

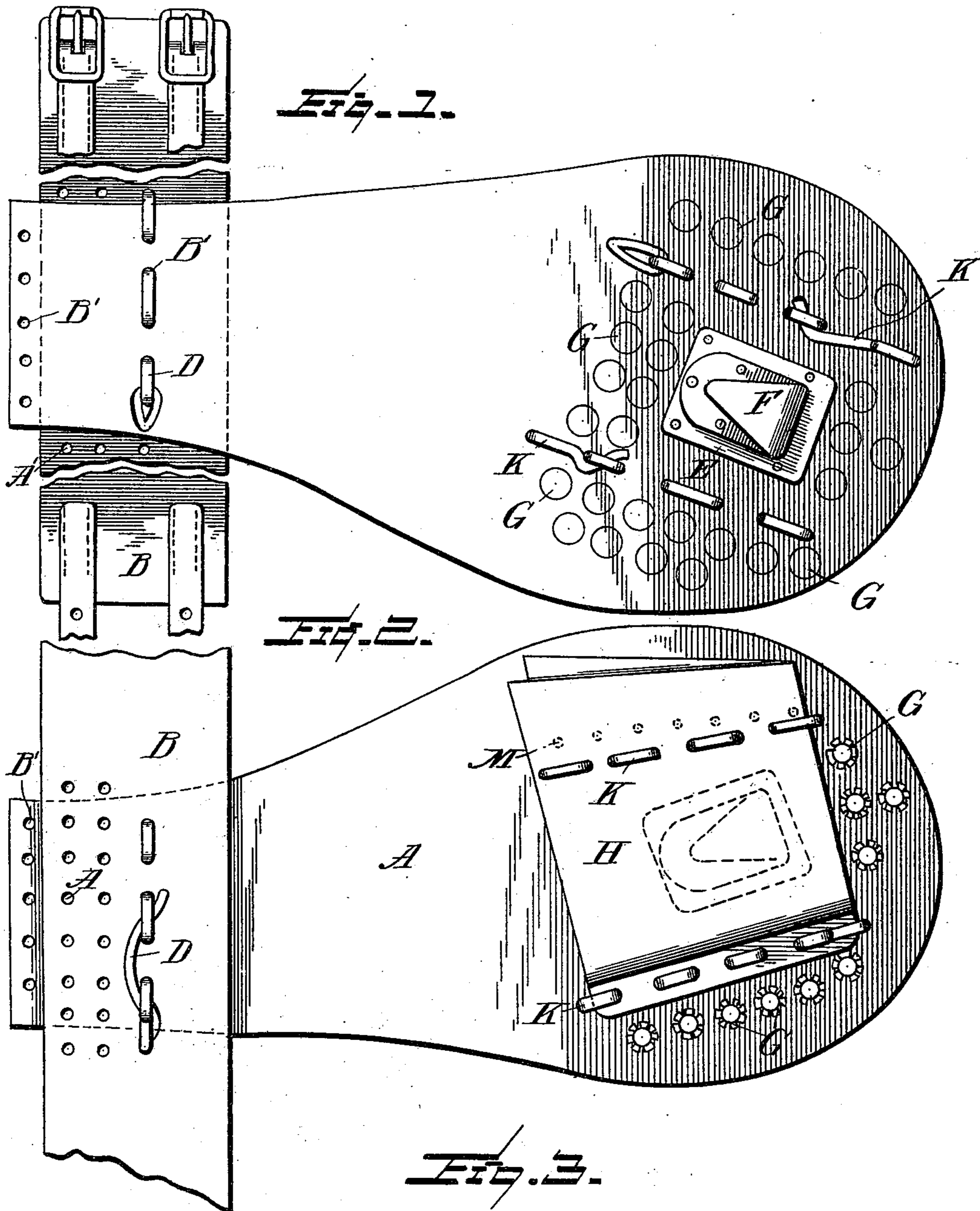
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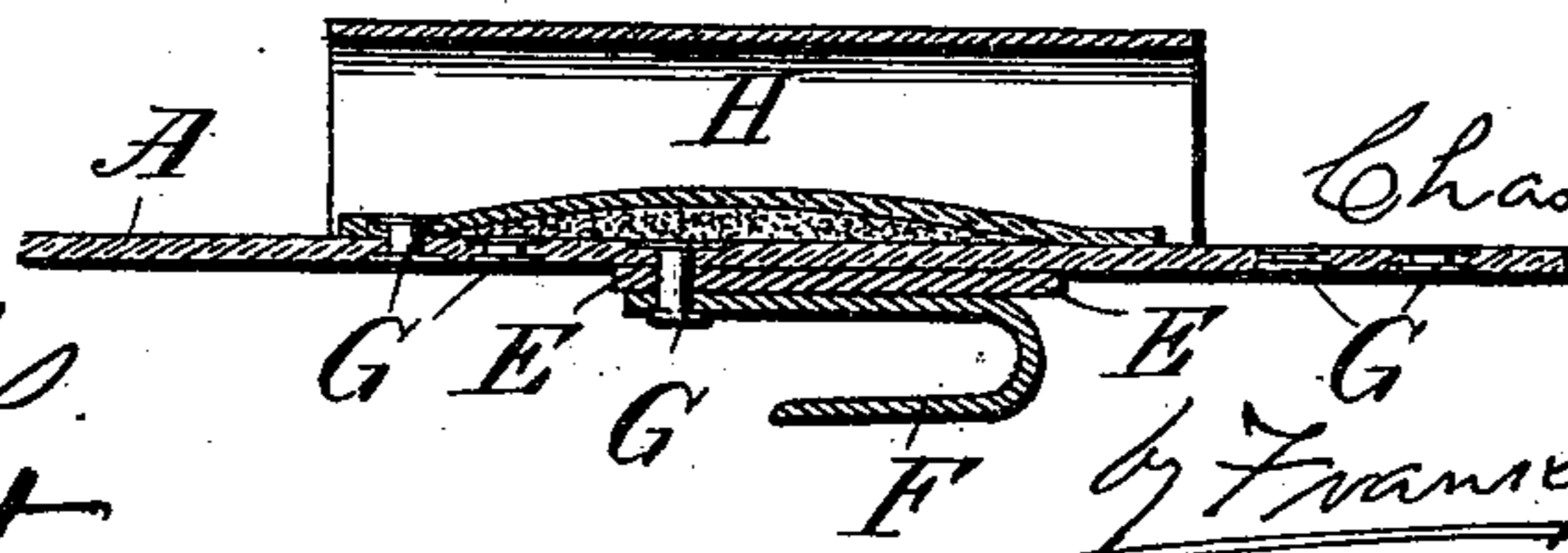
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES O. HARKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Sioux City, in the county of Woodbury and State of Iowa, 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 ap-
10 pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to new and useful
15 improvements in corn-husking implements, and especially to the provision of a hook which is adapted to be attached to a stall, mitten, or glove, which is fastened to the back of the hand of the operator, whereby the op-
20 erator is able to reduce to a minimum the movements required in the use of the hook for the removing of husks, and the location of the hook held adjacent to the back of the hand enables him to strike the husks with
25 the same forward or downward movement of the hand, which is in position to seize the ear.

