

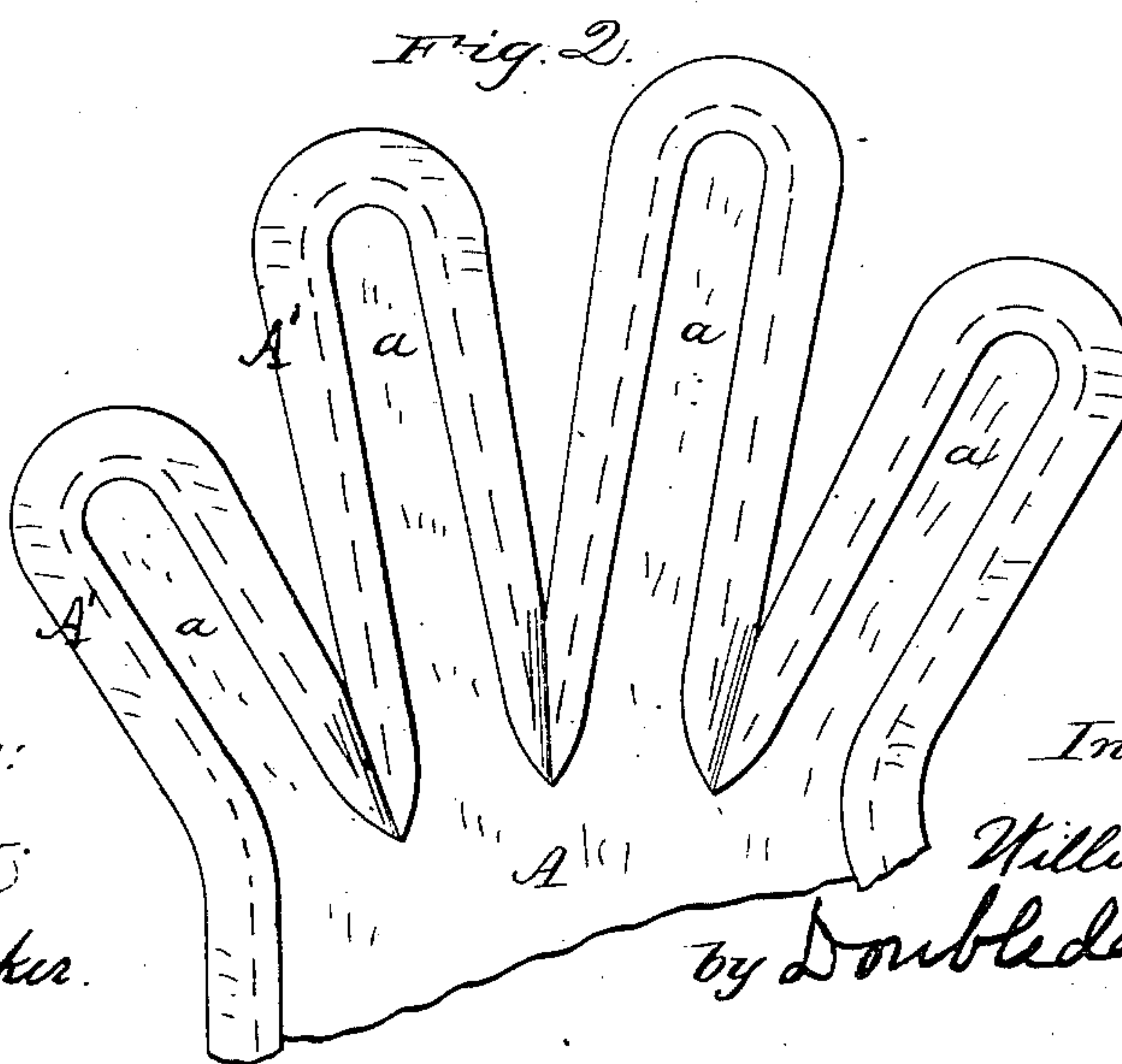
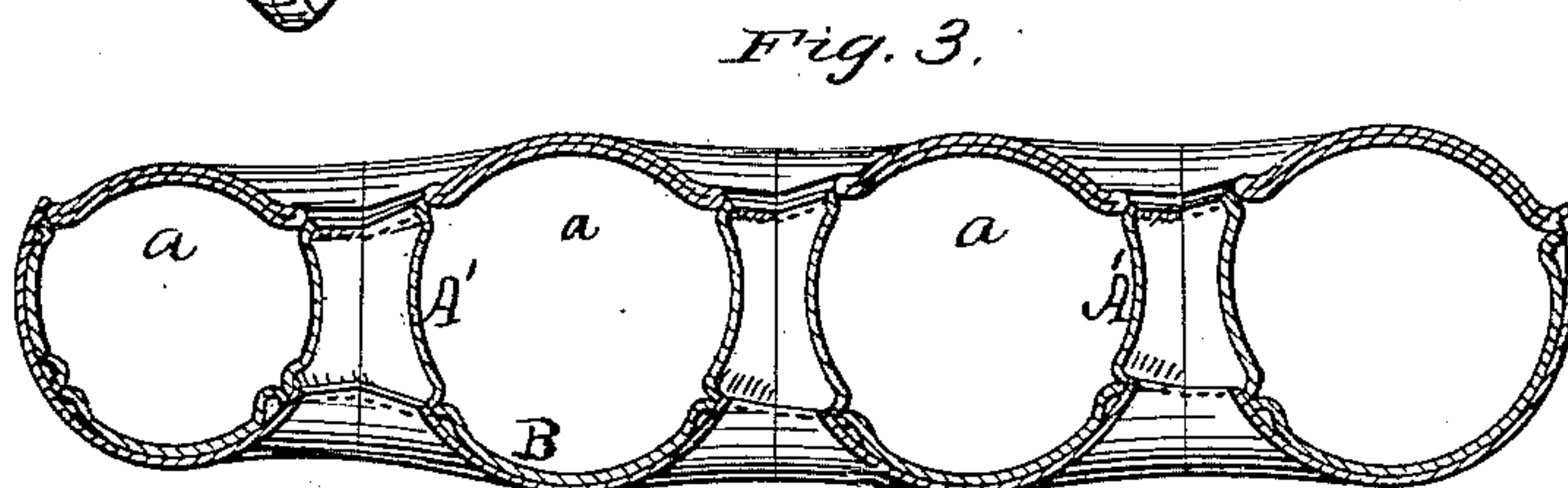
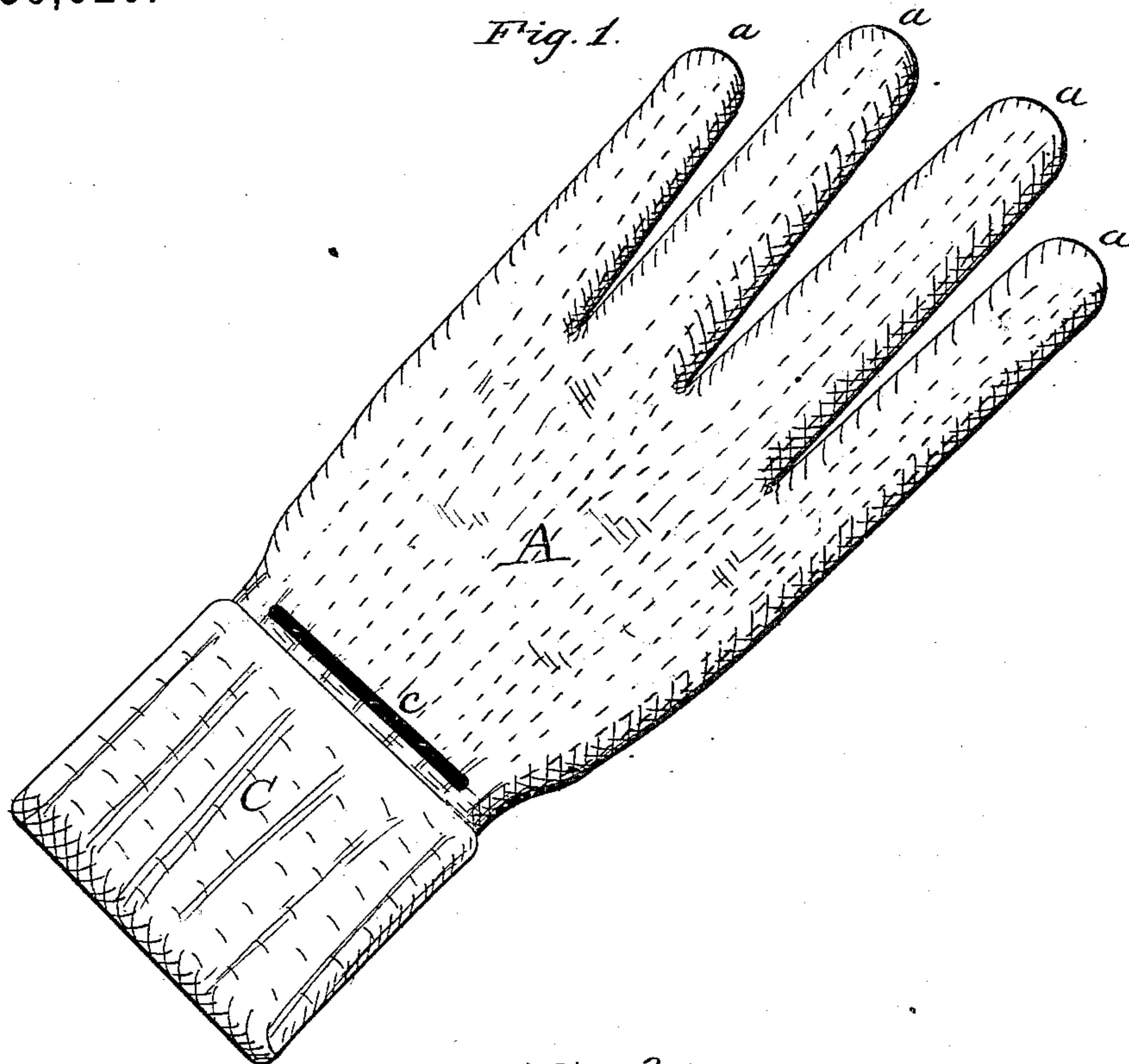
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM W. WHITAKER, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Gloversville, in the county of Fulton and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Gloves; 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 drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 is the perspective view of my improved glove back and fingers. Fig. 2 represents the same with the fourchette attached. Fig. 3 is a cross-section taken through the fingers of a glove having my invention applied thereto.

