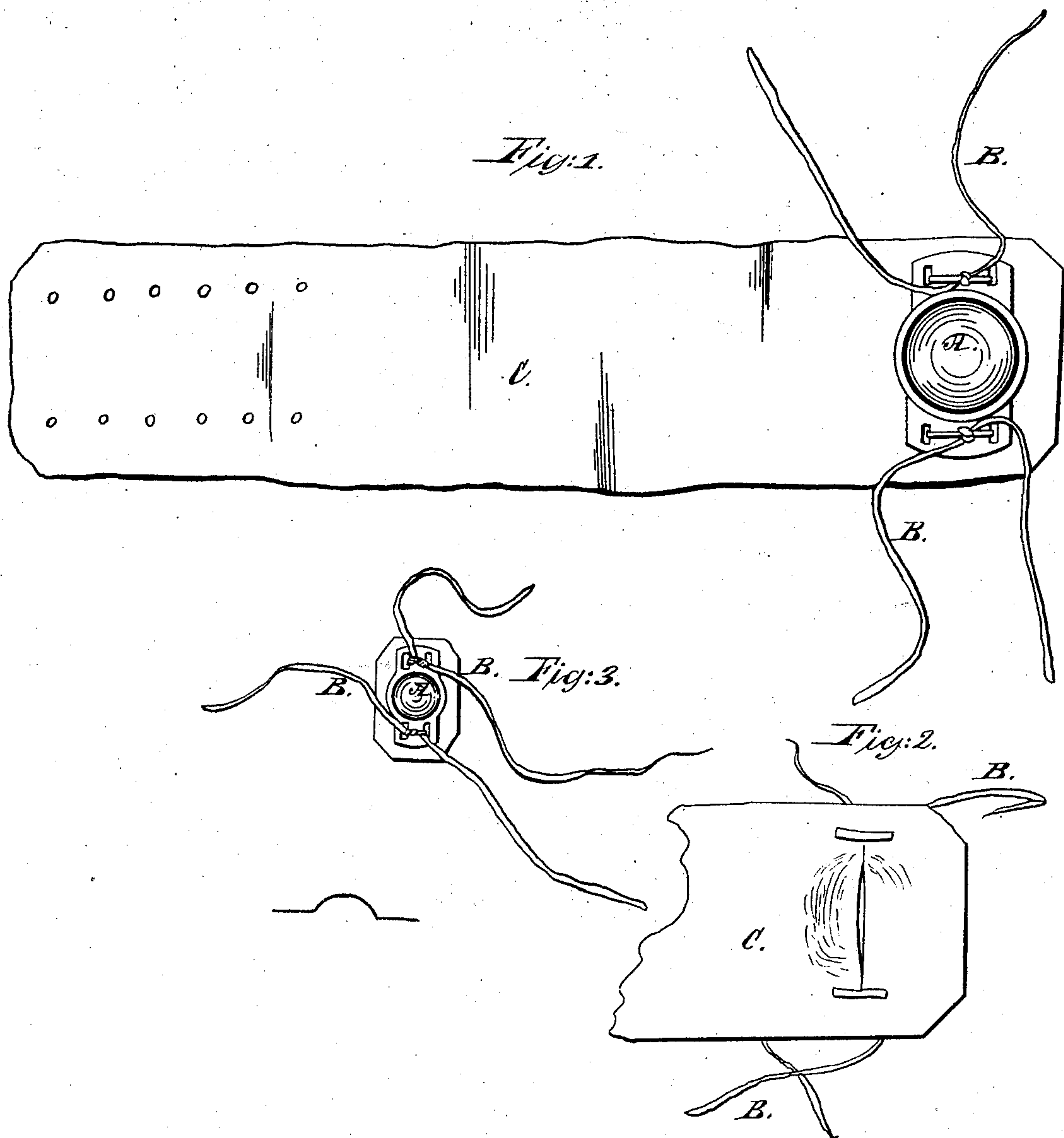


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Corn Eradicator,

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PERIGRINE WILLIAMSON, OF NEW YORK, N. Y.

CORN-ERADICATOR.

Specification of Letters Patent No. 742, dated May 17, 1838.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PERIGRINE WILLIAMSON, of the city of New York, in the State of New York, have invented an instrument
5 for the cure of corns upon the feet, which I denominate the "Corn-Eradicator;" and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof.

I take thin sheet metal, of any suitable
10 kind, and of such size as shall adapt it to the intended purpose, say from half an inch to an inch or more in diameter, and I raise or stamp it up so as to cause the middle of the plate to be concavo-convex, giving to it
15 different degrees of elevation, so as to adapt it to the particular corn, or part of the foot, to which it is to be applied. I leave a rim, or narrow flanch around the elevated portion, that it may set easily upon the foot, or
20 other part; and to this rim I attach ribbon or other appendages by which the said plate may be secured in its place. I usually interpose a piece of soft kid, or other leather between the plate and the skin, to prevent
25 abrasion. In some cases the leather may constitute a continued bandage to pass around the foot or toe.

In the accompanying drawings A, Figures
1, 2 and 3, represent the concavo-convex
30 plate, B B the strings passing through holes

in the rim, and by which it may be secured, C, C, is a leather band, usually kid skin, for the purpose designated.

In applying the instrument care must be taken that its convexity is such that the top
35 of the corn shall not be touched by it, but that the whole pressure shall be around its base, and in this case it will in a short period of time completely eradicate it, as the corn will rise by the pressure around it, the con-
40 vexity should be such as to allow for this, or a new eradicator must be substituted for one which is found to be too shallow.

Persons afflicted with corns will find immediate relief on the application of this in-
45 strument, the pressure of the shoe instead of irritating serving to aid in keeping the plate in its proper place, and in promoting the eradication.

What I claim as my invention is— 50

The forming of a metallic plate so that it shall be concavo-convex, and applying the plate so formed to the eradication of corns in the manner herein set forth.

April 19th 1838.

PERIGRINE WILLIAMSON.

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