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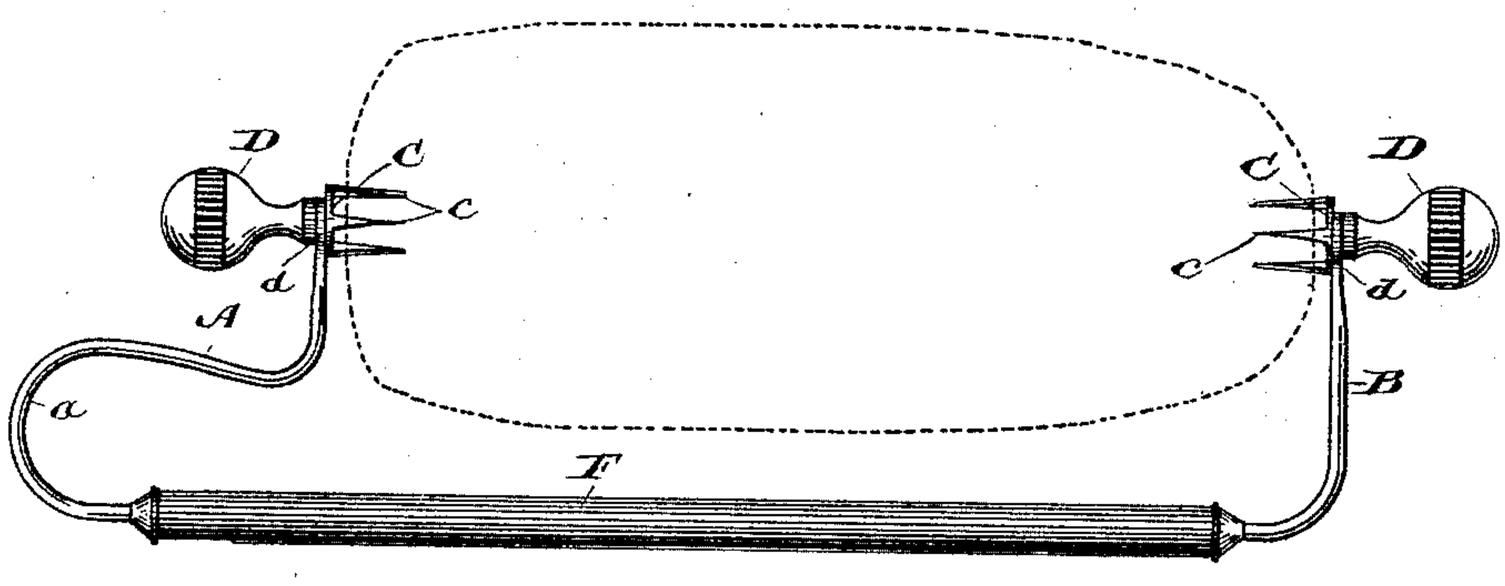
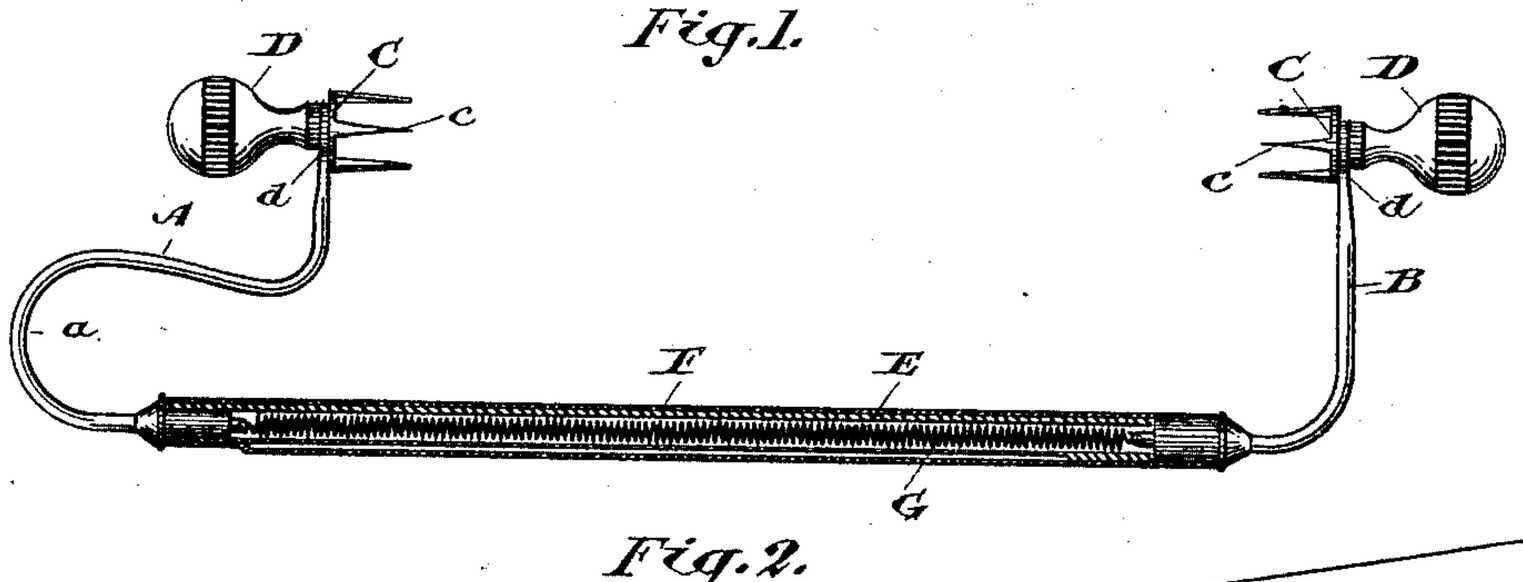


