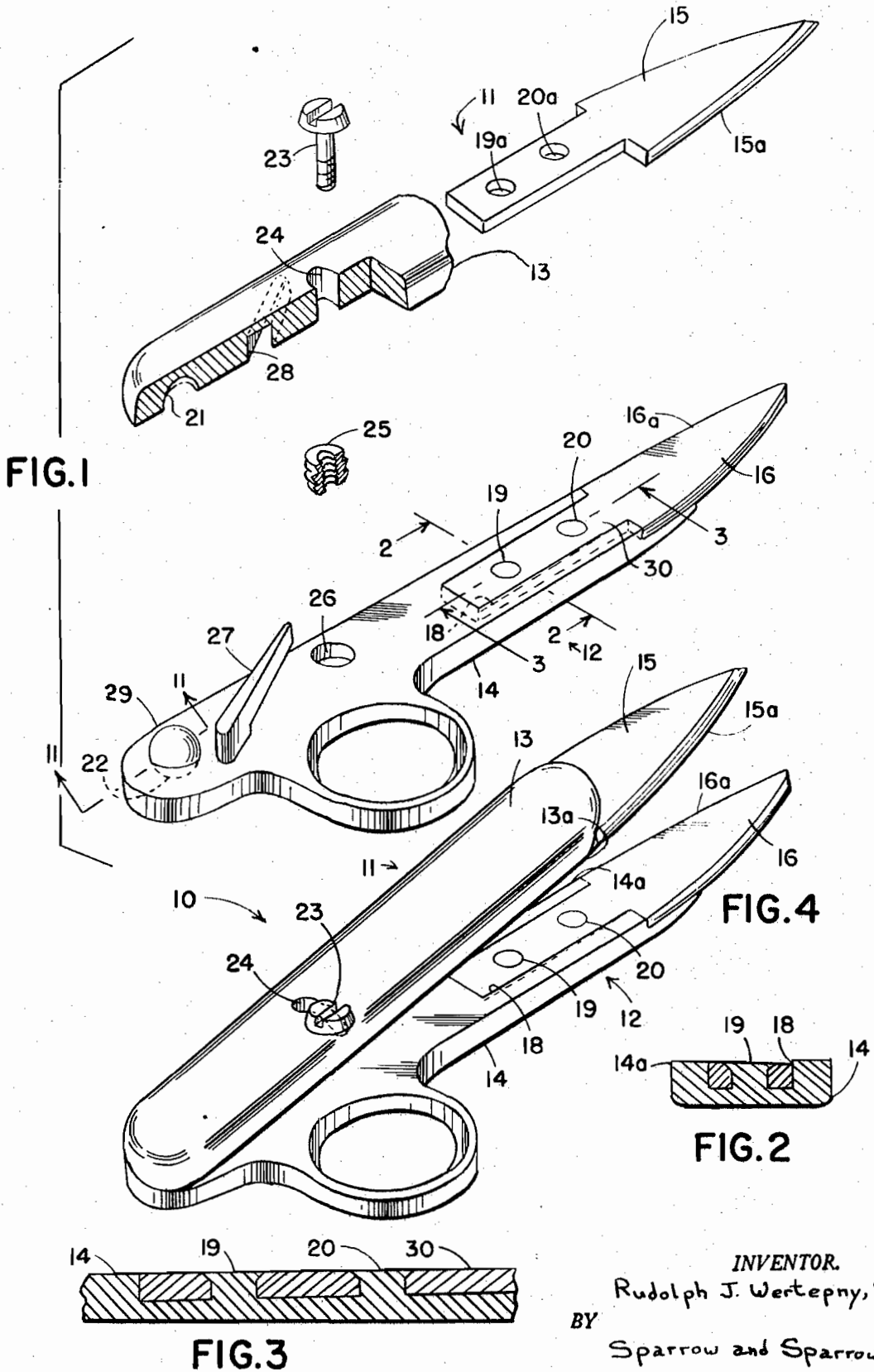


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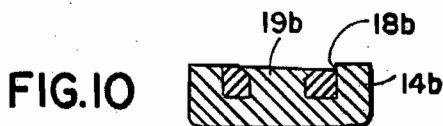
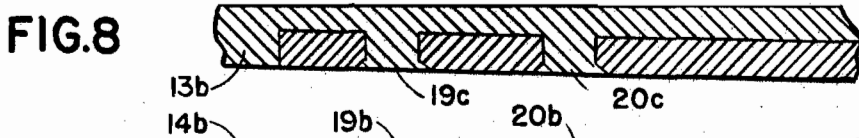
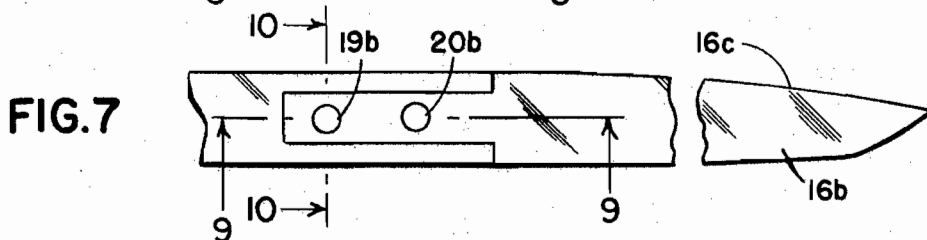
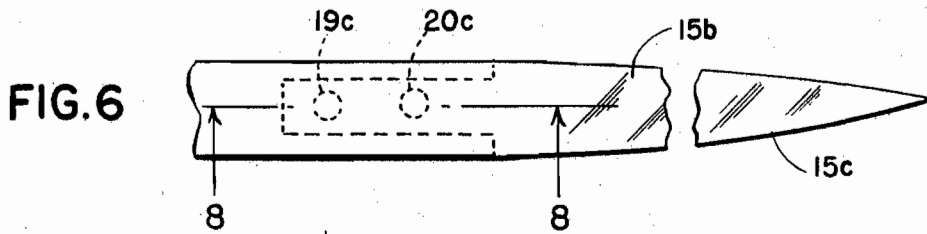
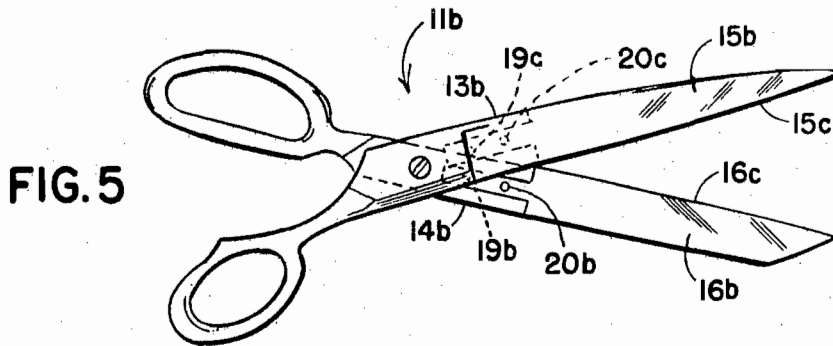
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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Method for producing a blade-type cutting tool with a
body member into which straight, flat cutting blades are
inserted. The recesses for the blades are made with a cer-
tain lateral and longitudinal inclination at a certain angle
to give the blades a desired cross-over and clearance
angularity for proper cutting.

This is a division of application Ser. No. 587,916,
filed Oct. 19, 1966, now Pat. No. 3,453,651, issued July
1, 1969.

The invention relates generally to blade-type cutting
implements and their method of manufacture, and more
particularly has reference to thread cutters or clips, such
as are being used in the garment industry, as well as
scissors, shears, snips, individual blades and like cutting
implements.

The invention consists in such novel features, construc-
tion arrangements, combinations of parts and improve-
ments as may be shown and described in connection with
the cutting tools herein disclosed by way of example only
and as illustrative of preferred embodiments.

Objects and advantages of the invention will be set
forth in part hereafter and in part will be obvious here-
from or may be learned by practicing the invention, the
same being realized and attained by means of the instru-
mentalities and combinations pointed out in the appended
claims.

Heretofore, blade-type cutting tools, such as blade-type
cutters, scissors, shears, snips and the like implements
have been made with a twist in the blades between the
fulcrum or pivot and the forward ends of the blades, so
that, viewed in a vertical plane a consistently increasing
angle between the two blades exists, starting from the
fulcrum or pivot to their forward ends. In addition, the
blades are bowed from the fulcrum or pivot to the for-
ward ends of the blades so that, viewed from the top of
the implement, when the blades are fully opened and the
cutting edges are engaged near the fulcrum, the forward
ends of the blades appear to overlap each other by an
appreciable amount because of a constantly increasing
bend from the fulcrum to the forward ends or tips of the
blades.

It is an object of the present invention to provide blade-
type cutting implements in which the blades have neither
a twist nor a bow, yet provide the proper angularity for
both cross-over and clearance of the blades.

Furthermore, it is an object of the present invention to
provide a blade-type cutting implement having flat cutting
blades in association with corresponding novel body mem-
bers or backings.

