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(54) Title: HAND-HELD LABEL PRINTER AND CUTTING APPARATUS (57) Abstract A cutting mechanism (40) for a hand-held printer (10) includes a lever (50) pivotally mounted to a base (44) and coupled to a slidably mounted blade (42). Pivotal movement of the lever translates the blade along a cutting axis to cut labeling media. The lever is automatically returned to the noncutting position by a spring (80), and the blade is biased toward the cutting bar by a spring (70) incorporated in the blade (42) mounting mechanism. The blade has a chevron shape to provide a clean cut in a short cutting stroke.		