Fig. 1.



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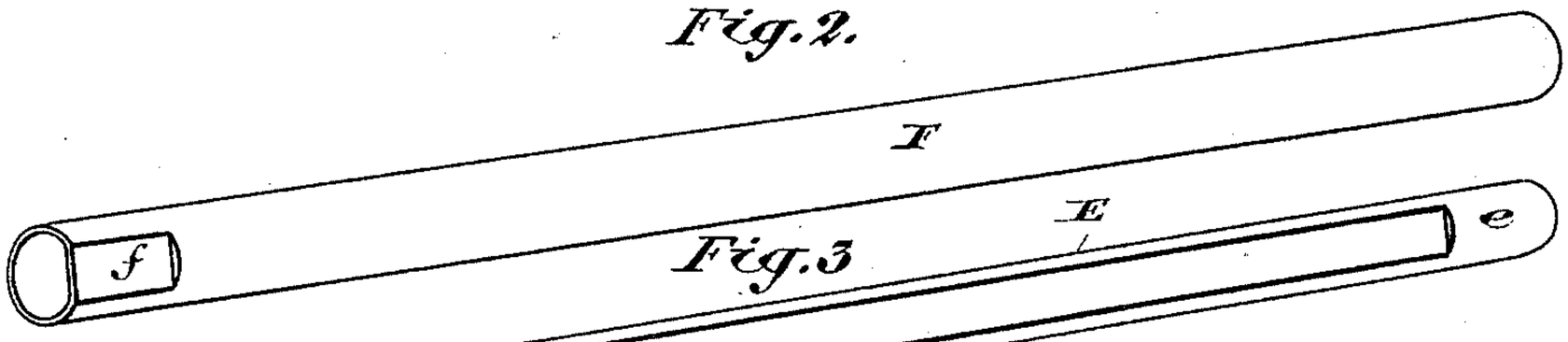

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERIC BARNARD FETHERSTONHAUGH, of the city of Toronto, in the county of York, in the Province of Ontario, Canada, have invented a certain new and useful Corn-Cob Holder, of which the following is a specification.

