

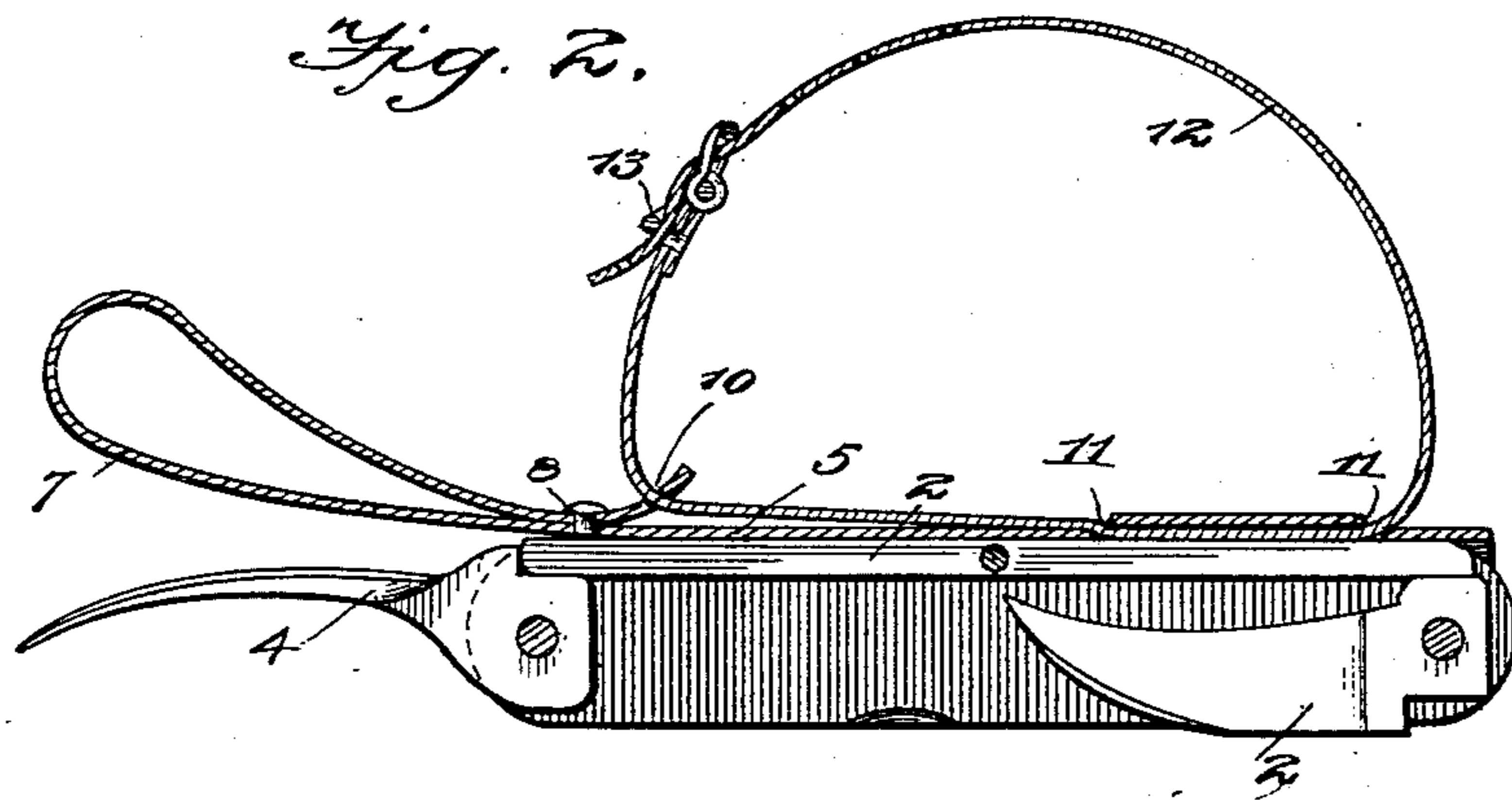
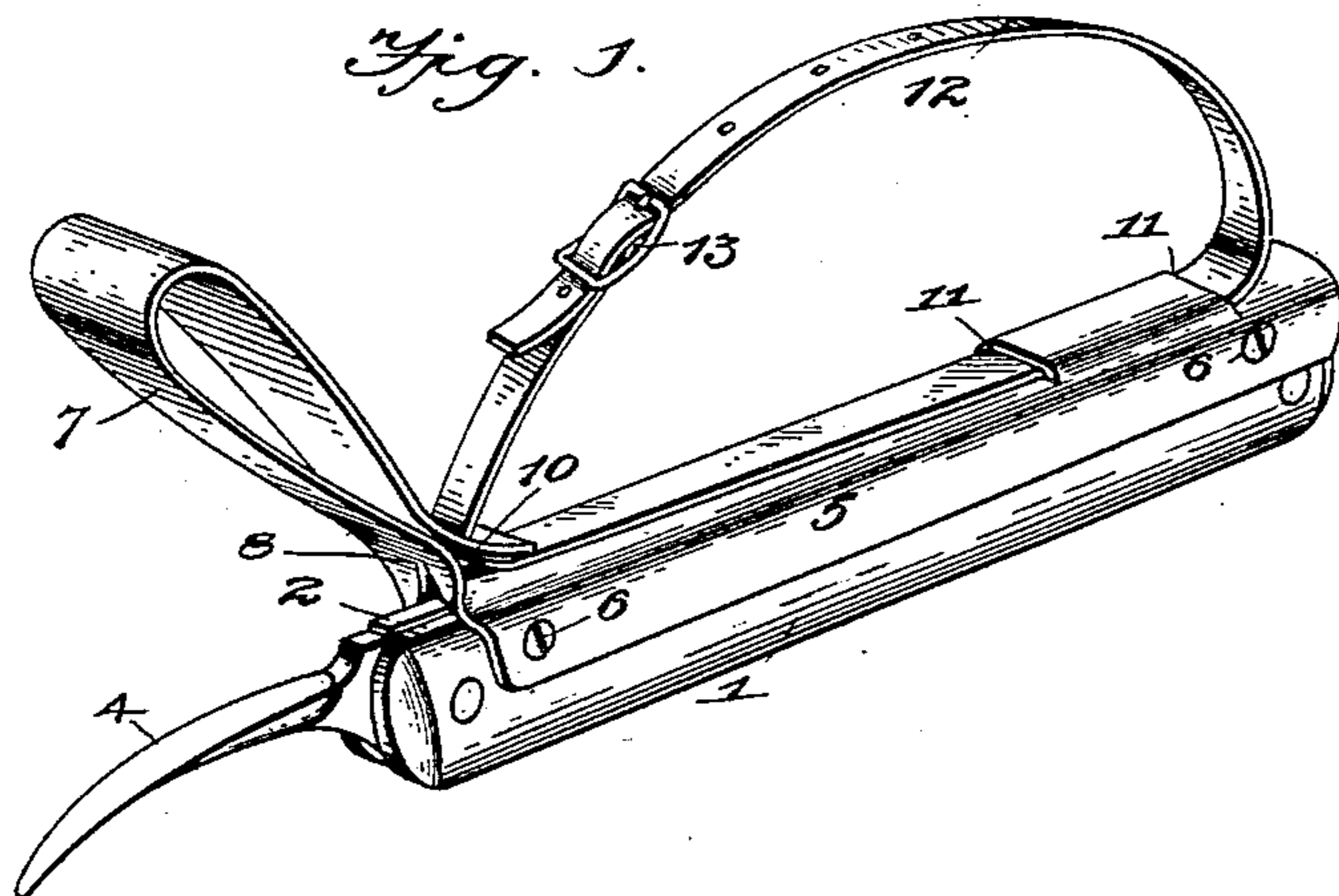
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CORN-HUSKER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK HONISCH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Woodworth, in the county of Kenosha and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corn-Huskers; and I do 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.

