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Fig. 1.

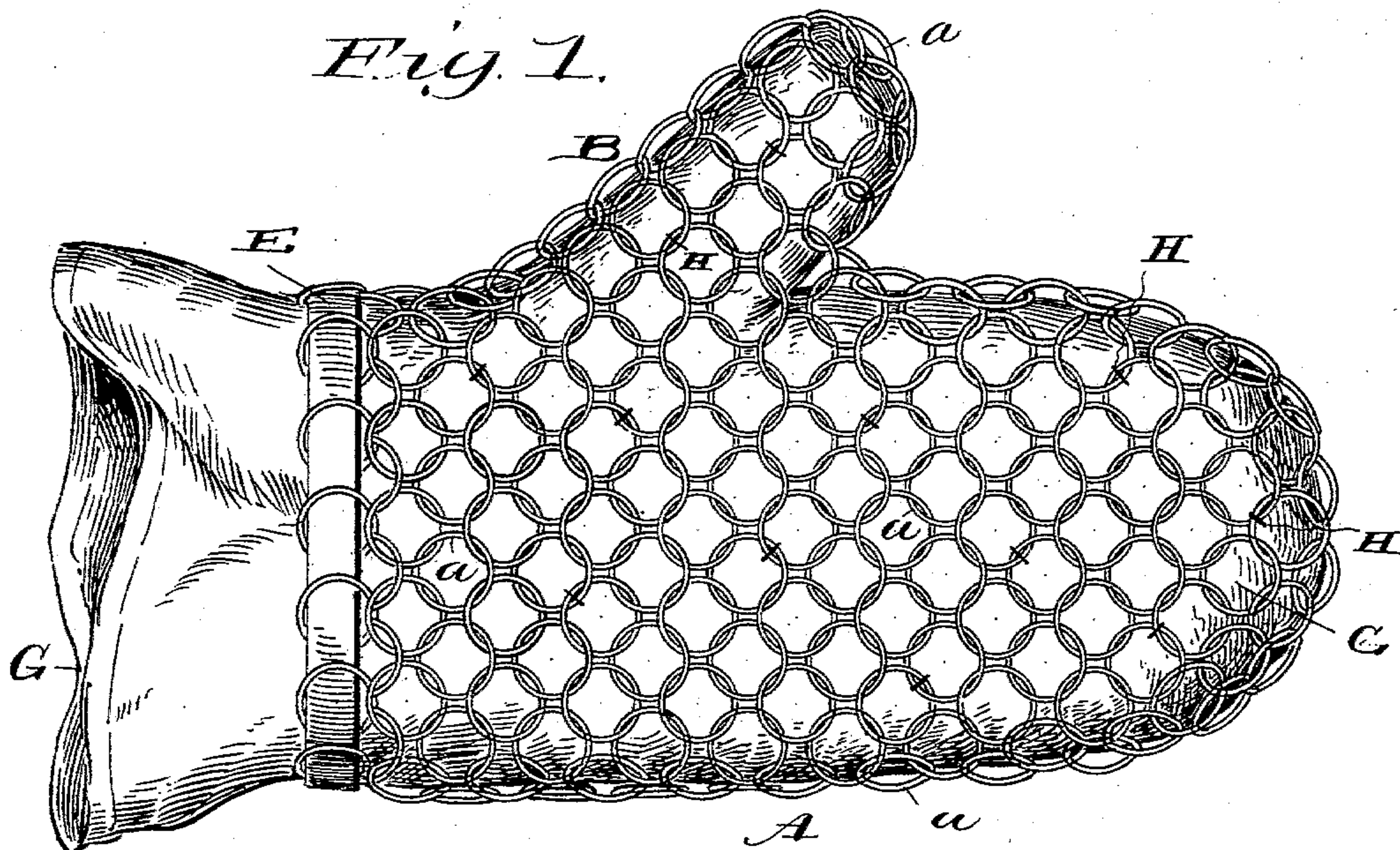


Fig. 2.

