

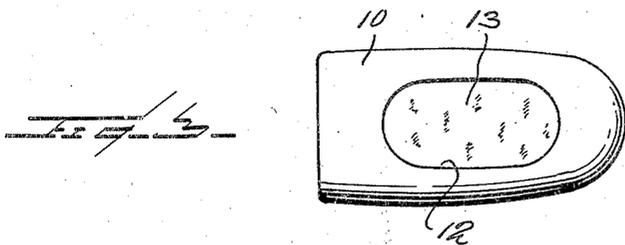
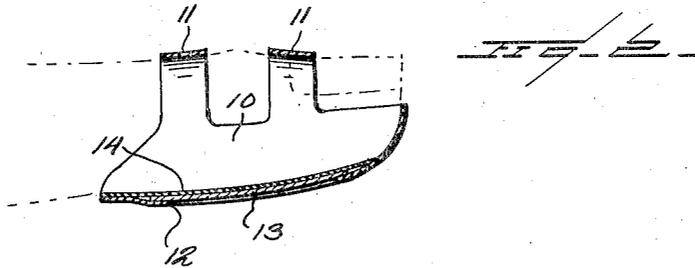
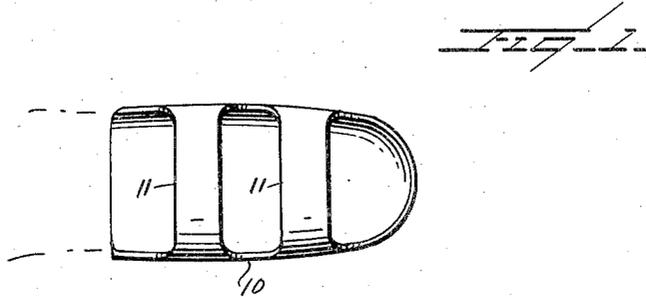
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The present invention relates to devices adapted to be mounted on a finger for protection of the finger, particularly the thumb, from being cut or otherwise injured by a knife or the like, during the operation of paring fruits or vegetables.

An object of this invention is to provide a device of this character which may be readily put on the finger or thumb, which will adequately protect the member from being cut, and at the same time permit the free use of the member.

Another object of this invention is to provide a device of this character having an inlay which may come into contact with the edge of a knife without injuring the keen edge of the blade, and at the same time protect the finger or thumb from being cut or otherwise injured.

The above and various other objects and advantages of this invention will in part be described in and in part be understood from the following detailed description of the present preferred embodiment, the same being illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of a protector constructed according to the present invention;

Figure 2 is a longitudinal section taken substantially through the middle of the device, and

Figure 3 is a bottom plan view.

Referring to the drawing wherein like numerals designate corresponding parts throughout the drawing, the numeral 10 designates the body portion of a finger protector, which is adapted to be mounted on the finger or thumb. The body 10 is preferably opened at the back thereof and is provided with a plurality of resilient straps 11, which are adapted to connect the opposite side portions of the body 10.

The body 10 is provided with an opening 12 spaced inwardly from the opposite ends and the side portions thereof, which is adapted to receive a protecting element 13.

The protecting element 13 may be positioned about the opening 12 and is preferably substantially larger than the opening

and is securely held in position by a backing member 14 which may be cemented or otherwise secured to the inner surface of the body 10 or may be formed integrally therewith. The protecting element 13 may be constructed of any suitable material which is substantially flexible, and in the present instance the protecting element is constructed of cork, which when moistened, will substantially conform to the configuration of the finger or thumb.

The inlay 13 may be properly secured by cement, glue, or the like, which is preferably waterproof, so that it will not be affected by moisture or the like.

In the operation or use of this device, the finger or thumb may be inserted beneath the straps 11, and the body portion pushed downwardly so as to protect the outer end portion of the thumb.

The hand will, of course, be left free for use in preparing fruits or vegetables or the like, and when the keen edge of the knife contacts with the inlay 13, the finger will not only be protected therefrom, but the edge of the knife will not be dulled, so as to render the knife useless.

It will be seen from the foregoing that the device may be readily mounted on the finger and be preferably constructed of rubber or the like, will not be materially affected by contact with water or the like, and is flexible so as to permit free use of the member on which it may be mounted.

It will, of course, be understood that the opening 12 may be of any suitable configuration, and that the inlay 13 may be of any desired length or thickness, and that other material besides cork may be used for protection of the finger.

It is, of course, understood that various changes and modifications may be made in the details of construction and design of the above specifically described embodiment of the invention without departing from the spirit thereof, such changes and modifications being restricted only by the scope of the following claims.

What is claimed is:—

1. A finger protector of the character de- 100

scribed comprising a resilient body portion having an opening therethrough, spaced inwardly from the opposite ends thereof, resilient securing means mounted on the body
5 for removably securing the body on a finger, inlay means adapted to be mounted on the inner face of the body portion and to substantially overlie the opening, said inlay means being positioned spaced inwardly of
10 the outer face of the body, and means for securing the inlay on the body.

2. A finger protector of the character described comprising a flexible body portion having an opening therethrough, spaced inwardly from the opposite ends thereof, a plurality of yieldable strap members mounted on
15 said body for removably holding the body on a finger, an inlay adapted to be mounted on the inner face of the body and overlying the opening thereof, said inlay means being
20 position spaced inwardly of the outer face of the body, and means for securing the inlay on the body, said securing means comprising a substantially flexible backing member
25 adapted to engage the inlay and to be secured to said body for holding the inlay in position.

3. A finger protector of the character described comprising a resilient body portion
30 having an opening therethrough, spaced inwardly from the opposite ends thereof, means for removably mounting the body on a finger, said mounting means comprising a pair of resilient strap members secured at the opposite
35 ends thereof to the body member, a substantially flexible inlay of different composition than the body adapted to be secured to said body, and overlying the opening thereof and being positioned spaced inwardly of the outer
40 face of the body, and a flexible lining mounted at the back of said inlay and secured to said body for holding the inlay in adjusted position.

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