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Fig. 1.

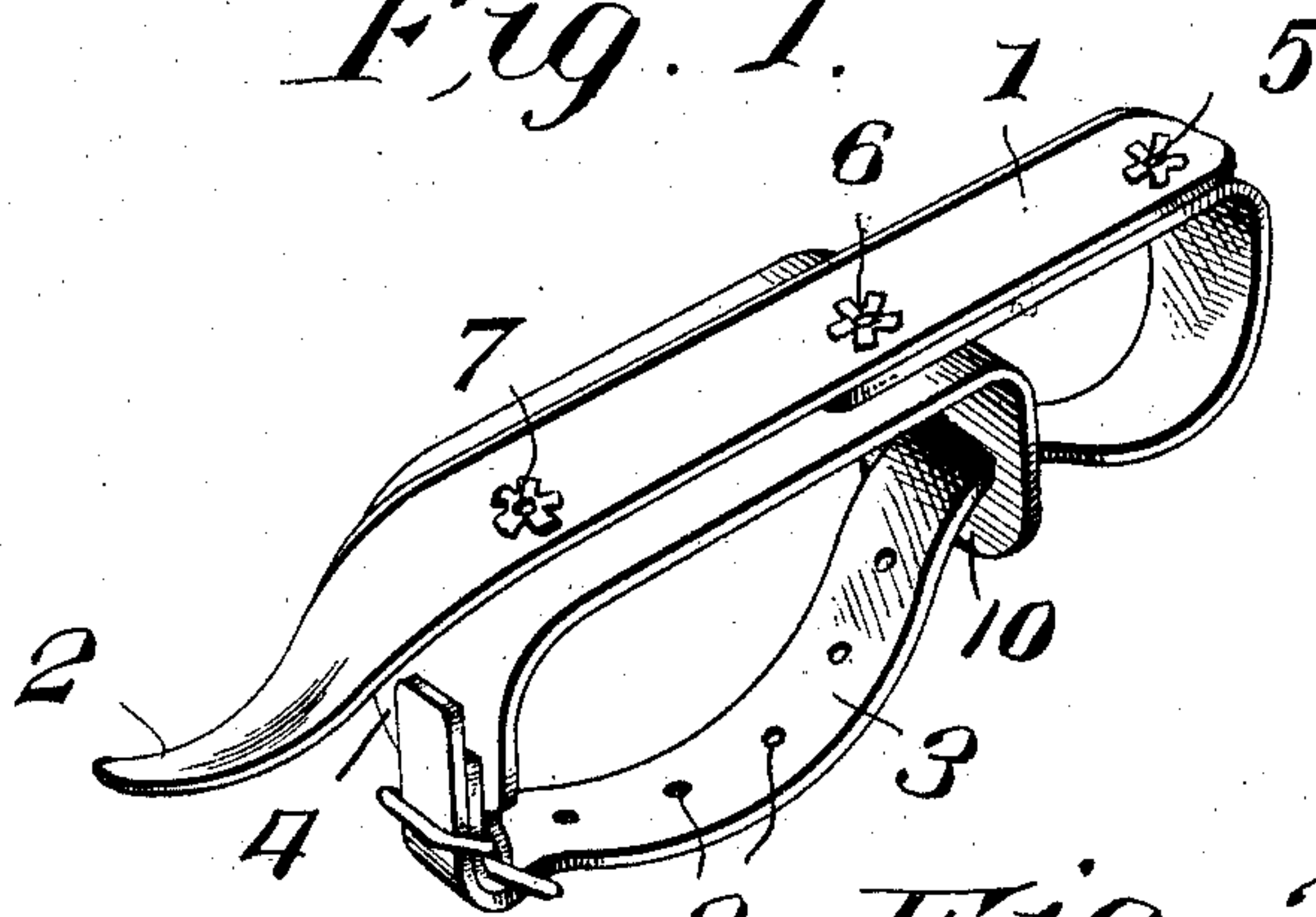


Fig. 2.