My invention relates to an improvement in the manufacture of gloves, and the first part thereof relates to the construction of a glove having its finger-backs formed of a fibrous material, its finger-fronts formed of leather, either with or without a fibrous lining, and a fourchette uniting the finger fronts and backs, whereby I am enabled to make the lining for the back of the hand and the fingers from a piece of woven or felted fabric of substantially uniform width from end to end, and am enabled to make the leather palm and finger-fronts from a piece of leather of substantially uniform width from end to end.

The invention further relates to a peculiar manner of constructing the back and finger-backs, as will be fully explained, having fingers attached, this part being woven in one continuous piece, each finger having unbroken sides and end, and being united to the portion which is adapted to cover the back of the hand by stitches either during the process of knitting or by knitting the fingers separately and then sewing them to the other portion.

By an examination of the drawings it will be seen that the part A, and also the fingers a, have unbroken sides, each of these parts being tubular, and that, therefore, after the fourchette A' is stitched thereto, and the parts of which the glove is composed are turned

wrong side out, the lining B can be united to the part A a by stitching their respective edges together, preferably by an overstitch, in order that when the glove is turned right side out there shall be little or no projecting seam where the lining and the back and fingers are joined.

Although in practice I prefer to knit the wrist C double, with a slit, c, and in one continuous piece with the back and finger piece, yet I do not wish to be limited to such construction. Of course this back and finger piece may be made with one finger for use in one-fingered mittens, or it may be knit with its closed end divided centrally, which part being adapted, when used in connection with a suitably-shaped palm, to receive two fingers.

I am aware that gloves have been heretofore made with fingers formed of two separate concentric pockets, one placed within the other and each intended to entirely surround the finger, and I do not claim such articles thus constructed as my invention; but in the gloves thus constructed there has been no joining together of the two folds on the back of the finger along the edges of the fingers in the manner which I follow, so as to adapt the two-ply finger-back to receive a separately-formed piece for the front.

I am also aware that mittens have been formed by knitting a circular web, then folding one-half over upon the other and stitching together the two edges of the web to form the back part and also the front part of the mitten; but the mittens thus formed have never, to my knowledge, embodied two or more back-pieces for fingers, each back-piece having two folds joined along the edges of the fingers.

I do not in this application claim gloves formed by cutting slits in a continuous web to produce finger-backs, or gloves having tubes formed for the fingers by first making lines of stitches between the fingers and then cutting between the lines of stitching, as I have made these features the subject-matter of another application previously filed.

What I claim is—

1. The herein-described back-piece for a glove having a back for the hand, and two or more two-ply back-pieces for fingers formed in

one continuous piece, the two folds of each finger-back being closed and joined along the edges of the fingers, substantially as set forth.

2. The herein-described wrist and back-piece
5 for a glove having a two-ply finger-back attached thereto and knit in one continuous piece, with the edges of the two folds closed and joined along the edges of the fingers, substantially as set forth.

10 3. A glove having two or more back-pieces for fingers attached to the hand part when each finger-back is formed of a two-ply fabric the two folds of which are formed in one continuous piece and are joined and closed along
15 the edges of the fingers, substantially as set forth.

4. A glove having two or more back-pieces for fingers attached to the hand part, each of said finger-backs having a knitted selvage
20 edge along the edges of the finger adapted to

have a front finger-piece secured to said edges, substantially as set forth.

5. A glove having a fibrous two-ply back for the hand and fingers, a leather palm and finger-fronts, and a forgette which unites
25 the edges of the finger-backs with the leather finger-fronts, substantially as set forth.

6. A glove having a fibrous two-ply back for the hand and fingers, a leather palm and finger-fronts, a fibrous lining for the finger-fronts,
30 and a forgette which unites the edges of the finger-backs with the leather finger-fronts and the fibrous linings of the finger-fronts, substantially as set forth.

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

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