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CORN COB HOLDER

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Fig. 1.

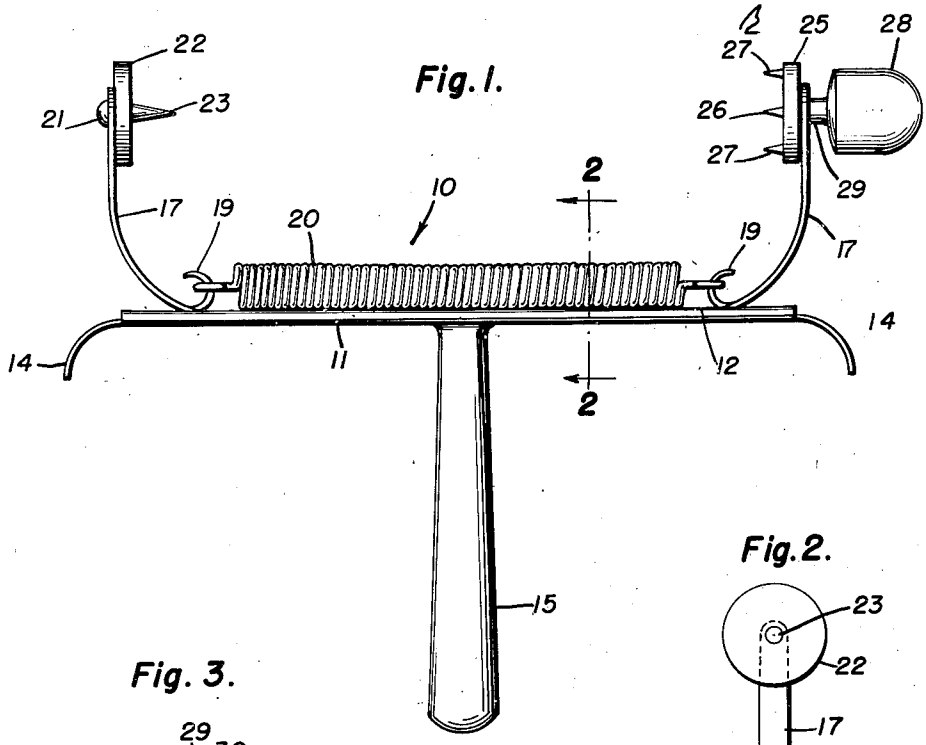


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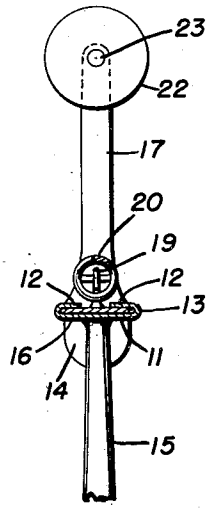


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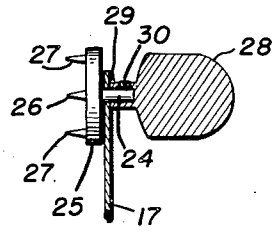
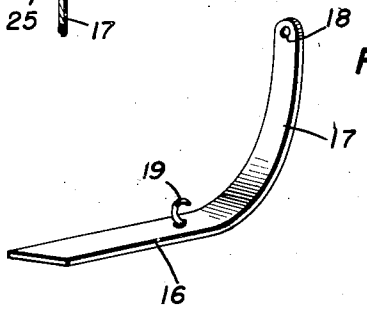


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This invention relates to new and useful improvements and structural refinements in corn cob holders, and the principal object of the invention is to provide a device of the character herein described, such as may be conveniently and effectively employed for rotatably holding a cob of corn while the same is being eaten.

A further object of the invention is to provide a holder which is readily adjustable to accommodate corn cobs of various sizes.

Another object of the invention is to provide a holder which is simple in construction, pleasing and novel in appearance, and which will eliminate the conventional practice of holding the cob with the fingers, while the same is being buttered and consumed.

An additional object of the invention is to provide a corn cob holder which will not easily become damaged and which will readily lend itself to economical manufacture.

