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Fig. 1.

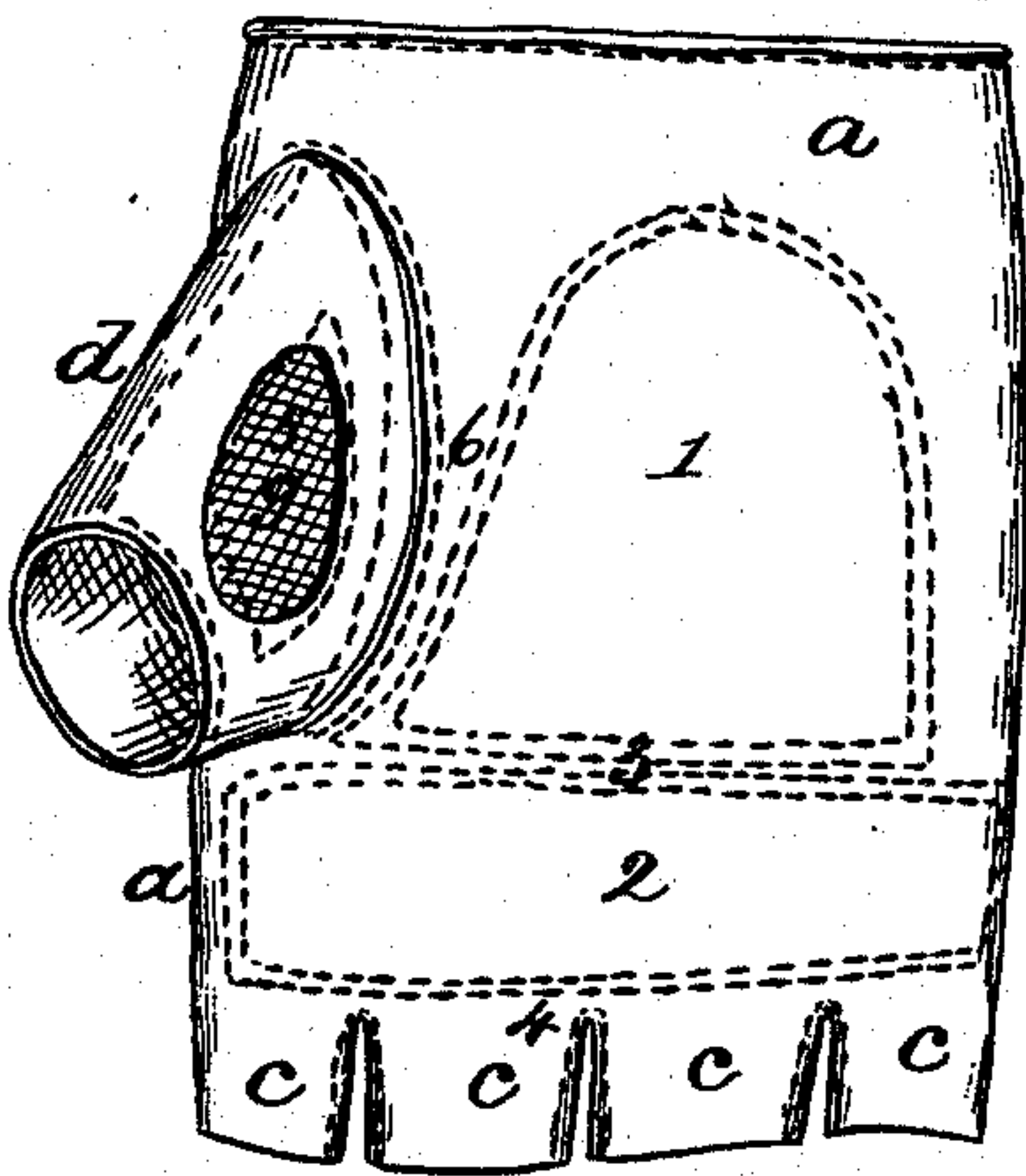


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