

Cane-stripper. A knife for stripping and topping cane-stalks.

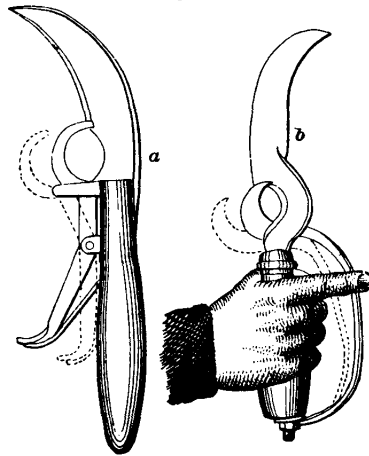
The cane-knife and stripper *a* has a spring jaw, which coincides with an indentation in the blade, to form a circular opening. This, being clasped upon the stalk, is drawn rapidly downward, stripping off the leaves, and the blade is ready for topping when needed.

The cane may be stripped while standing in the field, which some prefer.

The cane-knife and stripper *b* has a spring jaw, which is arranged like the curved guard on a sword-hilt. The dotted lines show the position assumed by the spring jaw when opened to be placed over a stalk.

Other forms of cane-strippers are tubes armed with knives, which strip the leaves from the stalk which passes through the tube.

Fig. 1062.



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