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Fig. 1,

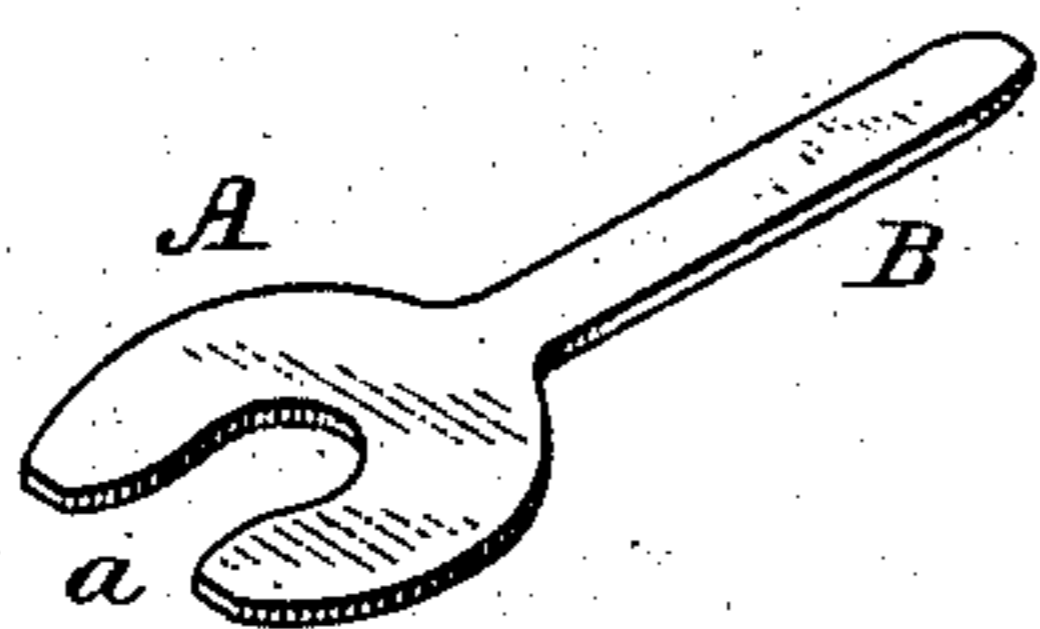


Fig. 2,

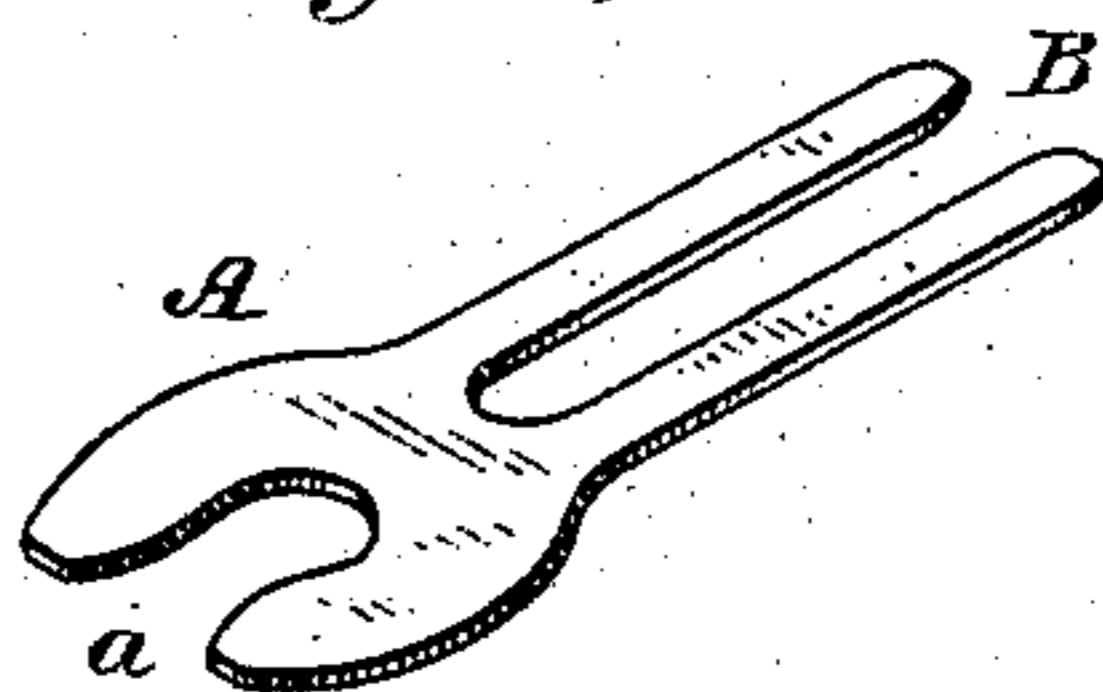
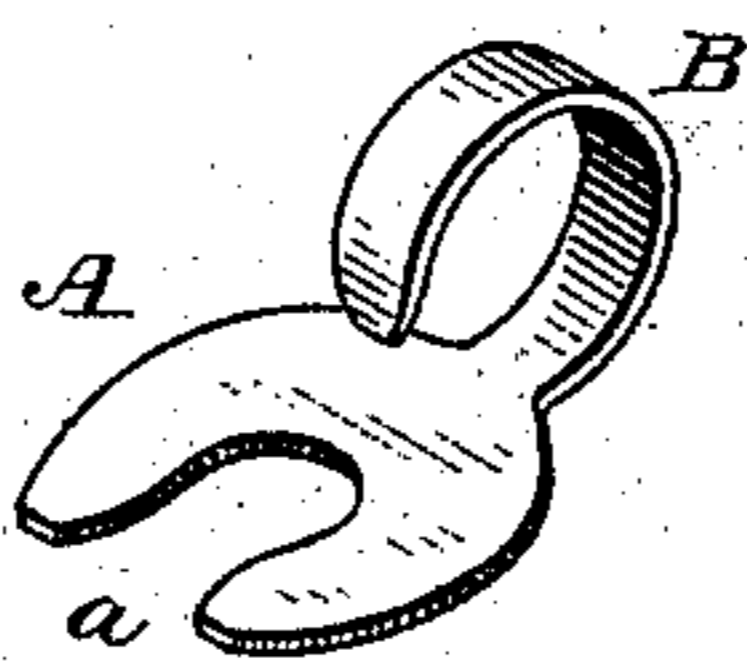


Fig. 3,



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HOG-RING.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HOMER C. HILL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Clinton, in the county of De Witt and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hog-Rings; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of my invention is to produce a ring or device which, being secured in a hog's snout, will prevent it from rooting, and at the same time not be easily displaced or liable to become entangled with surrounding objects and torn out, or gather and hold mud.

My invention consists in cutting or punching from a strip of sheet metal a hog ring or jewel, A, in the shape of a horseshoe, having one or two prongs, B, extending endwise therefrom, and with a deep indentation, *a*, in its front part, through which mud, food, &c., will pass, instead of being retained in a lump just where the animal could not reach it.

Figure 1 shows my improved form of hog-ring in perspective. Fig. 2 shows the same formed with two prongs. Fig. 3 shows the ring with the prong bent as when in the animal's nose.

My improved ring can be readily applied with the aid of any of the ordinary forms of pinchers. The prong being thrust through the animal's nose as far as it will go, the piece projecting backward is turned over toward the front, close up to the nose, leaving nothing projecting but the horseshoe-shaped ring, which, having no acute angles or loops, is not likely to be displaced or injured by wear.

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

The nose ring or jewel for swine, consisting of the plate A, of horseshoe form, having prong or prongs B extending endwise therefrom, and the indentation *a* in its front part, as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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