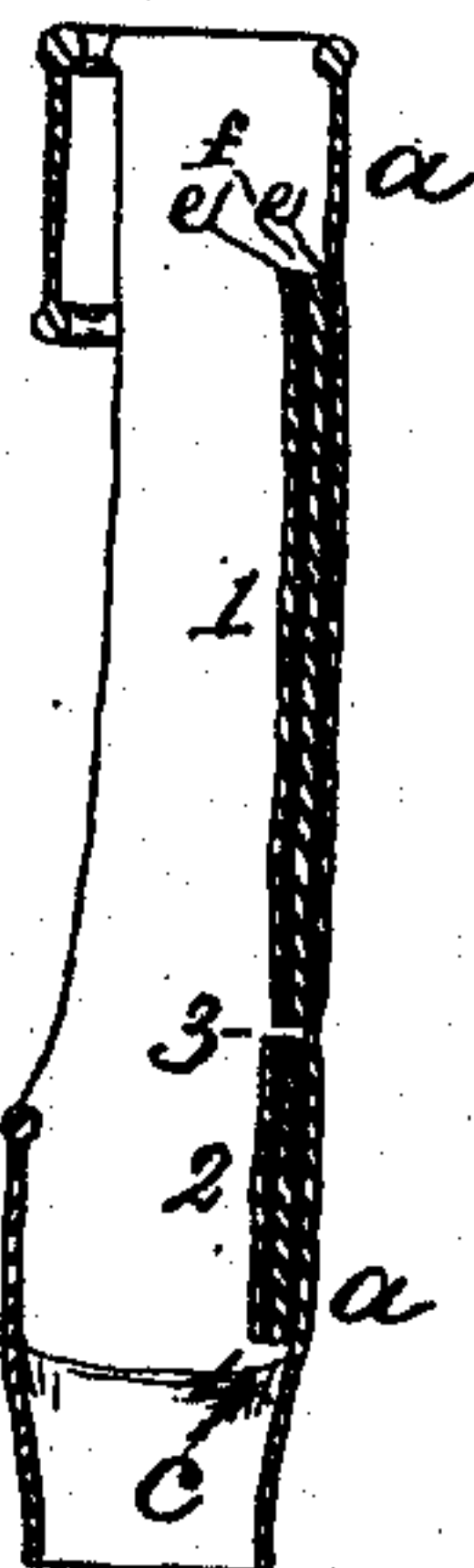


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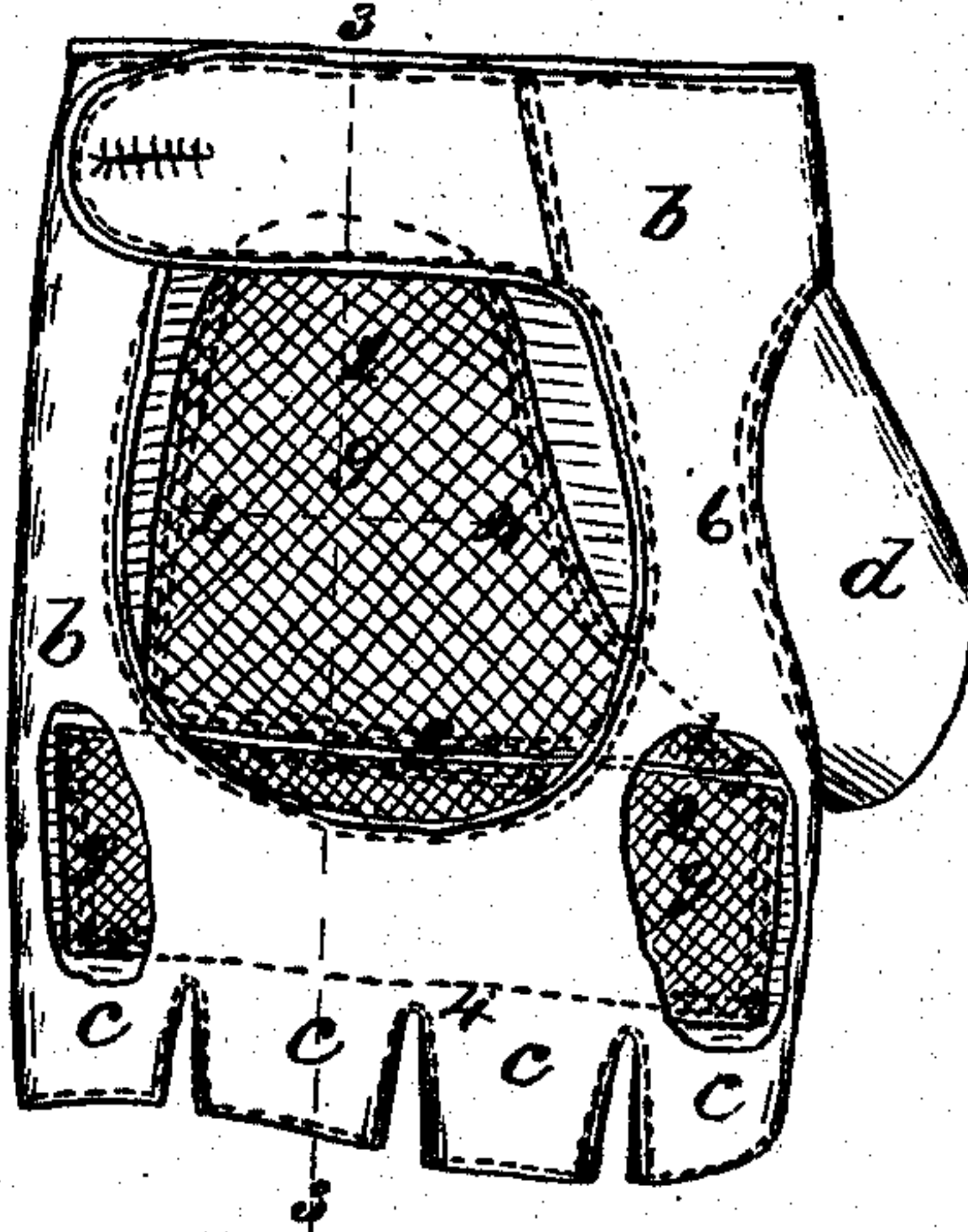


