

## Finding the Patent for the Clayton Blantz “Tool” Patented August 25, 1914 (not 1915) (D46,310)



I first acquired the “tool” shown in the mid-1990s and traded it to Mike Schwimmer who was an avid CBO (Cigar Box Opener) collector. In 2012 his collection was being sold on eBay and I got it back. Tommy Campnell acquired one a couple of years ago and was convinced the jagged end was a corkpuller. We put the “ace patent searcher”, Josef L’Africain, to find the patent. The problem was almost all U. S. patents are issued on Tuesdays and 8/25/1915 was not a Tuesday so no luck finding it. That is until January 7th, 2022 when I first tried changing the day with no luck, but when I backed down the year to 1914, August 25 was a Tuesday. Using the keyword “tool” found the patent quickly. They do sometimes have the wrong date. Patent drawing shows the exact piece. I was excited as I scrolled down to the patent information.

CLAYTON H. BLANTZ, OF LEBANON, PENNSYLVANIA. DESIGN FOR A TOOL. 46,310. Specification for Design. **Patented Aug. 25, 1914.** Application filed June 24, 1914. Serial No. 847,126. Term of patent 3½ years.

To all whom it may concern: Be it known that I, CLAYTON H. BLANTZ, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lebanon, in the county of Lebanon and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new, original, and ornamental Design for Tools, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part thereof. The figure is a perspective view of a tool showing my new design. I claim: The ornamental design for a tool, as Shown.  
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The patent is finally found and patentee says nothing about the functions of the “tool”. It is obviously a bottle opener, CBO Hammer, CBO, gas key and we still are not sure about the jagged end. If it is a corkpuller it is worth much more than being a “pipe reamer” or whatever died in Blantz’s head.

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Sample mailed for 15c in coin.

**C. H. BLANTZ & CO.**

**505 N. 8TH ST.,**

**LEBANON, PA.**

Update: Josef L'Africain found an advertising ad (Billboard magazine from March 18, 1916) for the "Blantz's Combination Household Tool". An "8 in 1" tool with the following functions: Bottle Cap Remover, Label Cutter, Presto-lite Key, Hammer, Nail Puller (also called a CBO or Cigar Box Opener), Cork Extractor, Nut Pick and Ice Pick. This tool may be put to a hundred other practical uses. Agents make big profits. Sample mail for 15c in coin. C. H. Blantz & Co. 505 N. 8th St., Lebanon, Pa.



Congratulations Josef and until now an unknown "American Patented Corkscrew".

The morale of this story is Josef told me he owned one and could not find it and Tommy owned one and could not find his. Josef said he had a friend looking for one and then another friend looking for one. I sell him two examples and then he tells me he found the above advertisement. Those corkscrew guys know how to deal but when he wanted the second one I had a hunch he had found something showing the functions of the tool.