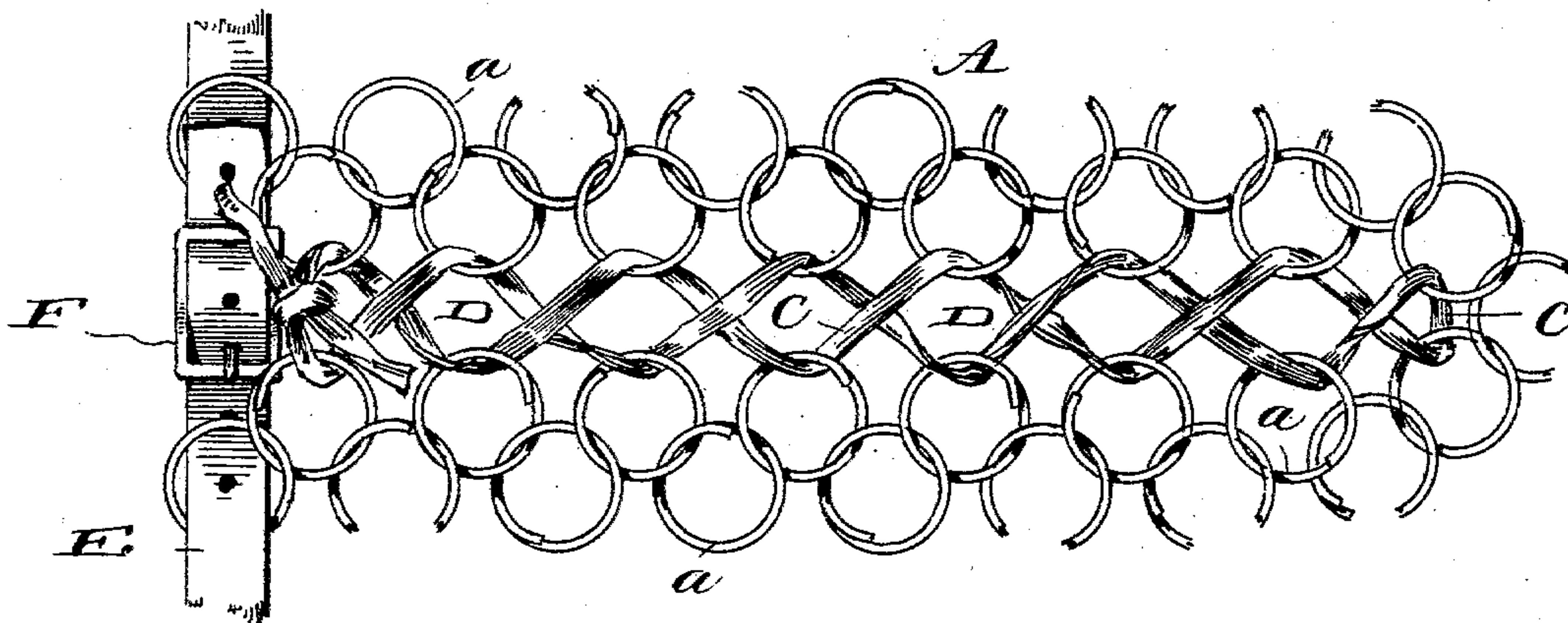


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FERDINAND GREENSTREET, a citizen of the United States, residing at Haddam, in the county of Washington and State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Husking-Gloves; 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.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in husking devices of that class which are made in glove form; and it has for its object, among others, to provide a simple, durable, and efficient glove or mitten which shall have provision for sufficient ventilation to prevent heating of the hand and still be so constructed as to permit of neat husking of the corn without tiring the hand. In devices of this character it is desirable that the glove shall be possessed of great flexibility or pliability, so as not to cramp the hand, and yet have sufficient rigidity to enable it to perform its functions in the operation of husking. My glove combines or possesses all of these features or requirements. I form the glove of one piece of ring fabric with the metallic rings united, so that they may have free play one upon another, the fabric being open along the back, where it is united by a lacing which renders it adjustable. A securing-strap, with buckle, is passed through the rings at the wrist end of the glove, so as to attach it to the wrist of the wearer. The thumb portion is made of the same material and in one piece with the body portion. I may sometimes employ within this metallic glove a glove or mitten of leather, felt, or any other desired or suitable material to prevent contact of the hand with the metallic rings of the glove; but this is not at all times necessary.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will hereinafter appear, and the novel features thereof will be specifically defined by the appended claims.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which, with the letters of reference marked thereon, form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a view of a glove constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is an enlarged view showing the lacing at the back of the glove. Fig. 3 is a detail of one of the rings.

Like letters of reference indicate like parts in the different views.

In carrying out my invention I construct the body portion A and thumb portion B of metallic rings *a*, which are loosely interlinked, as shown, so as to form a flexible fabric which will allow perfect freedom of the hand and yet give that requisite roughness or grip necessary to a proper husking of the corn. These rings may be of any desired material and size, but that shown in the drawings is the size most desirable. The thumb portion is in this instance shown as integral with the body portion and of a like nature, so as to give the necessary flexibility to this portion of the glove. These rings thus united form an interlinked slightly-yielding material having uniform flexibility throughout its entire surface and one that is self-expansible.

The body portion of the glove is open at the back—that is, the rings are disconnected or not linked together along the back of the body portion—so that the glove may be made adjustable at that point. For this purpose I employ a lacing or cord C, which is interlaced through the rings upon opposite sides of the opening D at the back, and either before or after the glove is upon the hand the ends may be fastened, so as to close the opening.

E is a strap passed through the rings at the wrist end of the glove, as shown, and provided at one end with a buckle F, so that the glove may be secured to the wrist when in use.

G is a mitten, of cloth or any other suitable flexible material, arranged within the metallic glove, so as to protect the hand and keep it from direct contact with the rings, and this mitten is preferably secured within the metallic glove, as by stitches H, as shown. Of course the mitten may sometimes be omitted and the metallic glove used without the same, but its presence is preferable.

It will be observed that the glove is flexible throughout its whole surface, and yet it will be readily understood that the rings furnish a sufficiently rough surface to enable a firm

hold to be given without danger of slipping, and the advantages of this construction of glove will be appreciated by those familiar with this style of husking devices.

- 5 I have shown the rings as each being formed with the ends of the material overlapped and soldered, so as to form the further abutment to increase the grasping quality of the glove; but it will be understood that this feature is
10 not necessary.

What I claim as new is—

1. An elastic metallic interlinked husking-glove formed substantially entirely of rings, as specified.
15 2. A metallic husking-glove flexible throughout its entire surface and having a body portion and a thumb both formed of elastic interlinked rings, substantially as specified.
20 3. A husking-glove having its body portion and its thumb integral and formed of interlinked elastic rings, as set forth.
4. A husking-glove having its thumb and body portion formed wholly of rings flexibly
25 united, the body portion being open at the

back and provided with securing means, as set forth.

5. As an improved article of manufacture a flexible wholly-metallic husking-glove having its body portion and thumb formed of 30 rings, the body portion being open at the back, a lacing for joining the rings upon opposite sides of the opening, and securing means at the wrist, substantially as specified.

6. As an improved article of manufacture 35 a husking-glove formed of a single piece of interconnected slightly-yielding material composed of rings joined for freedom of movement, the thumb portion being of like material integral with the body portion of the 40 glove and the whole constituting a glove having uniform flexibility throughout its entire surface and expansible substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature 45 in presence of two witnesses.

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