

(No Model.)

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FIG. 1.

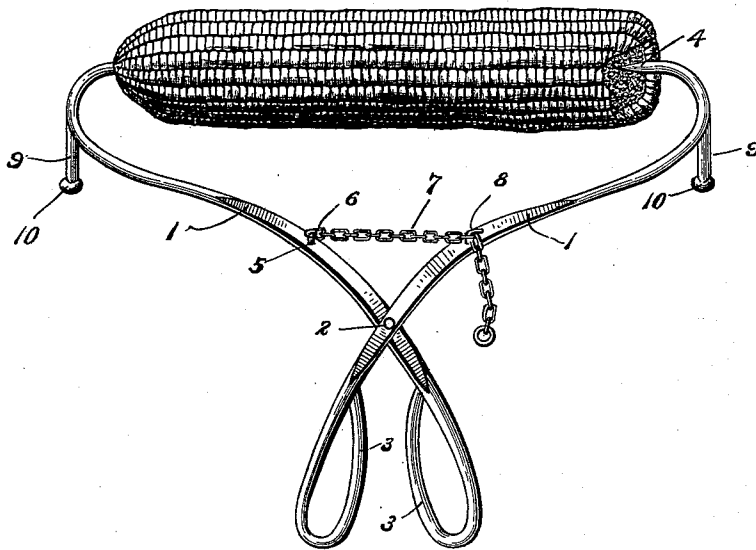
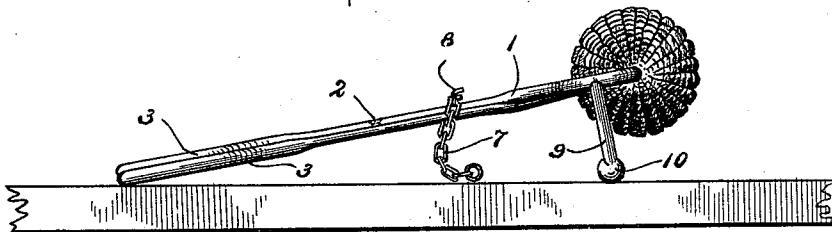


FIG. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PHILIP J. GODFREY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lynn, in the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Corn-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in corn-holders.

The object of the invention is to provide a device of this character designed for holding hot corn while eating and which shall be so constructed as to prevent spreading and the corn held thereby falling from the same:

The invention further contemplates a holder adapted for use with ears of varying sizes and wherein shall be embodied improved means for preventing the corn resting upon the table or other surface when the hand is removed from the holder.

With these objects in view the invention consists, substantially, in the construction, combination, and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter fully illustrated, described, and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a corn-holder constructed in accordance with the present invention and illustrated in the manner of its use. Fig. 2 is a side elevation thereof.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts throughout the figures.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates a pair of lever-arms which cross each other and are pivotally secured together by a pin or rivet 2 or equivalent means, and each has one of its ends bent back to form a handle-loop 3. The other end of each of the arms 1 is curved inwardly, as clearly shown, and is pointed, as at 4, said points being adapted to enter and hold an ear of corn.

Upon one of the arms 1 is secured a pin 5, said pin holding a ring 6, to which is connected a chain 7, preferably formed of small loops, and the other arm, substantially opposite to the pin 5, is provided with an open hook or catch 8, adapted to receive any one of the loops in the chain 7, whereby the points 4 may be held at any desired distance from each other.

At each side of the holder and secured on the curved end of each of the arms 1, but be-

yond the points 4, which engage with the corncob, is a rigid support 9, said supports projecting at right angles to the arms 1 and each having its end enlarged to form a foot 10. It is to be noted that the supports 9 are of sufficient length to hold an ear of corn above and clear of a table or other surface upon which the holder may be placed, and by forming said supports on the curved ends of the arms 1, but beyond the points 4, it is also apparent that the corn will be retained in an elevated position above the table or other surface when the holder has been placed thereon without the necessity of grasping said holder in any manner whatever.

The operation and advantages of the herein-described holder will be readily understood by those skilled in the art. The points 4 are forced apart and an ear of corn placed between the same, when by pressure upon the handles 3 said points are caused to enter the ends of such ear of corn. The chain 7 is secured to the hook or catch 8, and in the event of the hand being removed from the holder said chain will prevent the arms spreading and retain the corn therebetween. Should the holder be placed upon a table, the supports 9 contact therewith and the corn is held above the same. This is a decided advantage over similar devices not provided with means for preventing the corn resting upon the table, and it will be readily seen that only one hand is necessary to the effectual use of my device, while the other hand may be employed for handling other articles of food.

The holder may be formed of silver, German silver, nickel, or of any other suitable material which may receive a high polish, thus rendering the article ornamental and pleasing to the eye as well as useful. By reason of the arms 1 being pivotally connected to each other the holder may be used with ears of corn of varying sizes, which is especially desirable in a device of this character.

Having thus described my invention, what is claimed as new, and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is—

A corn-holder, comprising a pair of lever-arms pivoted together, one end of each of said arms forming a handle and the other end being curved inwardly and pointed so as to readily enter an ear of corn, a support secured on

the curved end of each of the arms but beyond the points which enter the corn, whereby the corn will be retained in an elevated position above a table or other surface when the
5 holder has been placed thereon, a pin secured to one of the arms, a chain connected to said pin, and an open hook provided on the other arm, said chain being adapted to engage with said open hook for holding the arms at any

desired distance from each other to retain the corn in the holder, substantially as set forth. 10

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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