

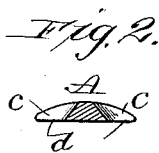
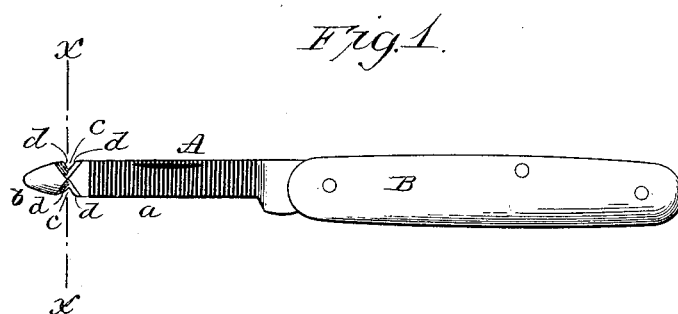
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, **TERENCE F. CURLEY**, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Nail-Cutter, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the annexed drawings, forming a part thereof, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved nail-cutter, and Fig. 2 is a transverse section taken on line *xx* in Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both views.

The object of my invention is to provide a nail-cutter by means of which the nails may be trimmed without danger of cutting the flesh.

My invention consists in a plate having unsharpened edges and provided in one or both of its edges with a V-shaped notch, the plate being sharpened at the sides of the notch to adapt it for cutting the ends of the nails.

The blades commonly used for trimming the nails are provided with a file-cut surface on opposite sides for the greater portion of their length, the extremity of the blade being pointed and sharpened upon one edge. With a blade of this kind no guide is provided for preventing the cutting of the flesh. As a consequence, the cutting-edge is liable to lead too deeply into the nail and produce painful wounds in the flesh under the nail and around its edges. In my improvement I avoid these difficulties by providing a very narrow cutting-surface in one or both edges of a blade not otherwise adapted for cutting.

To carry out my invention I provide a blade, *A*, which may be pivoted in the handle *B* or not, as may be desired, the said blade *A* having a file-cut portion, *a*, and a rounded

burnishing end, *b*, which is adapted for cleaning the nails, but is not furnished with a cutting-edge. In opposite edges of the said rounded end I have formed V shaped notches *c*, the blade being beveled on opposite sides of the notch, forming cutting-edges *d*. The cutting-edges, being wholly within the edge of the blade, cannot be made to cut into the flesh; but they are of sufficient width to admit the edge of the nail.

When the V-shaped notch is applied to the nail, one or the other of the edges *d* serves as a guide while the other is employed in cutting; or the nail may be inserted in the V-shaped notch, so as to bisect the angle of the notch, thereby causing both of the cutting-edges to cut the nail.

The cutting-edges *d* are sharpened, when necessary, by means of a V-shaped oil-stone.

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

1. In a nail-cutter, a blade provided with V-shaped transverse notches, with cutting-edges formed on the blade along opposite sides of the notches, substantially as specified.

2. In a nail-cutter, a blade, *A*, provided with a rounded burnishing end, *b*, and having cutting-notches *d* formed in the edges thereof, substantially as specified.

3. In a nail-cutter, a blade, *A*, provided with a file-cut surface, *a*, with a rounded burnishing end, *b*, having cutting-notches *d* formed in opposite edges thereof, substantially as specified.

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