Another feature of the invention resides in the provision of a corn-husking implement comprising a hook which is attached to a pad
30 or mitten, which is adapted to be adjusted so as to fit the various sizes of hands, and the provision of an adjustable finger-engaging pocket or loop on the under side of the pad or mitten.

35 To these ends and to such others as the invention may pertain the same consists, further, in the novel arrangement and adaptation of parts, as will be hereinafter more fully described and then specifically defined
40 in the appended claim.

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

45 Figure 1 is a top plan view of my husking implement. Fig. 2 is a bottom plan view of the implement, and Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view.

50 Reference now being had to the details of the drawings by letter, A represents the back of a mitten or glove, which may have, if desired, a series of perforations about its edge,

whereby, if desired, a covering for the palm of the hand and fingers may be laced to said back, but which is not shown in the drawings 55 of the present application. In order to secure the rear end of said back or mitten to the arm of the operator, a wrist-strap B is provided, which may be buckled about the wrist of the operator, and said wristband preferably has a series of perforations B', which may be brought into registration with the ap-
60 ertures A' at the rear contracted end of said back or mitten. These registering apertures are provided to receive a lacing D, whereby 65 the implement may be adjusted to various sizes of hands. To the outer face of said back is secured a plate E, which is preferably pivoted to said glove or back, and fastened to said plate is a hook F. If preferred, however, 70 said hook may have its base portion widened and riveted directly to the glove or mitten, and the plate may be dispensed with. About said plate is a series of rivets G, which are provided for the purpose of protecting the 75 back or mitten in the operation of the husking implement. To the under face of said mitten or back is fastened a loop or pocket H with open ends, said pocket being held by means of a lacing K, passed through register-
80 ing apertures in the back and the strip forming the pocket. The free ends of said pocket member have perforations M, through which a lacing may be passed when said apertures are brought into registration in order to ad- 85 just the pocket to various-sized fingers.

In applying the device to the hand of the operator the two inner fingers of the hand are inserted through the pocket on the under side of the mitten or back and the wrist-strap 90 fastened about the wrist of the operator. When the device is adjusted to the hand, the hook on the back of the mitten or stall should come opposite the portions of the fingers between the first and second joints, so that when 95 the hand of the operator is partially closed or in position to grasp the ear of corn the hook will be presented adjacent to the ear of corn and between the ear and the operator instead of on the opposite side, as is common with 100 huskers which are usually employed for the purpose of removing the husks from the ear. In operation the operator makes a thrust downward against the husks of the ear, and

the hook engaging the husks tears the same from the ear, after which the hand of the operator carrying the husking-hook will be in position to grasp the base portion of the ear, 5 and the remaining husks may be easily removed with the other hand of the operator.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim to be new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

10 A corn-husking implement, comprising a flap having an adjustable wrist-engaging strap and a lacing connection between said

flap and strap, said flap designed to cover only the back of the hand of the user, a hook secured to the upper face of the flap, an adjustable pocket on the under surface of the flap and lacing connections for holding said pocket to the flap, as set forth. 15

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

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