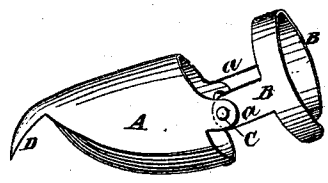
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Tobacco Germer.

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IMPROVEMENT IN TOBACCO-GERMERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JORDAN WOODS, of Glasgow, in the county of Howard and State of Missouri, have invented a new and Improved Tobacco-Germer, of which the following is a specification:

My invention consists of a cap or shield provided with a projecting metallic nail or cutter, and jointed to a split ring. The device is to be worn on the thumb, and the artificial nail is to be used in the same manner as the natural thumb-nail is used in removing germs or suckers from tobacco-plants.

In the drawing, A is a metallic cap, of suitable size and form to fit the end of the thumb, and B is a split ring, having formed on its opposite sides ears *a*, which are connected with the cap A by a joint, C.

Upon the outer or closed end of the cap A a curved nail or cutter, D, is formed, which is used in removing the germ or sucker from the plant in the same manner as the natural nail is used.

This improved germer does the work thoroughly at a single operation and enables the user to accomplish a greater amount of work than can be done by other instruments or by hand.

The split ring may be contracted or enlarged to adapt it to thumbs of different sizes.

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

The cap A, having formed on it a nail or cutter, D, and the split ring B, having ears *a*, and connected with the cap A by the joint C, substantially as shown and described.

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