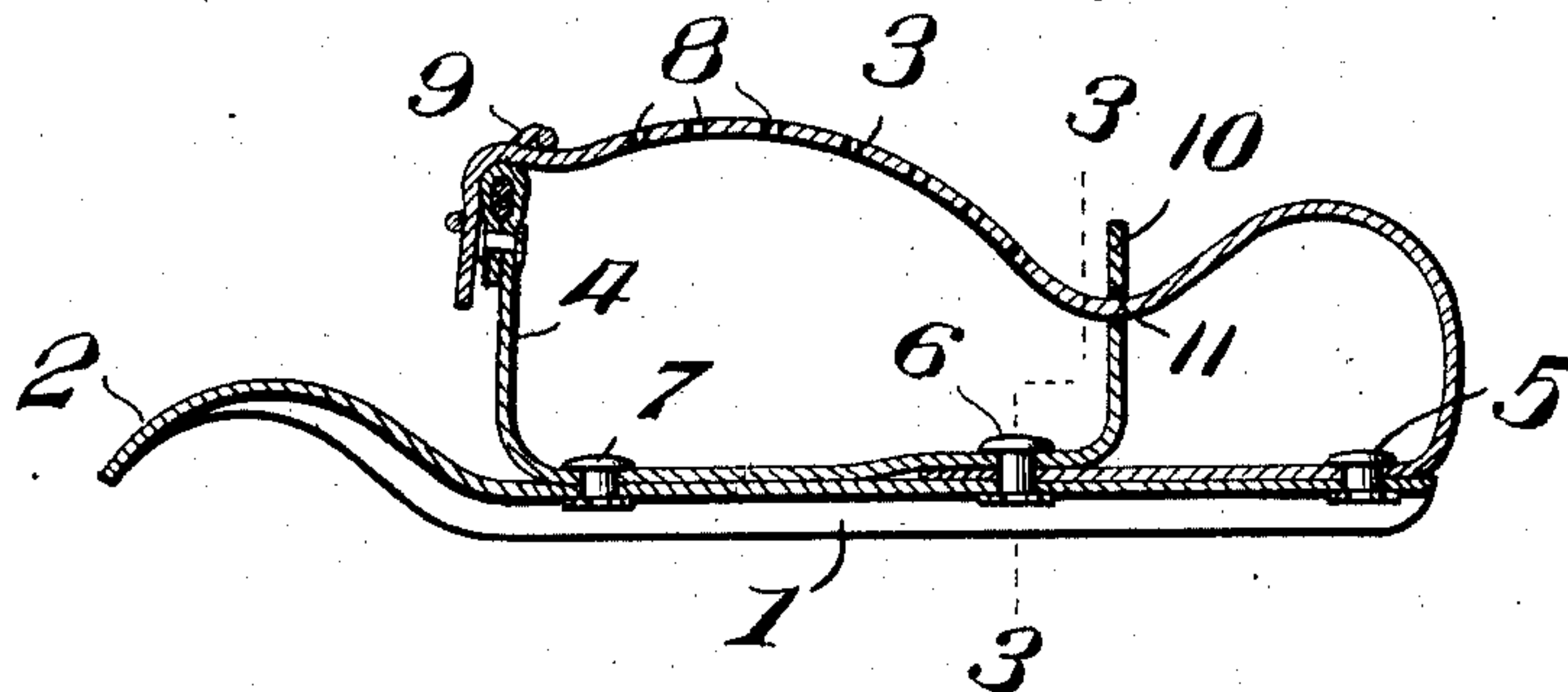
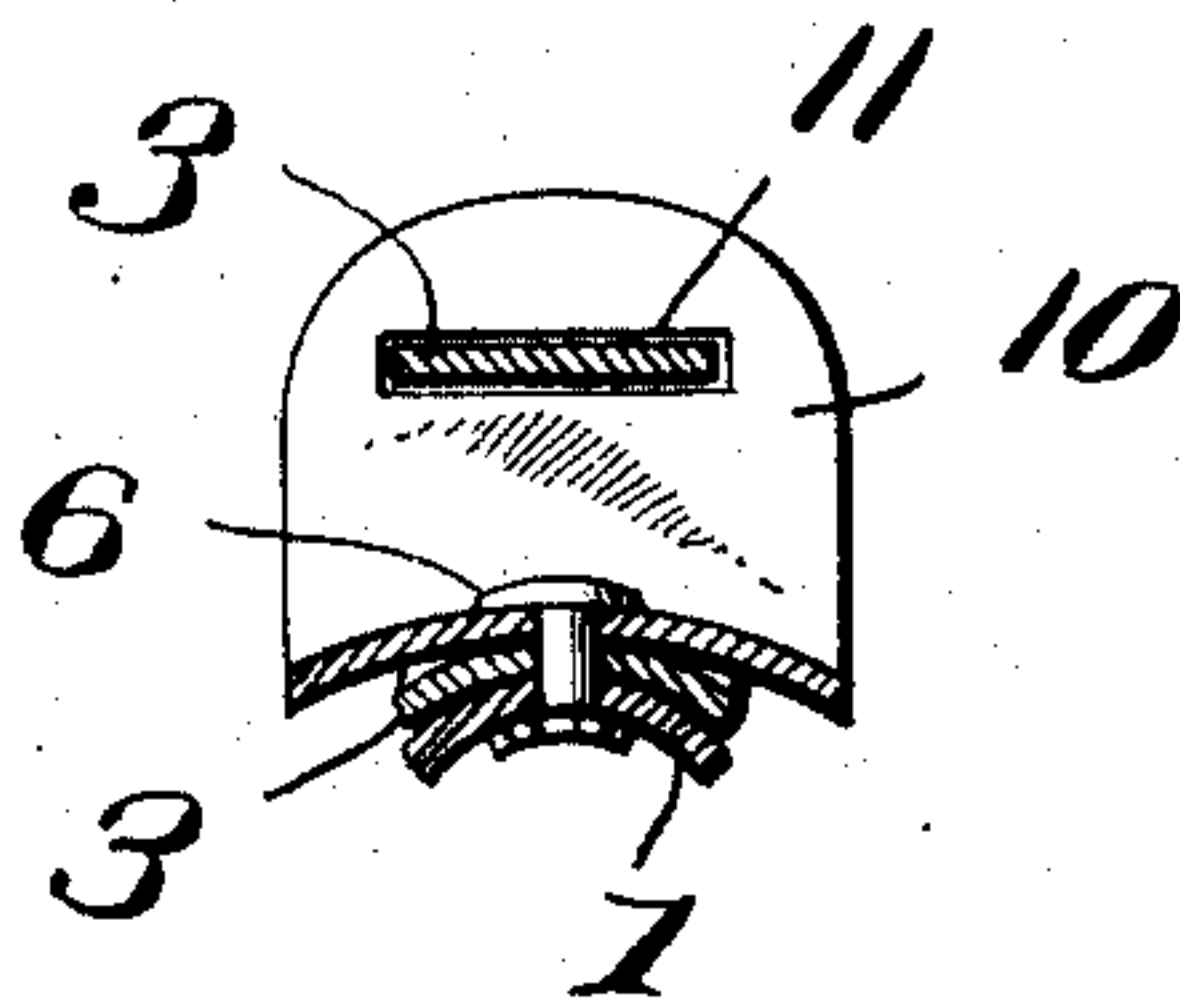