A still further object of the present invention is to pro-
vide the foregoing type of cutting implement in which the
proper angularity for both cross-over and clearance is
molded into a plastic or metal backer, the flat blade be-
ing snapped over protrusions provided in the blade ma-
terial and spin-welded or heat-welded in place.

Another object of the present invention is to provide

a method for producing the aforementioned cutting im-
plement including the steps for setting and maintaining the
blades in their proper relationship.

A further object of the present invention is to provide
blade-type cutting implements having flat, non-twisted
metal cutting blades secured to a body made of plastic,
metal or other suitable material.

Yet another object of the present invention is to pro-
vide new and improved blade-type cutting implements
which can be manufactured economically while retaining
the properties of a precision tool.

Various further and more specific objects, features and
advantages will clearly appear from the detailed descrip-
tion given below taken in connection with the accompa-
nying drawings which form part of this specification and
illustrates merely by way of examples embodiments ac-
cording to the invention. In the following description and
in the claims, parts will be identified by specific names
for convenience, but such names are intended to be as
generic in their application to similar parts as the art will
permit. Like reference characteristics denote like parts in
the several figures of the drawings, in which:

FIG. 1 is an exploded view of a blade-type cutting im-
plement according to the invention, the top portion being
partially cut away;

FIG. 2 is a section through 2—2 of the lower blade
seen in FIG. 1;

FIG. 3 is a section through 3—3 of the lower blade
seen in FIG. 1;

FIG. 4 is a perspective view of the cutting implement of
FIG. 1 assembled;

FIG. 5 is a view of another blade-type cutting imple-
ment, such as a pair of shears or scissors according to
the invention;

FIG. 6 is a detail fragmentary view of the upper blade
assembly seen in FIG. 5;

FIG. 7 is a detail fragmentary view of the lower blade
assembly seen in FIG. 5;

FIG. 8 is a detail section through 8—8 of FIG. 6;

FIG. 9 is a detail section through 9—9 of FIG. 7; and

FIG. 10 is a detail section through 10—10 of FIG. 7.

Referring now in more detail to the drawing illustrat-
ing an embodiment by which the invention may be real-
ized, there is shown in FIG. 1 an exploded view of a
blade-type cutting implement which, by way of example
only, is in the form of a thread cutter or clip, such as that
used in the garment industry, and which embodies the
principle of the invention.

FIG. 4 is a perspective view of the cutting implement
of FIG. 1, assembled, and which is designated generally
by the numeral 10. For purposes of clarity, blades 11
and 12 of implement 10 are shown opened wider with respect
to each other than they would be in normal use. In normal
use, they would open only to expose cutting edges 15a
and 16a. Numeral 11 indicates the upper blade assembly
or unit, and the numeral 12 indicates the lower blade as-
sembly or unit depicted in the drawing.

Lower blade assembly or unit 12 comprises a body
member 14, which may be made of suitable metal or of
plastic, and a cutting blade member 16 made of metal
which has a reduced or narrower extension or shank por-
tion 30. The reference 16a represents the cutting edge. A
recess or socket 18 is provided in body member 14 which
is inclined or angular in both transverse and longitudinal
sections (FIGS. 2 and 3). Longitudinal recess or socket
18 extends to the forward end of body member 14, and
in its narrower portion is provided with spaced studs or
protuberances 19 and 20. The shank portion 30 of blade
member 16 has a pair of perforations within which fit
studs 19 and 20. Blade member 16 is permanently se-
cured to body member 14 at said studs by spin-welding
(in case body member 14 is made of metal) or by heat-

welding (in case body member 14 is made of plastic) or by any other suitable means. The perforations of blade member 16 have a slight countersink into which the spin- or heat-weld displacement of the backing material travels so as to retain the blade in position.

The construction of upper blade assembly generally indicated by the numeral 11 is similar to that with respect to lower blade assembly 12, except that the transverse and longitudinal slopes are to opposite hand. The parts are made of similar material. In upper blade assembly 11 the corresponding parts seen are indicated as follows: body member 13, cutting blade member 15 with cutting edge 15a, perforations 19a, 20a for the corresponding studs or protuberances similar to 19, 20. The blade portions having the cutting edges 15a, 16a protrude from the respective body members 13, 14.

Each of blade members 15 and 16 is made of straight, flat cutting steel or other suitable material and does not have any twist or bow, the longitudinal recesses or sockets (only 18 seen) being provided in such angular shape or inclination that the necessary cross-over and clearance of blade members 11 and 12 are provided for therein. The proper angular shape or inclination is achieved by choosing an angled tangent at the correct position on a sphere of a size to give the required amount of twist and bow.

