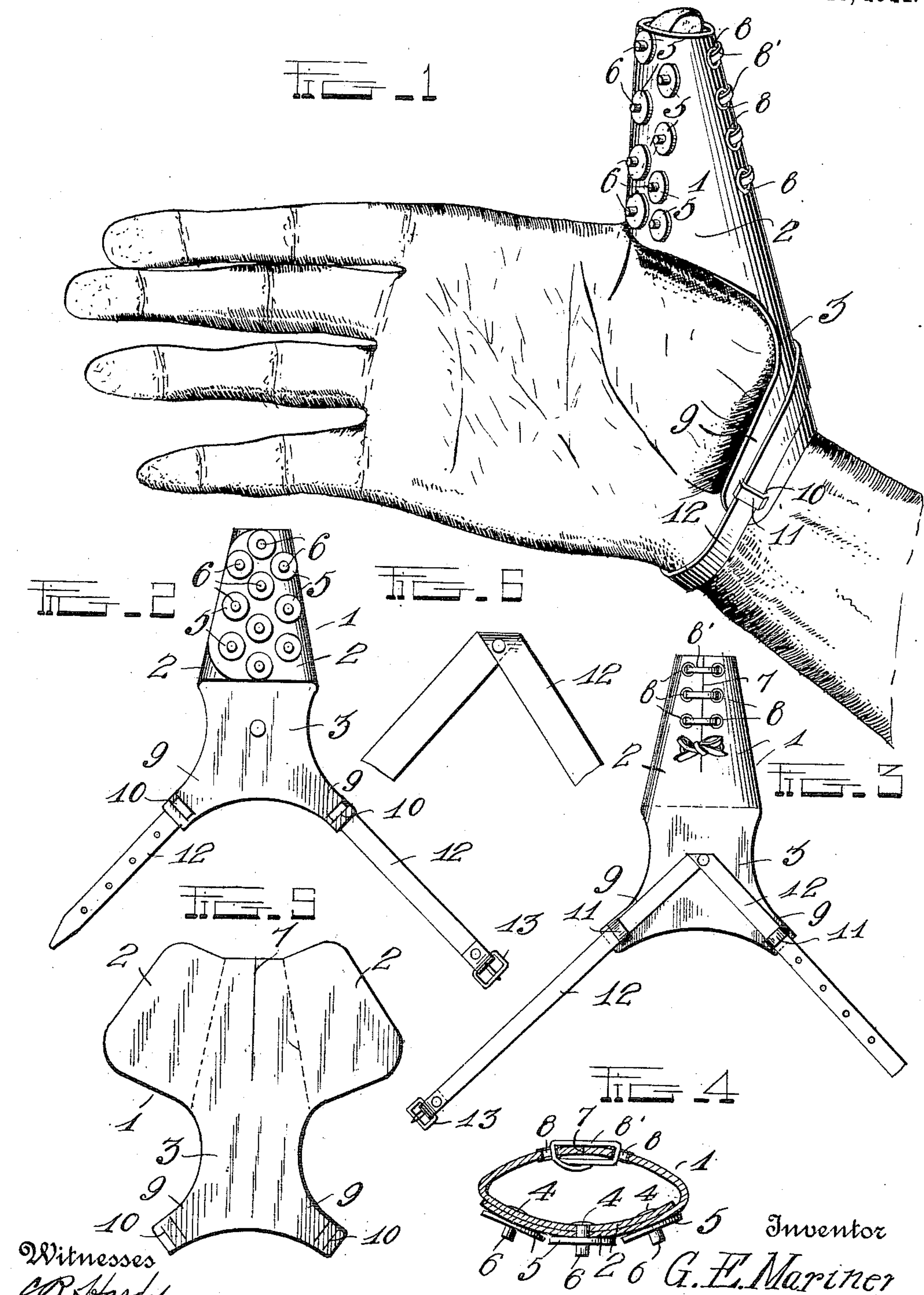


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE E. MARINER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Shenandoah, in the county of Page and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corn-Husking Implements; 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.