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, MARCELLUS K. SMITH and JOSEPH E. DAVIS, citizens of the United States, residing at Ames, in the county of Story and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Husking-Pegs; and we 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.

Our invention relates to new and useful improvements in husking pegs and more particularly to that class adapted to be secured to the fingers of the hand by means of straps and our object is to provide a strap whereby a portion of the fingers may be separated from the remainder of the fingers and a further object is to so construct the separating strap that the same may be disposed parallel with the peg and the fingers entered through the securing strap without being separated from each other.

Other objects and advantages will be hereinafter referred to and more particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings which are made a part of this application, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a husking peg with our improved securing and separating straps secured thereto. Fig. 2 is an inverted central longitudinal sectional view through the peg and securing straps, and, Fig. 3 is a sectional view as seen from line 3—3 Fig. 2.

Referring to the drawings in which similar reference numerals designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, 1 indicates the peg which is preferably concavo-convex in cross section and is provided at one end with a curved husking point 2, said point being employed in engaging the corn husks and removing the same from the ear. In order to readily secure the peg to the fingers of the user we provide a pair of straps 3 and 4 which are secured to the peg in any preferred manner as by means of rivets 5, 6 and 7.

The free end of the strap 3 is provided with a plurality of openings 8 with which is adapted to engage a buckle 9 carried by the free end of the strap 4. The fixed end of the strap 3 is disposed into engagement with the rivets 5 and 6 while the fixed portion of the strap 4 is disposed into engagement with the rivets 6 and 7, the strap 4 being disposed above that end of the strap 3 engaged by the rivet 6 and is extended beyond the rivet 6 to

form a separating strap 10 at the free end of which is provided an elongated slot 11 through which is adapted to take the free end of the strap 3 and it will be seen that when the strap 3 is disposed through the slot in the strap 10 and disposed in the position shown in Figs. 1 and 2, that a portion of the fingers will be separated from the remainder of the fingers when the peg is secured in position on the hand and it will be further seen that by moving the strap through the slot in the separating strap that the space between the separating strap and the fixed portion of the strap 3 may be decreased to receive but one finger or increased to receive more than one finger. It will further be seen that when it is desired to use the peg without separating the fingers, the strap 3 may be entirely removed from the slot in the separating strap 10 and the strap 10 disposed parallel with the peg and resting upon the secured portion of the strap 3 so that when the peg is secured to the hand the fingers will not be separated from each other.

In order to better protect the fingers at the point of greatest pressure, the strap 4 is made wider than the strap 3 so that when in use the edges of the strap 4 will extend over the edges of the peg and form a cushion thereby preventing the fingers from being blistered by coming into direct contact with the edges of the peg.

We are aware that pegs of this class have been provided with means for separating the fingers, but such separating devices are in the form of loops so that when it is desired to use the peg without separating the fingers, said loops form projections with which the fingers engage and tend to blister the same while in our construction the separating strap may be disposed flat upon the peg thereby forming a perfectly smooth surface for the fingers.

What we claim is:

In a husking peg the combination with a peg having a curved point at one end thereof; of a pair of straps, one of which is wider than the other, the wider strap extending from the center of the peg toward the curved end thereof, rivets directed through the wider strap to secure the same to the peg, a buckle on the end of the wider strap adjacent the curved point, a separating strap integral with the inner end of the wider strap having a slot therein to receive the narrower strap, said separating strap being independently movable of the narrower strap and at right

angles to the peg when engaging the narrower strap, rivets to secure one end of the narrower strap to the peg, the secured end of the narrower strap extending below the inner
5 end of the wider strap, the free end of the narrower strap adapted to engage the buckle on the wider strap to adjustably secure the free ends of the straps together.

In testimony whereof we have signed our names to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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