The object of the invention is, first, to design a simple holder for hot corn in which the ear of corn may be held and turned without soiling the fingers while it is being prepared for eating and being eaten; secondly, to so construct the holder that while one hand may be utilized for holding and turning the other may be left entirely free to prepare the ear of corn for eating, and, thirdly, to so construct the parts that the corn on the ear may be prepared and eaten in the holder, the holder adjusted lengthwise to suit the various sizes of ears, and also cleansed after being used without any fear of clogging the working parts; and it consists, essentially, of two uprights, one of which is bent so that the major part of it is in the form of a reverse curve, the said uprights having pivoted at their outer ends the holding-plates, which plates are rigidly secured on the ends of the spindles of the knobs for turning the ear, while the inner end of each upright has secured to it a sleeve or tube, the one being fitted and adjustable lengthwise within the other, the said uprights being also connected together through the inside tube by a spring, as hereinafter more particularly explained.

Figure 1 is a side view of the holder. Fig. 2 is a section. Figs. 3 and 4 are details of the adjusting-tubes.

In the drawings like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in each figure.

A and B are uprights. The major portion of the upright A is preferably bent in the form of a reverse curve, as shown, thus forming a loop, *a*.

C are the holding-plates secured on the end of the spindle of the knob D. The spindles of the knobs D are journaled in the enlarged end *d* of the uprights A and B. The holding-plates C are provided with one or more small spikes or prongs, *c*, which project into the cob of the ear when it is held in position. On the inner end of the upright A is secured the smaller tube, E, which fits into and is adjustable within the larger tube, F, secured on the inner end of the upright B. The tubes may be made of any desired shape. The tube E is partially cut away on one side to a point within a small distance of the inner end, thus forming a stop, *e*, which strikes against the inner end of the indented space or stop *f*, formed in the tube F, and prevents the tube E from being wholly withdrawn from the tube F.

G is a spiral spring connected at one end to the inner end of the upright A and at the other end to the inner end of the upright B, as shown in Fig. 2. It will be seen that the spring G will always keep the holder closed when not in use, and yet will also serve as a resistance when buttering the ear of corn, to prevent the spikes *c* from coming out of the end of the cob.

Having now described the principal parts of my invention, I shall now briefly describe how to use it.

In order to place the ear of corn in position, I take hold of both uprights and knobs and press inwardly, forcing the prongs into the ends of the cob or ear of corn. The thumb and forefinger of one hand may be utilized for turning the knob D, pivoted on the upright A, while one of the other fingers of the same hand may be inserted into the loop *a*, formed by the reverse curve of the upright A. The other hand is thus left entirely free for preparing the ear of corn. When the corn is prepared, it may be turned and eaten by using one or both knobs D.

It will be understood from the construction of my holder that the ear of corn need never be handled, and consequently the fingers of the user will be kept clean. It will also be understood that in using and in cleansing the holder the spring is entirely closed in, and thus no water or foreign matter can get at it and clog the working parts.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. As a holder for hot corn, two uprights, having pivoted on their outer ends the holding-knobs, to the spindles of which are secured the plates for holding the corn, in combination with two closed tubes, one of which fits into and is adjustable lengthwise within the

other, and a spring inclosed in the tubes and connected with the opposite ends thereof, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

2. The uprights A and B, having plates C, provided with spikes or prongs *c*, the said plates being secured on the ends of the spindles of the knobs D, in combination with the inclosed tubes E and F, one sliding within the other, and a spring inclosed in the tubes and connected with the opposite ends thereof, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

3. The uprights A and B, plates C, and knob D, in combination with the closed tube F, provided at one end with a stop, *e*, the closed tube F, sliding within the other tube and provided at one end with a stop, *f*, and a spring inclosed in said tubes and connected with the opposite ends thereof, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

4. The corn-holder composed of two closed tubes, one adjustable within the other, the uprights each having an end within the tubes, the spring within the tubes with an end secured to each of said uprights, and the knobs carrying the prongs and rotatable in said uprights, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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