

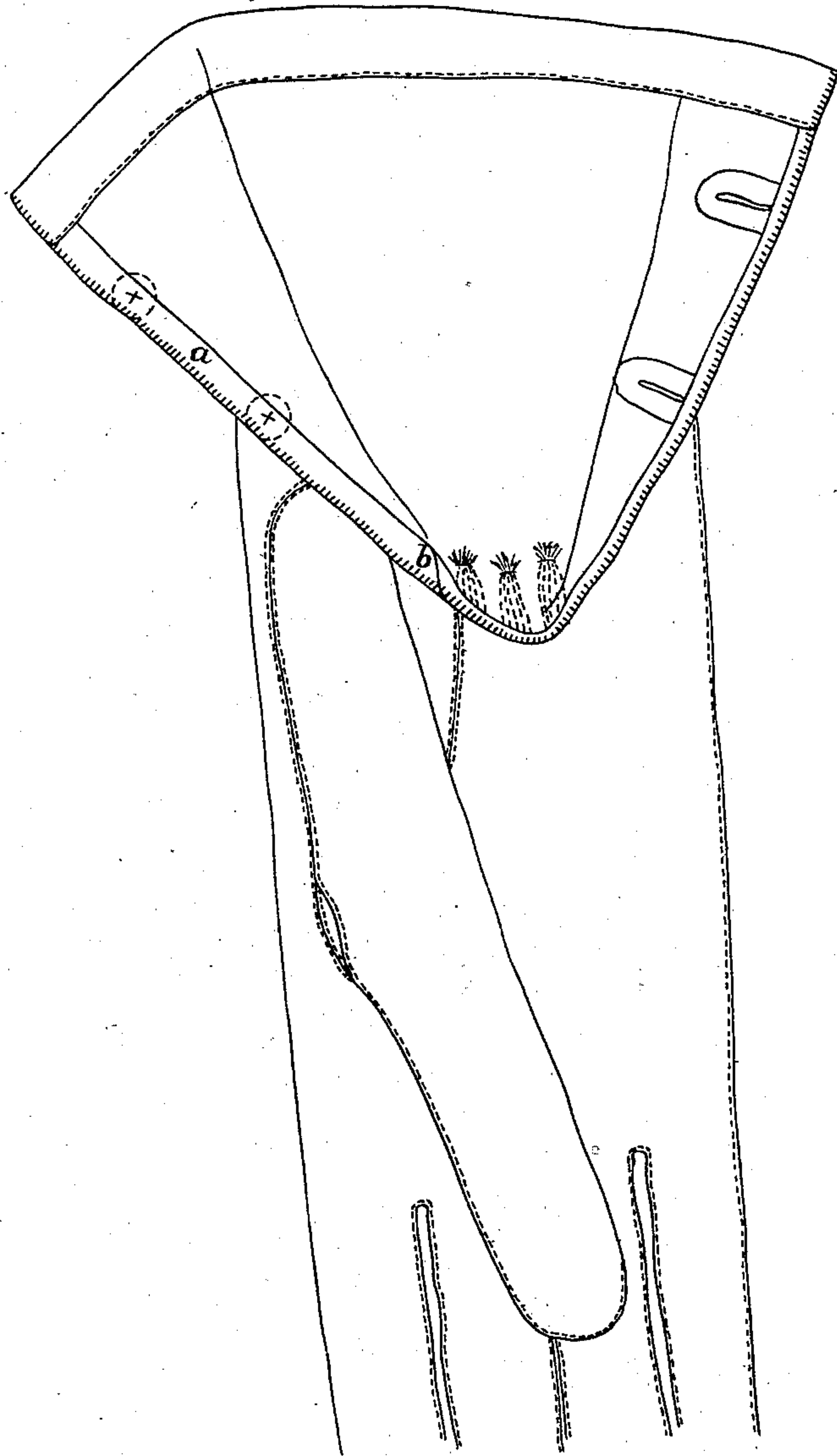
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## GLOVE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN J. KENNEDY, a citizen of the United States, residing at West Hoboken, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Gloves, of which the following is a specification.

The slit made in a glove for the admission of the hand, extending from the wrist partially down the center line of the palm, is liable to be torn, and it is usually strengthened by a welt or a binding of the same skin, or other material of which the glove is formed. This is expensive, as it involves the use of a large part of the material, and when made from small pieces, in economizing the material, it requires time and labor to sew the pieces together, which are then necessarily weak at those points. Moreover, it is not efficient, as the part at the end of the slit is still so weak and liable to be torn that it is usual in well-made gloves to sew in an additional piece at that point as a further protection. When an ordinary facing applied to the inside of the glove is used, the strain incident to the insertion of the hand still comes only upon the edge of the facing, and it is the edge only, therefore, that is at first opposed to the strain.

In carrying my improvement into effect a facing of twilled tape is used, which is sewed upon the inner side of the glove, and at its full width on the part where the buttons are secured, and it is then folded upon itself, so that the two selvage-edges of the tape are directly under the edge of the slit, in which position the three thicknesses are stitched together. The elasticity of the middle of the twilled material of the tape enables it to be curved smoothly around the termination or end of the slit, and it is carried up the side of the button-holes in the same folded condition, that it may also receive in the strongest manner the strain of the

buttons when the glove is fastened. The inner edge of the facing is slip-stitched or blind-stitched, or secured in any other suitable manner to hold it in place.

To enable others skilled in the arts to which it appertains to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction and operation with reference to the drawing, which represents the palm of a glove with the inner side of the wrist turned over to bring my said improvement into view.

The twilled tape is flat at the end *a*, where the buttons are placed, and at *b* it is folded upon itself to bring the two selvage-edges of the tape to the edge of the slit in the glove, and it is continued in the same folded condition around the end of the slit and up the opposite side, between the button-holes and the edge of the glove. There may be an additional stay under the buttons, or the tape may be doubled endwise upon itself at that point; or shank-buttons may be used, and the end of the tape or a cord drawn through them and covered by the tape-facing and further secured by appropriate fastening.

I claim as my invention—

1. The twilled tape *a b*, applied flat upon the button side of the glove, and folded at the lower edge of the button side of the opening and carried up outside the button-holes, with its selvage-edges stitched to the edge of the glove, substantially as described.

2. The combination, with the edge of a glove, as at *b*, of the stay or re-enforce described, consisting of a twilled tape folded and stitched with its two selvage-edges to the edge of the glove.

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