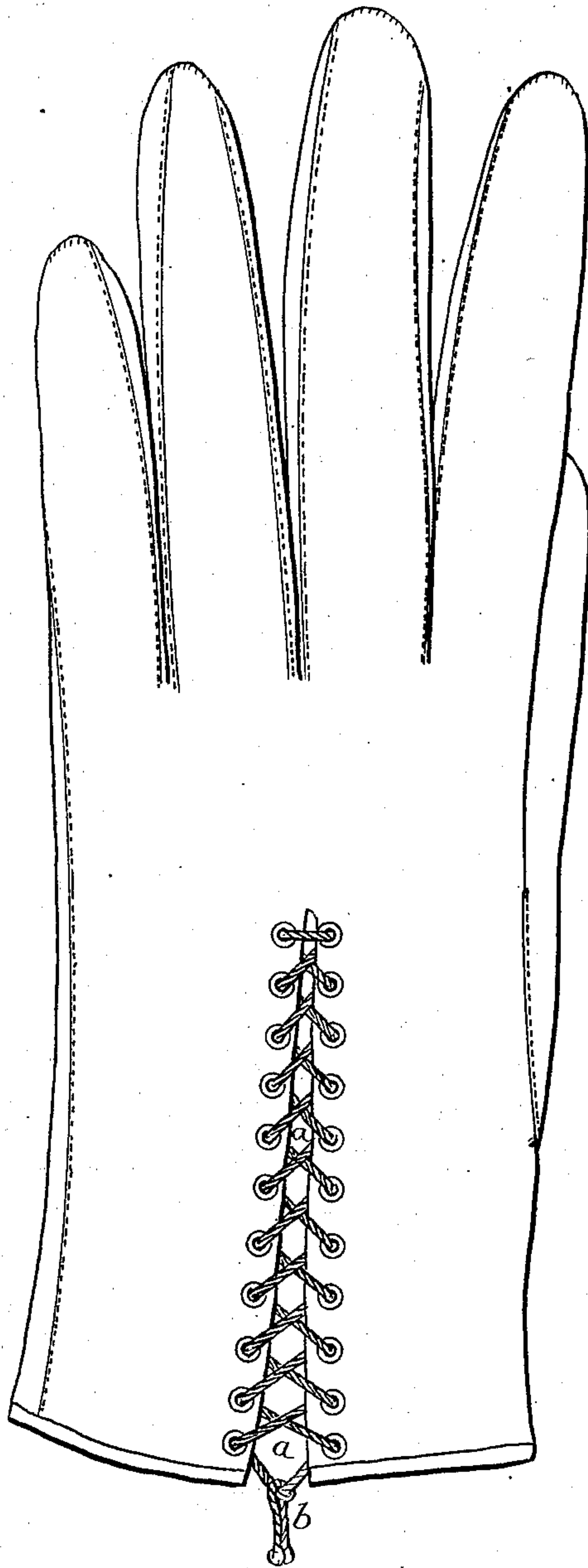


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IMPROVEMENT IN GLOVES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AUSTIN C. BUTTS, of the city of Newark, county of Essex, and State of New Jersey, have invented a new style of Glove for sporting and general use, of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is a glove or half-glove, constructed as fully described hereinafter, so as to secure a better fit and adaptation to the hand, and a more ornamental appearance.

In the drawing, the figure is a back view of a glove constructed in accordance with my invention.

The glove does not differ materially from those made in the usual manner, being of any suitable cut, with full fingers, as shown, or with half-fingers, as is sometimes required for sporting or other purposes.

Instead of having an opening at the front or side, the glove is provided with a slit, *a*, at the back, extending from the lower edge nearly to the division between the middle fingers, thereby securing a full opening for the introduction of the hand without unduly stretching or tearing the material of which the glove is made. It is important that the slit *a* shall extend well up toward the knuckles,

as with short slits gloves of a fine quality could not be placed upon the hands, for they would otherwise have to be made so loose that the close, neat fit required could not be attained.

In order that every portion of the glove may be drawn closely to the hand, I employ a lacing, *b*, extending the whole length of the slit, and capable of being drawn as tight as may be required at any point to secure the proper fit.

It will be apparent that a rubber gore may be inserted in the slit *a*, in some classes of gloves, as a substitute for the lacing *b*; and that the lacing may be carried over buttons or through eyelets, as may be desired, providing it is so arranged as to permit free introduction of the hand, and to draw the glove tightly at all points after it is in place.

I claim as my invention—

A glove having a slit, *a*, at the back, extending from the lower edge toward the fingers, and provided with lacings *b*, as and for the purpose set forth.

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