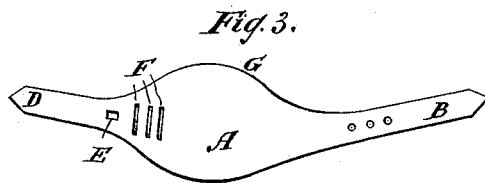
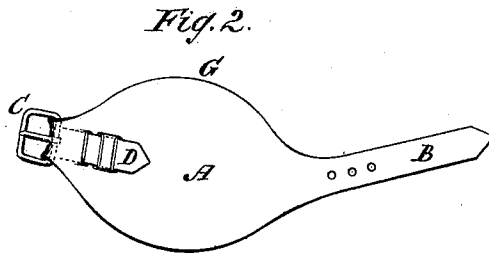
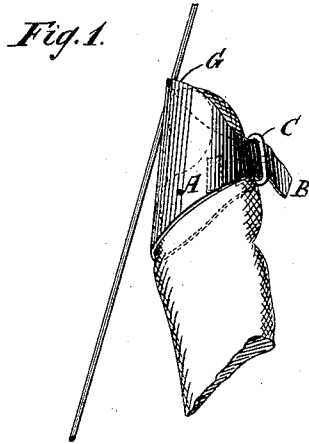


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN JOSEF STOLL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Finger-Nail Guards or Protectors, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a finger-nail protector which is readily manufactured and readily applied; and the invention consists in the details of construction set forth in the following specification and claims, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows a guard or protector applied to use. Fig. 2 shows a plan view of a guard or protector. Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2, the buckle being removed, and the device in Fig. 3 being of smaller size than that of Fig. 2.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

The protector or guard is made of suitable flexible material. A convenient material is vellum, which is flexible and tough, and readily obtainable, as scraps thereof can frequently be found in music stores and other places, and as vellum is quite translucent a guard made of vellum will not be readily noticeable on the finger at a small distance from the wearer.

The guard consists of the body A, having an attaching-strap B and buckle C. The buckle is readily attached by providing the body A with a flap D, passing the tongue of the buckle through the eye or hole E, and then passing the flap D back and forth through the slits F, as seen in Fig. 2. The edge G of the body A is shaped to conform to the finger-nail when the device is applied to use.

The device is applied by placing the edge G to correspond with the edge of a finger-nail or to project slightly beyond the edge of said nail, and the strap B is then passed through the buckle C and tightly drawn, so as to firmly secure the guard in place. The strap B is made to project forward, as seen in Fig. 2, so that said strap will sit in front of the swell or highest point of the inner face of the first joint. The pressure exerted upon the edge G will thus not be able to force the guard backward, since the strap B cannot slip back over the swell of the finger-joint.

The guard is serviceable in playing such musical instruments as the zither, the playing of which sometimes causes abrasions and inflammations of the nail and finger when unprotected.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A finger-nail protector consisting of the body A, having an attaching-strap and buckle and having its edge G shaped to correspond to the edge of the finger-nail, substantially as described.

2. A finger-nail protector consisting of the body A, having an attaching-strap and buckle and having its edge G shaped to correspond to the edge of the finger-nail, the attaching-strap being extended forward in front of the swell of the finger-joint to prevent the guard being pressed backward, substantially as described.

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

JOHN JOSEF STOLL.

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