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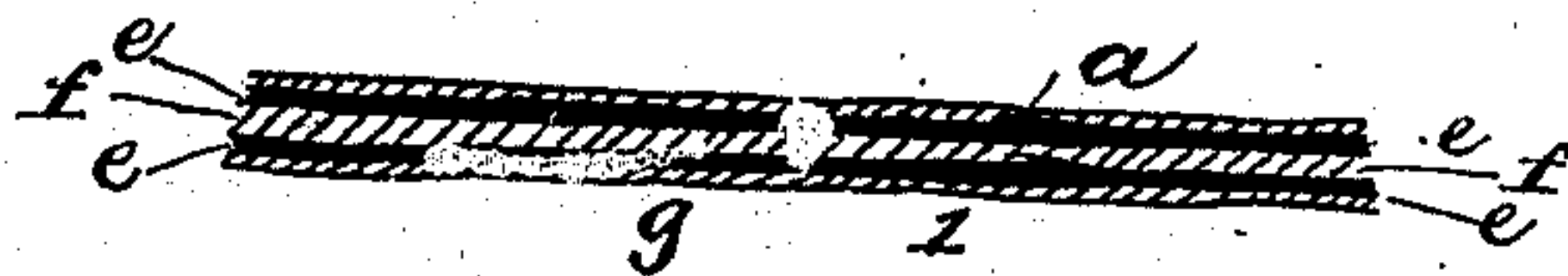
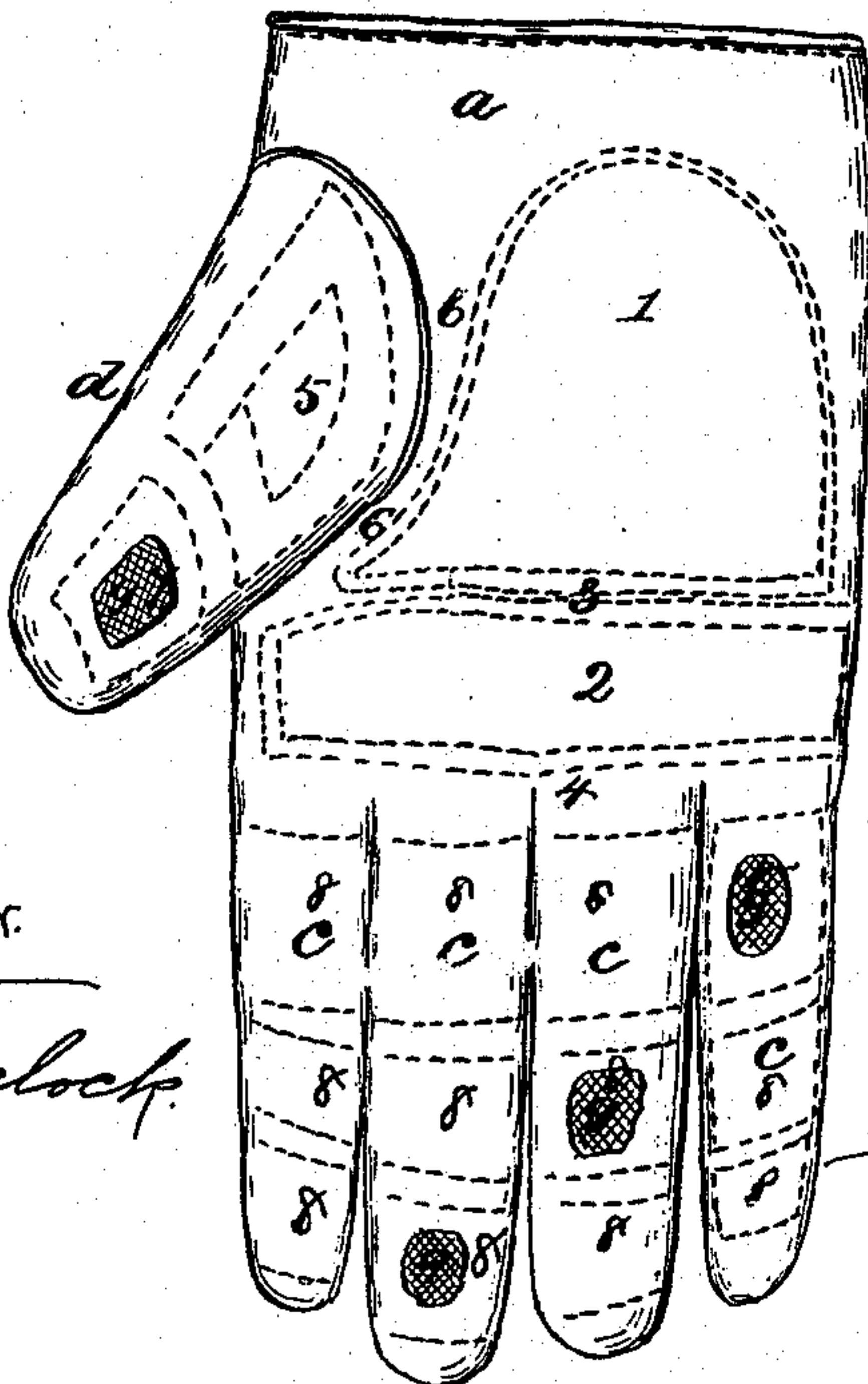