With the above more important objects in view and such other objects as may become apparent as this specification proceeds, the invention consists essentially of the construction and arrangement of parts as shown in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the invention;

Figure 2 is a cross sectional view, taken substantially in the plane of the line 2—2 in Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a fragmentary cross sectional view showing a structural detail of the invention, and

Figure 4 is a perspective view of one of the supports used in the invention.

Like characters of reference are used to designate like parts in the specification and throughout the several views.

Referring now to the accompanying drawings in detail, the invention consists of a corn cob holder designated generally by the reference character 10, the same embodying in its construction an elongated base 11 provided with upwardly and inwardly turned longitudinal edges 12 and forming a channel-like guide 13, as is best shown in Figure 2.

The end portions of the base 11 are downwardly arcuated and constitute a pair of retracting ears 14, the purpose of which will be hereinafter more fully explained.

A downwardly extending handle 15 is secured medially the length of the base 11, whereby the entire assembly may be conveniently held by hand when it is placed in use.

A pair of straps 16 are slidably positioned in the channel 13 and the outer end portions of

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the straps are restricted in width and are upwardly arcuated to provide a pair of opposed supports 17. Each of the supports 17 is provided with an aperture 18, the two apertures being axially aligned and the purpose thereof being hereinafter more fully described. Each of the straps 16 is also equipped with a hook 19 and a tension spring 20 is stretched between the two hooks, whereby the two supports 17 are urged together, as will be clearly apparent.

A rivet 21 is rotatably positioned in the aperture 18 of one of the supports 17 and a disc 22 is secured to the rivet. The shank of the rivet 21 terminates in a pointed extremity 23 which is disposed adjacent the inner surface of the disc and will be hereinafter referred to as the center point.

Similarly, a pin 24 is rotatably positioned in the aperture 18 of the remaining of the supports 17, the pin 24 carrying a further disc 25 and terminating at the inner end thereof in a pointed extremity or tooth 26. It will be noted that the inner surface of the disc 25 is also provided with further points or teeth 27, and that a hand knob 28, provided with a boss 29 and a set screw 30, is secured to the pin 24, as is best shown in Figure 3.

When the invention is placed in use, the cob of corn is positioned in the holder by simply engaging the center point 23 and the teeth 26, 27 with the relatively opposite ends of the cob and it will be noted that in this manner, the cob may be conveniently rotated by simply turning the knob 28.

The cob is inserted in the holder by simply spreading apart the supports 17, this, of course, being facilitated by the slidable positioning of the straps 16 in the channel 13. By virtue thereof, the holder will accommodate cobs of various diameters and lengths, as will be clearly apparent.

To assist the user in the spreading of the supports 17 preparatory to the insertion of the cob therebetween, the ears 14 are provided so that the user may rest his thumbs against the concave surfaces of the ears while the supports 17 are spread apart by the forefingers.

It is believed that the advantages and use of the invention will be clearly understood from the foregoing disclosure and accordingly, further description thereof at this point is considered unnecessary.

While in the foregoing there has been shown and described the preferred embodiment of this invention it is to be understood that minor changes in the details of construction, combination and arrangement of parts may be resorted

to without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

What I claim as my invention is:

A corn cob holder comprising in combination, an elongated base provided with inturned longitudinal edges and forming a channel-like guide, a downwardly extending handle secured medially the length of said base, a pair of straps slidable in said guide, the outer end portions of said straps being upwardly arcuated and providing a pair of opposed supports, opposing hook members projecting outwardly from substantially the longitudinal centers of said straps and disposed above said base, a tension spring anchored at each end to said hook members, the end portions of said base being downwardly arcuated and forming a pair of retracting ears, a pair of concentric discs each rotatably mounted on one of

said supports, a center point on the inner surface of one of said discs, a plurality of teeth on the inner surface of the remaining disc, said point and said teeth being adapted for insertion in the opposite ends of the corn cob, and a hand knob rotatable with the toothed of said discs.

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