This invention relates to corn husking implements. In an implement of this character it is desirable that it possess several qualifications. It should be applied to either the right or left hand and should snugly fit the thumb and hand in either case. It should, even without adjusting the size of the cot, be capable of use upon thumbs of sizes varying within reasonable limits. It should be provided with means for securing it about the wrist of the operator, either right or left handed. It should be provided with securing means which will exert a pull in the line of the thumb to draw the cot tightly thereon. It should be composed of as few pieces as possible to economize in manufacture.

The object of the invention is to provide an implement of this character possessing these qualifications and with this object in view, the invention consists in the improved construction, arrangement and construction of parts composing an article of this character, which will be first fully described and afterward specifically claimed.

I have illustrated a preferred embodiment of my invention in the accompanying drawing in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a hand showing the application of the device; Fig. 2 is a view in elevation of the inner side of the device; Fig. 3 is a similar view of the outer side; Fig. 4 is a cross sectional view through the cot of the implement; Fig. 5 is a view of the blank from which the implement is formed; Fig. 6 is a view of a portion of the attaching strap showing the manner in which the same is arranged for engagement with the implement.

In manufacturing my improved implement I cut out a blank from leather, or other suitable flexible fabric, of the form shown in Fig. 5, comprising an enlarged portion 2, from which to form a conical cot, its sides being cut on lines converging outwardly

toward each other, a neck portion 3 adjoining the enlarged portion 2 having sides cut on inwardly curved lines, and two extensions or ears which diverge from each other on lines at substantially a right angle to each other, these ears each having parallel transverse slits 10 cut in them near their free ends forming loops 11. In the central portion of the part 2 I cut a longitudinal slit 7, and in the material along each side of the slit, I insert eyelets 8 to receive lacing strings 8'. I next fold over the sides of the enlarged portion, forming a conical tube or cot, the sides overlapping each other and being joined together by rivets 6 inserted with their heads inside and their stems projecting outward and secured by riveting washers 5, the heads affording a smooth interior to the cot, and the projecting stems serving as pins to facilitate the operation of the device.

A strap 12, having one end provided with a buckle 13 and the other end with perforations to engage the tongue of the buckle, is folded over near its midlength and riveted at this point to the center of the neck 3, and its diverging ends, at substantially a right angle to each other and in the general lines of the ears 9, are passed through the slits 10 and under the loops 13 as clearly shown in Figs. 2 and 3.

The cot, first laced up to a desired size, is slipped upon the thumb, with the projecting pins 6 on the inside over the ball of the thumb, which will bring the neck 3 on the back of the thumb with its curved sides fitting respectively over the base of the thumb and the hand between the thumb and forefinger, and the curved sides being similar in form and size, they will fit equally well whether the implement is used on the thumb of either the right or left hand. The securing strips 12 are now in position to be passed around the wrist and secured by means of the buckle 13 and stress brought upon these strips will not only tightly clasp the wrist but will exert a pull in a line which would bifurcate their angle which direction will be in line with the length of the thumb, as indicated by the slit 7. This stress will draw the conical cot upon the thumb until it fits firmly thereon, and, owing to its conical form, it will fit upon thumbs having considerable variation in size, so that a single implement may be used by a number of persons without relacing.

The utility of the invention will be apparent from the foregoing description and its economical construction will be evident therefrom, and it will be obvious that
5 changes may be made in the manner of securing the overlapped edges of the cot, or the lacing dispensed with, without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.

Having thus described my invention what
10 I claim as new is:—

1. A corn husking implement comprising a single piece of material having a laterally enlarged portion formed into a conical cot, a contracted neck portion adjoining the ex-
15 panded portion to engage the back of the thumb, said neck having its sides cut away on inwardly curved lines to fit the base of the thumb and the hand between the thumb and forefinger of either the right or left
20 hand, extensions diverging from the neck portion in lines substantially at right angles to each other in which positions a line bifurcating their angle will be substantially in

line with the thumb, and straps secured to and extending in substantially the directions
25 of the extension to encompass the wrist, secure the cot in position on the thumb, and at the same time exert a pull in line with the thumb to draw the conical cot tightly thereon. 30

2. A corn husking implement comprising a single piece of material having a laterally expanded portion of which to form a conical cot, a contracted neck extended from the cot portion to engage the back of the
35 thumb, diverging extensions from said neck provided with transverse strap slits, and a strap secured centrally to the neck and passed through said slits.

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

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