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Corn Husker.

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Fig. 1.

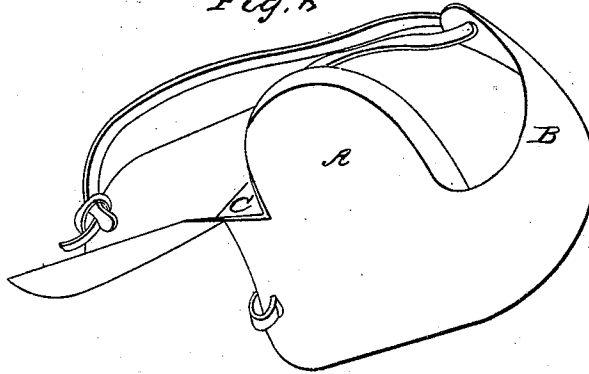
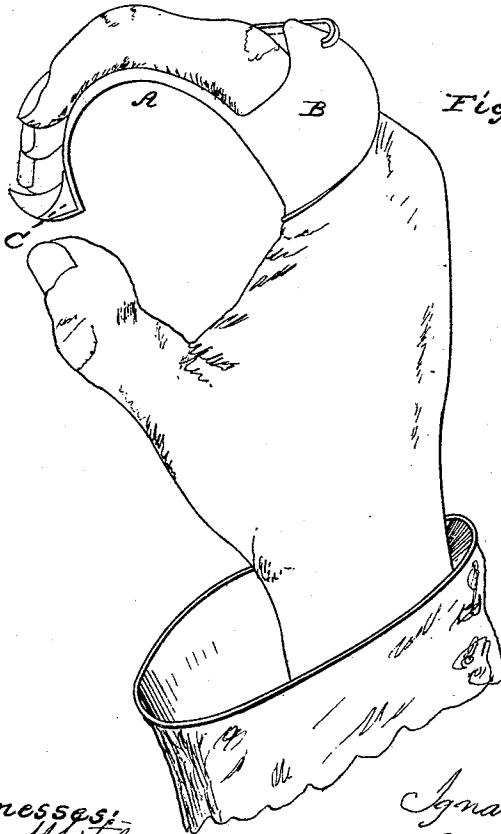


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CORN-HUSKERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, I. PHILBROOK, of the county of Shelby, in the State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Corn-Huskers; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my device, and Fig. 2 is an edge view of the same in place upon the hand ready for use.

The nature of my invention consists in constructing of sheet metal or in any other way an instrument to be worn upon the hand over a glove or mitten or upon the bare hand, for the purpose of facilitating the operation of removing husks from ears of corn.

That others may understand my invention and its construction and use, I will more particularly describe it.

The article may be constructed of a single piece of thin metal, as shown in Fig. 1 at A. This sheet is wide enough to cover the breadth of the palm of the hand and long enough to reach from the middle of the palm to beyond the ends of the fingers. At one corner of the blank a projecting wing, B, is left of some two inches in length and about three-fourths of an inch in width. When formed up this wing-piece B is bent upward and backward, so as to inclose the forefinger near the knuckle. The lower edge across the ends of the fingers is curved upward, slightly diagonal to the side edge, so as to curve over the ends of the fingers, as shown in Fig. 2. The corner next the little finger is curved over rather farther than its opposite corner, so as to conform more nearly to the general form of that portion of the hand. The corner of the blank which is next to the forefinger is bent downward rather abruptly, and thus forms a sharp-pointed hook, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2 at C. The edge of

the plate between the hook C and the clasp B is curved upward, so as to form a protecting-flange for that part of the hand.

In order to secure this instrument upon the hand I pass a string through a suitable hole in the end of the clasp B, and thence passing over the back of the hand through other holes in the opposite edge of the plate. This string may be drawn more or less tight, as desired, or it may be replaced by a strap and buckle or any other convenient device for securing it in place.

The body of the instrument may be made from a single piece of brass or iron, and the hook-point C made of steel and attached thereto; or the instrument may be constructed entirely of a single piece.

When in use the implement is placed upon the hand in the manner described, and shown in Fig. 2. The ear to be husked is then grasped, and with the hook C the husk is quickly torn off without the slightest abrasion or danger to the hand.

The advantages of my instrument are that it may be fitted to or used upon hands of different sizes without inconvenience. It may be worn either upon the naked hand or over a glove or mitten without in the slightest degree impairing or changing its effective operation. It affords perfect protection to the hand and fingers. It is durable and cheap.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The plate A, when constructed substantially as described, so as to perfectly protect the hand and fingers, and provided with the hook-point C, as and for the purpose specified.

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