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE H. RAWLINGS, of the city of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented a certain new and useful  
5 Improvement in Gloves, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

Figure 1 is a front view of the glove in that  
10 form in which the ends of the fingers and thumb are omitted, part being broken out to show the padding of the thumb. Fig. 2 is a back view of the glove with parts broken out. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section at 3 3, Fig. 2.  
15 Fig. 4 is an enlarged detail transverse section at 4 4, Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a front view of a glove with full-length fingers and thumb, having my improvement applied thereto, parts being broken out to show the pads.

20 The glove is intended especially for the use of base-ball players and cricketers, the pads being for the prevention of the bruising of the hands when catching the ball.

The front or palm of the glove is shown at  
25 *a* and the back at *b*. The fingers are seen at *c* and the thumb at *d*.

I do not claim any novelty in the general shape of the glove, nor in the material of which its outer part is formed. This material is usual-  
30 ly buckskin.

It is not broadly new to pad the glove upon the inner side for the purpose stated, and this I do not claim; but the construction and material used are believed to constitute features  
35 of novelty.

The pads are made separate, so as to cover the natural pads upon the palm of the hand, and in some cases of the thumb or thumb and fingers.

40 The pads in their preferred construction are composed of two or more layers of felt and an interposed layer, *f*, or layers of india-rubber, and are covered with a lining, *g*, of leather.

Felt has been before used for this purpose;  
45 but it has been found to lack in a certain amount of rigidity which is found in rubber, and yet in its association with rubber it has a special value, owing to its yielding character, which enables its accommodation to the shape  
50 of the part of the hand beneath, and conse-

quent increase of the area upon which the force of the concussion is received upon the hand.

The preferred shapes and positions of the pads are shown by dotted lines indicating the  
55 rows of stitches by which the pads are held fast.

The pads, although having various forms according to their position, may all have the same materials entering into their composition, the  
60 preferred composition being shown in Figs. 3 and 4, where the outer coat is shown at *a*, the layers of felt at *e*, the rubber at *f*, and the leather lining at *g*. The thickness of the pad and the presence of the india-rubber *f* render it  
65 to a degree inflexible, and to give the required flexibility to the glove there are lines or spaces of separation between the pads forming joints at the joints of the hand. At 1 is shown a pad over the upper part of the palm of the  
70 hand, and at 2 is a pad covering the lower part of the palm of the hand at the inside of the knuckles. Between the pads 1 and 2 is a joint, 3, and between the pad 2 and the fingers *c* is a joint, 4. 5 is a thumb-pad, between  
75 which and the pad 1 is a joint, 6, allowing sufficiently free motion to the thumb *d*. The three pads, 1, 2, and 5, are all that are needed for the form of glove shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3.

In the form of glove illustrated in Fig. 5  
80 there may be an additional thumb-pad, 7, and finger-pads at 8, between the joints.

As an equivalent of the felt, cloth or other textile material may be used.

I claim—

1. A glove having a pad, 1, in the palm thereof, consisting of two layers of felt having a layer of rubber interposed between them, and a lining of leather, substantially as set forth.  
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2. A glove having a pad in the palm thereof, consisting of two or more layers of felt, having one or more layers of rubber interposed between them, and a lining of leather, substantially as set forth.

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