

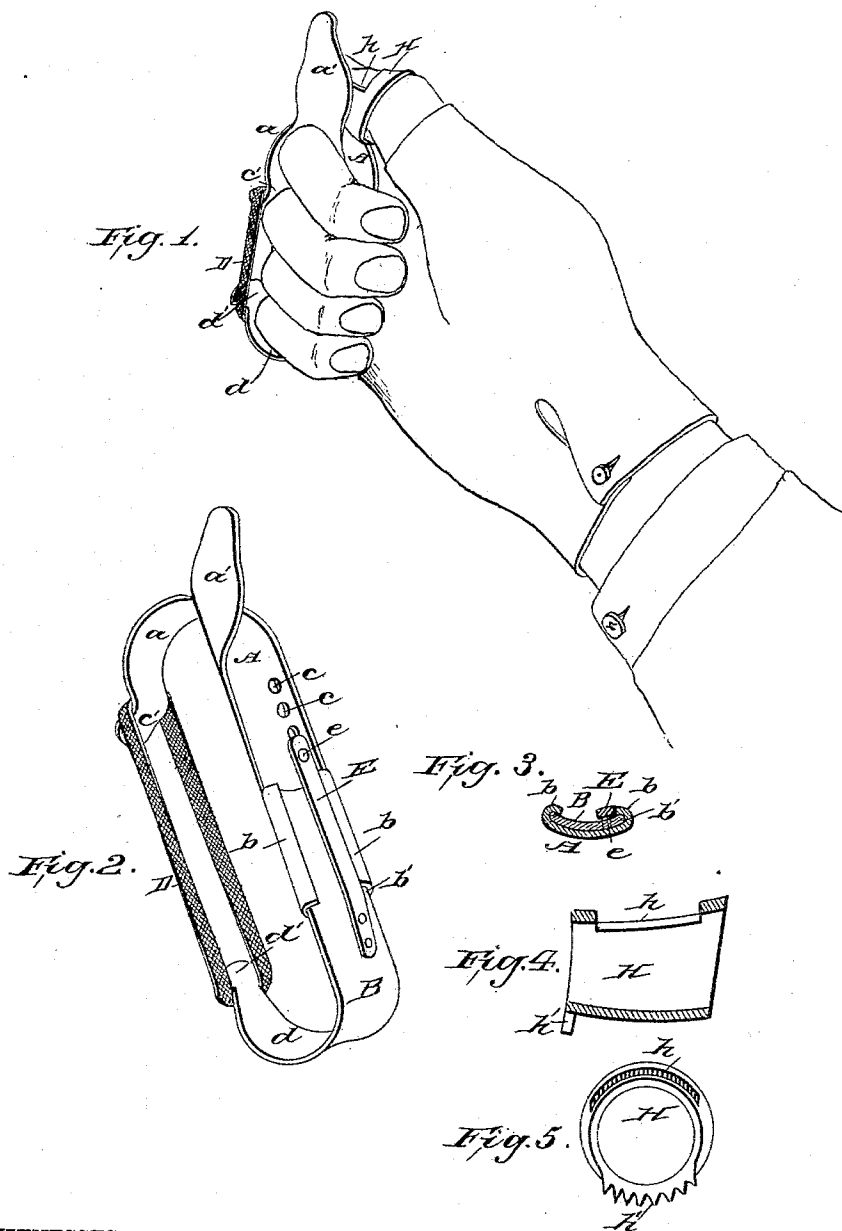
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THEODOR H. MEHRING, of Niobrara, in the county of Knox and State of Nebraska, have invented a new and useful

Improvement in Corn-Huskers, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to an improvement in corn-huskers, and has for its object to provide a device of simple and cheap construction, capable of being quickly adjusted to suit the breadth of any hand, and wherein the device may be retained upon the hand without inconvenience or interference with the manipulation of the fingers.

The invention consists in the construction and combination of the various parts, as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device in position upon the hand. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the device detached, and Fig. 3 is a central vertical and transverse section through the device. Fig. 4 is a section through one of the thimbles employed, and Fig. 5 is a plan view thereof.

