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This invention relates to a ripping tool adapted for all ripping work, such as the ripping of seams, making of slots for button holes, etc.

The tool according to the invention consists of a metal shank having at its end two prongs forming a fork between which at the bottom of the fork recesses have been pressed at opposite sides of the shank to form a relatively broad, preferably curved blade directed towards the ends of the prongs one of which is pointed and the other bears a bulbous head adjacent to and overhanging the neighbouring end of the blade. The pointed prong is preferably longer than the one with the bulbous head.

One of the prongs is pointed to make possible a piercing operation by the pointed end of the tool at the beginning of certain operations as e.g. ripping of seams or cutting slots for button holes. The ball point end of the other prong has the advantage to insure a smooth and sure operation, the tool being always kept in such a position that the bulbous head is fed smoothly over the surface of the material to render it easy to keep the other prong with its point in a certain distance from the material. This is of special importance in ripping hand-made or machine-made seams. In this case the tool is applied and lead in such a way that the prong with the bulbous head is invisible to the eye at the underside of the seam. This end is running smoothly over the material and cannot cause any lesions so that the full attention can be concentrated to an adequate leading of the tool and its longer prong or point.

The accompanying drawing shows an embodiment of a ripping tool according to the invention.

Fig. 1 is an enlarged side view, and

Fig. 2 is an enlarged front elevational view.

The tool may be made in any suitable size according to the purpose for which it is intended. The shank *a* is shaped at its working end in such a way that it has a fork consisting of two prongs *b* and *c* between which two recesses have been pressed at opposite sides of the shank in order to form a thin web *d* the edge of which is shaped to a relatively broad preferably curved blade *f*. The prong *b* is terminated by a pointed end *g* and is longer than the other prong *c*. The end of the shorter prong *c* bears a bulbous head *h* adjacent to the neighbouring end of the blade *f* and protecting said blade.

The tool is provided with a suitable handle.

What I claim is:—

1. A ripping tool for tailoring and sewing, characterized in that it consists of a metal shank having at its end two prongs forming a fork, between which at the bottom of the fork recesses have been pressed at opposite sides of the shank to form a relatively broad, preferably curved blade directed towards the ends of the prongs, one of which is pointed and the other bears a bulbous head adjacent to and overhanging the neighbouring end of the blade.

2. A ripping tool according to claim 1, characterized in that the pointed prong is longer than the prong bearing the bulbous head.

3. A ripping tool according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the bulbous head on the end of the shorter prong is in the form of a ball.

4. A ripping tool, substantially as hereinbefore described and shown in the accompanying drawings.

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