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HAND CORN-HUSKER.

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Fig. 1.



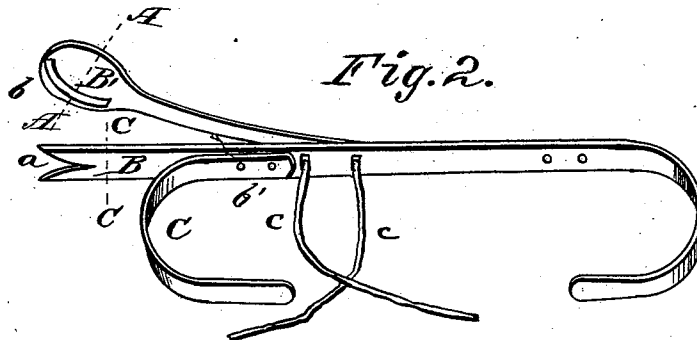
Fig. 3.



Fig. 4.



Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN HAND CORN-HUSKERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES PETERS, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Hand Corn-Huskers; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to which my invention relates to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is view of right-hand glove, showing position of husker; Fig. 2, perspective view of husker detached from glove; Fig. 3, cross-section of forked plate; Fig. 4, cross-section of front end of spring.

My invention relates to hand corn-huskers; and consists in a metal plate having a forked or notched end, and to which is secured a spring carrying on its outer end a projection fitted to enter the notch or fork in the end of the plate when pressed down.

In the accompanying drawing, A represents the ordinary glove worn. B is a piece of metal with the forked or notched end *a*, the opposite end terminating in a curve that reaches up far enough to receive the lower edge of the hand; C, circular piece of metal secured to the plate B at *b'*, and the outer end extending back far enough to receive the upper edge of the hand; B', spring secured to the plate B at *a'*, and extending out to the end of the plate, and upon the under side of the outer end of which is a V-shaped projection, *b*, that enters the notch in the plate when the spring is pressed down; *c*, cord passing through holes in the plate, by means of which the husker is secured to the hand.

The operation of my invention is as follows: When a person desires to use the husker the hand is passed in between the curves, as represented in Fig. 1, and the cord *c* is secured around the second finger, or should a person prefer mittens the holes through which the cord passes could be placed farther apart, and the cord passed over the whole hand. The ear of corn to be husked is held in the opposite hand, and the points upon the forked end of the plate inserted in the husks at the top; the thumb then presses down the spring and causes the V-shaped projection upon the under side of the same, to pinch the husks between the forks on the plate, and they are stripped down. When the thumb is released from the spring it assumes its original position.

It will be observed that it requires but a few moments to attach my invention to any ordinary gloves or mittens, and that the same can be detached with little trouble, so that they can be used for other purposes.

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

In a corn-husker, the plate B, having the notched or forked end *a*, and the spring B', having projection on its outer end, substantially as and for the purpose specified and described.

The above specification signed by me this 8th day of February, 1876.

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