In carrying out the invention, A designates one section of the husking implement, concavo-convex in cross-section, having the upper end provided with a curved guard, *a*, to receive the forefinger of the hand, and at the outer edge with an integral upwardly-extending tooth or spur, *a'*, against the inner side of which below the point the thumb is adapted to rest.

The rear or lower end of the section A is provided with lips *b b*, formed by turning over and inward the edges of the body, which form between them and the bed-plate grooves *b'*. The section A is further provided above the lips *b* with a series of apertures, *c*, and the extremity of the guard *a* is bent to form, essentially, a hook, *c'*, for a purpose hereinafter set forth.

B represents the second section, which is curved upward in the direction of the guard *a*, to form a similar guard, *d*, for the little finger, the extremity of the said guard being pro-

vided with a head, *d'*, adapted to receive and retain one end of an elastic band, D, the other end of the band being passed over the hook *c'* of the upper guard.

The inner or rear end of section B is made to enter and slide in the groove *b'*, and when the two sections have been adjusted to the hand they are held in rigid connection by a spring-plate, E, attached to section B, and extending beyond the rear end, the said plate being provided with a pin, *e*, adapted to enter one of the apertures *c*, as shown in Fig. 3.

In connection with the device above described a thimble or thimbles, H, are used, which thimbles are more or less conical, open at the top, and provided upon one side with a slot, *h*, to facilitate retention on the finger. At the top of the thimbles, upon the side opposite that containing the slot *h*, a series of integral teeth, *h'*, are produced, projecting outward at right angles to the body, as shown in Fig. 5.

In operation, a thimble is placed upon the thumb of the right hand and one thimble, respectively, upon the thumb and first or second finger of the left hand. The device is applied to the right hand as follows: The sections are drawn out well in length and slipped over the hand with the tooth or spur *a'* over the forefinger, the body of the implement being inside of the hand. Place the thumb of the same hand against the inner side of the spur, detach the pin *e* from the apertures, and press the lower end of the device upon some hard substance to shorten the clasp until it fits the hand as desired, and then allow the pin to engage the nearest aperture. The elastic band may now be made to engage the ends of the guards, and the device will be held securely upon the hand, when the shucked corn is thrown upon the pile.

The implement may be worn upon the bare hand or upon the hand when incased in a glove or mitten.

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

1. A husking implement formed in two sections, sliding one upon the other, one section having a series of apertures, a spring-catch secured to one section and engaging any of the

apertures in the other section, and a husking-pin on one section, substantially as set forth.

2. A husking implement comprising the section A, having the curved guard *a*, the pin *a'*, series of apertures *c*, and inward-projecting lips *b b*, the section B sliding between the said lips and provided with a guard, *d*, and the spring-plate E, secured at its outer end to the section B, projecting beyond the inner end thereof, and having a pin or projection engaging an aperture in section A, substantially as set forth.

3. The combination, with the two sections of a corn-husker sliding one upon the other and provided with guards, of an elastic connection between said guards and drawing the sections toward each other, substantially as set forth.

4. The combination, with the two sections of a corn-husker sliding upon each other and formed with guards having hooks or heads at their extremities, of an endless elastic band engaging the said hooks or heads, substantially as set forth.

5. A corn-husker consisting in the section A, formed with curved guard *a*, terminating in a hook, *c'*, the spur *a'*, series of apertures *c*, and opposing inward-extending side lips, *b b*, the section B sliding between said lips and formed with curved guard *d*, terminating in a head, *d'*, the spring-plate E, secured to the outer face of the section B, extending beyond the inner end thereof, and provided with a pin, *e*, engaging an aperture, *c*, in the section A, and the endless elastic band D, engaging the head and hook, substantially as set forth.

6. In a corn-husking implement, a continuous or unbroken thimble formed with teeth and an aperture or opening in one side wall between its ends and closed on all sides, substantially as set forth.

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