Thus, with respect to the lower blade assembly, the recess 18, located at the forward portion of body member 14, slopes upwardly in lateral and longitudinal directions, that is, inclines transversely of the body member 14 towards the edge 14a of body member 14 and longitudinally towards the forward end thereof. Consequently, blade 16, following the inclination of obliqueness of recess 18, likewise slopes or slants upwardly laterally in the direction of the cutting edge 16a of blade member 16 and longitudinally in the direction of its tip. Similarly, but to opposite hand, and with respect to the upper blade assembly, the recess accommodating blade member 15 slopes or inclines downwardly in lateral or transverse and longitudinal directions, that is, towards the edge 13a of body member 13 and longitudinally towards the forward end thereof. Consequently, blade 15 likewise slopes or inclines downwardly laterally in the direction of its cutting edge 15a and longitudinally in the direction of its tip. Thus, the recesses or sockets are formed in such manner that they provide suitable rests or retainers for blade members 11 and 12 against transverse forces which are the largest forces present in this type of cutting tool. Obviously, both said recesses and blade members are provided with close tolerances in order to warrant proper operating relationship between the cutting edges of blade members 11 and 12. Thus, the method according to the invention provides for setting and keeping the blade members in the proper operating relationship. The fulcrum and blade arrangement herein provided is such that the blade members have no twist and no bow; the proper angularity for both cross-over and clearance is provided in the plastic or metal body member, the flat blade member being snapped over the two studs or protuberances of the body member and spin-welded or heat-welded in place. The shank of the corresponding blade member which fits into the corresponding recess or socket molded or otherwise formed in the body member, may be punched or otherwise formed such as to provide close tolerances so that the blade member may assume the proper angle relationships with its mating counterpart.

It is understood that, in the event it is convenient or desirable to use recesses or sockets of uniform section (that is, not sloped), the desired transverse and/or lateral sloping or slanting of the blade members 15, 16 may be accomplished by employing transversely sloping inserts between the blade members and the bottoms of the recesses, respectively, or providing the blade members per se with the desired sloping or slanting sections or portions.

FIGS. 1 through 4 show a device with a ball pivot, while FIG. 5 shows a device with a conventional screw pivot. It is understood that this invention performs equally well with these or any other type pivot.

The ball pivot device consists of a ball-shaped member 29 which is half-and-half inserted in cup-shaped cavities 21 (upper body member 13) and 22 (lower body member 14). In order to tighten blades 15 and 16, a threaded insert 25 is anchored in a bore 26 in the lower body member 14 and a screw 23 is inserted through a bore 24 in the upper body member 13. Screw 23 fits in insert 25 and can be tightened thereon at will. An elastic bar 27 is fastened in lower body member 14 and a corresponding recess 28 is provided in upper body member 13. Elastic bar 27 fits in recess 28 and acts as a spring member for opening the cutting blades 15, 16.

FIGS. 5 to 10 inclusive depict a blade-type cutting implement, such as scissors or shears 11b embodying the principles of the invention with reference to the blade assemblies. The upper blade assembly or unit comprises body member 13b and cutting blade member 15b and lower blade assembly comprises body member 14b and cutting blade member 16b. The references 15c, 16c indicate the cutting edges of the respective blade members. The reference 19c, 20c indicate the studs or protuberances in the upper body member 13b and the references 19b, 20b indicate the studs or protuberances in the lower body member 14b which are received in corresponding perforations in the respective blade members 15b, 16b. The reference 18b corresponds to the reference 18 with respect to FIGS. 1 to 4.

While the invention has been described and illustrated with respect to certain preferred examples which give satisfactory results, it will be understood by those skilled in the art after understanding the principle of the invention that various changes and modifications may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention, and it is intended therefore in the appended claims to cover all such changes and modifications.

I claim:

1. Method of producing a cutting tool which comprises forming in a pair of body members respective recesses, and securing in each of said recesses an untwisted and unbowed metal blade member having a cutting portion in such manner that each of said cutting portions is inclined along its length and width but to opposite hand with relation to each other, and pivotally connecting said body members in such manner that the cutting edges of said cutting portions face each other.

2. Method according to claim 1, and including forming the bottom zone of contact between said recesses and said blade members with inclinations to provide said inclinations of said cutting portions.

3. Method according to claim 1, and including the step of forming each of said recesses with a transverse and longitudinal inclined bottom to opposite hand with relation to each other.

4. Method of producing a cutting tool which comprises forming in a pair of body members transversely and longitudinally inclined recesses respectively to opposite hand, securing in said recesses untwisted and unbowed metal blades each of which has an extended cutting portion in such manner that said blades follow the inclinations of said recesses, and pivotally connecting said body members in such manner that the cutting edges of said cutting portions face each other.

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