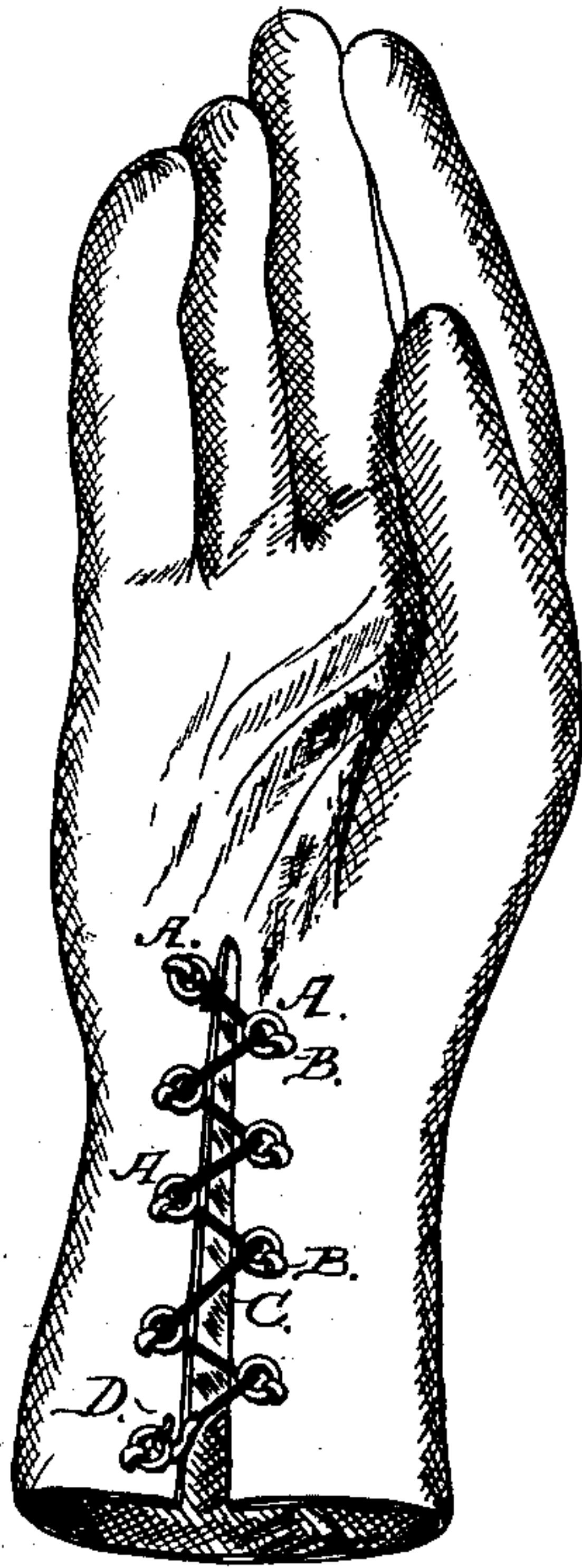


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANKLIN A. SMITH, Jr., a citizen of the United States, residing at Providence, in the county of Providence and State of Rhode Island, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Devices for Lacing Gloves and Wearing-Apparel; and I 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to the letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention has for its object to provide an improved means for lacing the wrists of gloves or other articles of wearing-apparel, whereby the usual method of passing the lacing-strings around hooks or lacing-studs is done away with; and it consists in providing the glove or other article of wearing-apparel with rings or links on each side of the opening, and which are fastened thereto by suitable metallic fastenings or by sewing and then passing the lacing-string through these rings or links, all as will be hereinafter more fully described, and pointed out in the claim.

In the drawing, the figure represents a plan or top view of a glove embodying my invention.

In carrying out my improvements I provide the wrist of the glove on each side of the opening of the same with small rings or links A, which are fastened thereto by means of a suitable metallic fastening, B, or by sewing. The lower end of the lacing cord or string C used in connection therewith is attached to one of the lower rings or links A, and then alternately through said rings from one side of the opening to the other, as fully shown in the drawing.

To the top of the lacing cord or string C is attached a suitable hook, D, which may be hooked into the top ring to hold the lacing-cord in position when the glove is laced. I do not, however, confine myself to the use of the hook D, as other well-known means may be employed for the same purpose, such as a clasp or locking-catch.

By means of my improvement it will be observed that it is necessary to pass the lacing-cord through the rings in the first place, where they are supposed to remain at all times, the glove to be laced together only requiring that the upper end of the lacing-cord be drawn tightly and hooked to the upper ring.

In unlacing the glove it is only necessary to release the hook from the ring when the lacing-cord becomes loose enough to permit of the easy removal of the glove from the hand, or an elastic string may be used.

My improvement presents at all times a neat and smooth appearance, and obviates the disadvantages of the projecting heads of the lacing hooks or studs usually employed for a similar purpose, and which are liable to catch into other articles of the wearing-apparel and subject the wearer to annoyance and trouble.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and useful is—

In combination with the wrist-opening of a glove, the rings A, attached upon each side of the opening, as shown, and the lacing-cord C, provided with the hook D, whereby the glove-opening is held in a closed position, all substantially as shown and described.

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

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