The Claims

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus for opening a decorative charm, comprising:

a first rigid member having a first handle portion and a first head portion secured to said first handle portion;

a second rigid member having a second handle portion and a second head portion secured to said second handle portion, said first rigid member being pivotally connected to said second rigid member; ~~and~~

wherein said first head portion comprises a downward facing pyramidal prying blade and said second head portion comprises a concave shape for engaging a decorative charm therebetween and splitting open said charm~~.~~; further comprising a pivot pin, which extends through respective openings formed in the first rigid member opposite the head portion and the second rigid member opposite the head portion;

wherein said pivot pin includes a bias member.

~~2. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a pivot pin, which extends through respective openings formed in the first rigid member opposite the head portion and the second rigid member opposite the head portion.~~

~~3. The apparatus of claim 2, wherein said pivot pin includes a bias member.~~

~~4.~~2. The apparatus of claim ~~3~~ 1 wherein the bias member urges said first head portion and said second head portion apart.

5.3. The apparatus of claim 3 1 wherein said first head portion further comprises serrations for engaging said charm and holding it securely in place while being split.

6.4. An apparatus for opening a decorative charm, comprising:

a first rigid member having a first handle portion and a first head portion secured to said first handle portion;

a second rigid member having a second handle portion and a second head portion secured to said second handle portion, said first rigid member being pivotally connected to said second rigid member;

a pivot pin, which extends through respective openings formed in the first rigid member opposite the head portion and the second rigid member opposite the head portion;

said pivot pin comprising a bias member wherein the bias member urges said first head portion and said second head portion apart; and

wherein said first head portion comprises a downward facing pyramidal prying blade and said second head portion comprises a concave shape for engaging a decorative charm therebetween and splitting open said charm.

7.5. The apparatus of claim 6 4 wherein said first head portion further comprises serrations for engaging said charm and holding it securely in place while being split.

8.6. A method of opening a decorative charm, comprising the steps of:

providing a first rigid member having a first handle portion and a first head portion secured to said first handle portion;

providing a second rigid member having a second handle portion and a second head portion secured to said second handle portion, said first rigid member being pivotally connected to said second rigid member;

providing a pivot pin, which extends through respective openings formed in the first rigid member opposite the head portion and the second rigid member opposite the head portion;

said pivot pin comprising a bias member wherein the bias member urges said first head portion and said second head portion apart; and

wherein said first head portion comprises a downward facing pyramidal prying blade and said second head portion comprises a concave shape for engaging a decorative charm therebetween and splitting open said charm;

positioning a decorative charm with a small opening comprising compression member therein, between said first head portion and said second head portion;

moving said first rigid member and said second rigid member towards each other, thereby causing said prying blade to contact said charm opening, moving said compression member and prying open the two sides of said charm without imparting substantial mechanical damage to said charms exterior.