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COMBINED FINGER RING AND TOOTH PICK.

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Fig. 1.

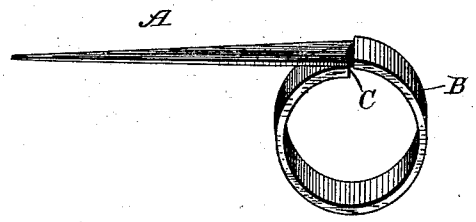


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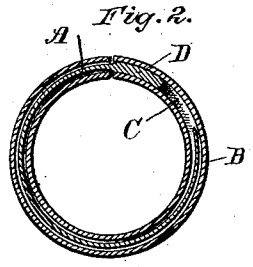
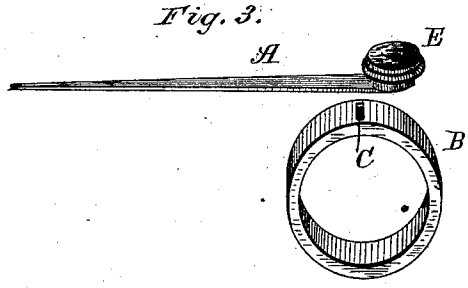


Fig. 3.



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COMBINED FINGER-RING AND TOOTH-PICK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARVIN C. STONE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Falls Church, in the county of Fairfax and State of Virginia, have invented a new and useful Combined Finger-Ring and Tooth-Pick, of which the following is a specification.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the combined finger-ring and tooth-pick with the tooth-pick released from its sheath and ready for use. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the same when the tooth-pick is restored to its sheath. Fig. 3 is a modification of the same, in which the tooth-pick is separable, the hollow ring being utilized as a sheath for it.

Similar letters of reference refer to similar parts throughout the different views.

In Fig. 1, A is the tooth-pick, which is made of some elastic or springy material, so that when withdrawn from its circular sheath it will instantly resume its original horizontal position. Any suitable substance may be used; but I prefer to use spring gold. The same material could well be employed for the ring B itself, which is also a sheath, or contains a hollow sheath portion, C.

It will be observed that in order to release the tooth-pick from its sheath, the ring itself must be sprung apart at its joint, and the same will be necessary when the tooth-pick is restored to its sheath. For this reason the ring itself, as well as the tooth-pick, must be made of elastic material.

Fig. 3, which is a modification of my invention, shows the tooth-pick A as separable from the ring. In this case the tooth-pick should still be made of elastic material, in order that it may be adapted to its circular sheath, as in the former case. It may also have a stone or setting at its base, which, when the tooth-pick is inserted to its full extent, becomes the setting of the ring itself. In this case the ring need not be of elastic material, but merely hollow, to afford a receptacle for the tooth-pick.

In reference to the utility of my invention, I would say that I believe this method of carrying a tooth-pick is more convenient than any other, because the tooth-pick is always on hand when wanted, and the owner does not have to hunt for it in the pocket, and run the risk of having it slipped under the finger-nail. Moreover, it is not easily lost or mislaid, and it serves the purpose of an ornament when not in use.

I have illustrated my invention as a tooth-pick; but I do not limit myself to that, as I may substitute some other article, like an ear-spoon or surgeon's lance.

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

1. A finger-ring provided with a tooth-pick, as and for the purpose specified.

2. A finger-ring having a tooth-pick formed and connected therewith, substantially as shown and described.

3. A finger-ring provided with a tooth-pick of spring material, as shown and described.

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