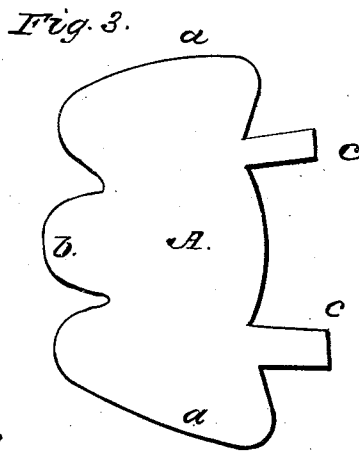
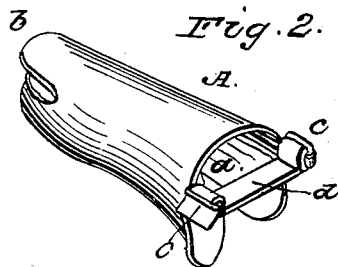
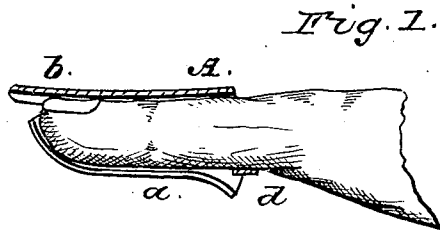


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**IMPROVEMENT IN HUSKING-THIMBLE**

*The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.*

*To all whom it may concern :*

Be it known that I, H. J. KINTZ, of Greece, in the county of Monroe, and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Husking-Thimbles; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 shows the thimble in section, as applied to the thumb.

Figure 2, a perspective view of the same.

Figure 3, a view of the plate from which the thimble is made.

Like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

My invention consists in the application of an elastic strap to the rear of a husking-thimble, which is formed from a single piece of sheet-metal, as will be hereinafter more fully described.

In the drawings, A indicates the thimble, which is made from a single piece of sheet-metal, of the form shown in fig. 3.

The edges *a a* are folded or lapped one over the other, by which means the size may be expanded or contracted at pleasure, to fit different-sized thumbs or fingers, and it also forms a spring, to clasp and hold firmly.

The front of the thimble is cut with a sharp projecting edge, *b*, which acts as a thumb-nail, and, when the thimble is in place, serves to cut more effectually into the body of the husks, to open the way for them to be stripped off the ear.

At the rear are cut two tongues, *c c*, which serve as attachments for an elastic strap, *d*, which binds the thimble to the thumb or finger.

The special novelty in this case consists in the formation of the thimble in a single piece, with the edges overlapping, whereby the size may be increased or lessened, and also a degree of spring allowed, and, in connection therewith, the employment of the sharp projecting cutting thumb-nail *b* and the elastic strap *d*.

By this construction, the thimble is exceedingly cheap, and is very effective in opening the husks, so as to be stripped by the hands. By its use much soreness of the hands is avoided, and the work is greatly facilitated.

If desired, the thimble may have an extension on one side, which fits in the hollow between the thumb and first finger, to prevent soreness in breaking the ear from the stalk.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The elastic strap, in combination with the husking-thimble, formed from a single piece of sheet-metal, provided with overlapping spring-edges, *a a*, and having combined therewith the sharp cutting-edge *b*, substantially as and for the purpose described.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto signed my name, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

H. J. KINTZ.

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