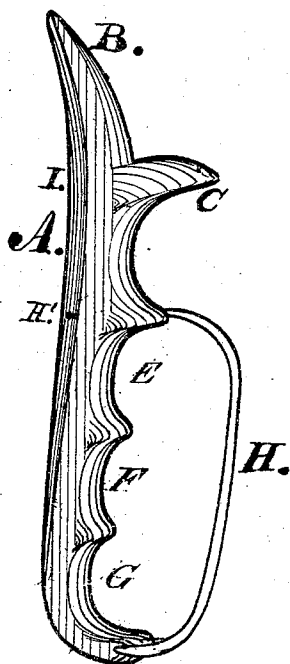


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## IMPROVEMENT IN HAND CORN-HUSKERS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 117,296, dated July 25, 1871.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES GUTHRIE JOHNSON, of Carthage, Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Huskers, of which the following is a specification:

This invention consists of an appliance for use on the hand in husking corn to tear apart and grasp the husks in separating the corn. It is made substantially as set forth herein and shown in the drawing, letters of reference being used for the several parts, in which—

A is the principal part, formed of metal or other suitable material. B is the point for insertion into the husk. C is a guard above the index finger, as the instrument is held in the hand, forming the guard of a hand-hold as it curves to fit the finger in use. E F G are recesses in the handle A for the other three fingers. H is a clasp or band, which may be of flexible or elastic material, to surround those three fingers, leaving the index finger free. Instead of the lower end of the handle being curved, as shown in the draw-

ing, it may, if desired, be straight and extend beyond the recess G sufficiently to attach the strap H, which may be fastened to the handle in any suitable way. The form of the handle A is designed to give a somewhat broad bearing on the several fingers, especially those where the greatest strain comes, and to fit the same so as not to have any part of the fingers by undue pressure get sore in use, and, at the same time, be retained on the hand by the strap H, and prove well adapted to service in the use designed. The inside surface of the handle A, as shown at I, is made concave in form, if desired.

I claim—

The hand corn-husker herein shown, consisting of the handle A, husking-horn B, finger-guard and rest C, recesses E F G, and the band H, constructed and arranged substantially as described.

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