A "Toothpaste Tube" Squeezer, Version 1.1

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I was intrigued by Philip Davies "Tube Squeezer" (https://www.homemadetools.net/forum/tube-squeezer-78868)

 Sure you can buy these for not a lot of money. But where is the fun in that?

I could duplicate Philip's design but that didn't fire up the inventor in me. So, as usual, I ventured out to find a different, not necessarily better, way to do it.

 Here is my test case. How can I flatten the end of this tube in a new way?

 My prototype consisted of two rods joined together with baling wire.

It worked so well I moved on to the final design.

 The ends of the rods are drilled and tapped 8-32 because I have plenty of these screws. The link is from a bit of scrap CRS. The holes in the link were drilled with a #7 for a loose fit and set far enough apart to give about a 1/16 inch gap between the rods at the plate.

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The end of the tube goes between the rods which are then squeezed together and rotated. Then the tool is slid off.

It works even better on metal tubes.

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