The invention relates to corn-huskers; and the object of the invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive device of this character and provide it with a pivoted husking-peg and a pivoted knife, the former adapted to husk the corn and the latter to sever the bundles.

A further object is to provide simple, durable, and inexpensive means for attaching the implement to the hand of the operator.

With these objects in view the invention consists in certain features of construction and combination of parts hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved husking device, the peg being shown in position for use and the knife-blade being shown folded into the handle. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view.

In the drawings, 1 denotes the handle of the implement, having a spring 2 at its back similar to that of an ordinary penknife.

3 denotes a blade hinged at one end of the handle to fold within the same, and 4 denotes a husking-peg hinged at the other end of the handle to fold flat up against the body of the handle. This peg has preferably a flat upper surface, whereby the thumb of the operator is prevented from being cut or otherwise injured.

5 denotes a strap that entirely covers the back of the handle and forms sort of a cushion for the hand of the operator. This strap is secured to the handle by the short metal screws 6, and has its forward end 7 turned upon itself and secured by a rivet 8 to form

a loop 9 to receive the forefinger, and projects over the husking-peg and prevents the forefinger from coming in direct contact therewith. The extreme end of this loop is provided with a slit 10, and similar slits 11 are also formed in the body portion of the strap. 12 denotes a second strap, that is inserted through the slits of the first-named strap and is provided with a fastening-buckle 13. The three last fingers of the hand of the operator are adapted to pass through the strap 12 and his thumb rests upon the husking-peg.

This device will be found to be exceedingly useful in that it combines in one article two distinct features—namely, a husking-peg and a knife, the former adapted to husk the corn from the ear and the latter to sever the twine bands that bind the corn.

By pivoting the peg and the blade in the handle the device may be folded into a small compass and conveniently carried in the pocket.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new, and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is—

A husking device comprising a handle, a husking-peg pivoted in one end of the handle and a knife pivoted in the other end of the handle, a strap secured to the back of the handle and extending the entire length of said back and formed with a forefinger-loop, the free end of which is riveted to the back of the handle and is provided with a slit, said strap being provided with slits in that portion that covers the back of the hand, and a second strap passing through the said last-named slits and a slit in the free end of the loop and provided with a fastening-buckle, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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