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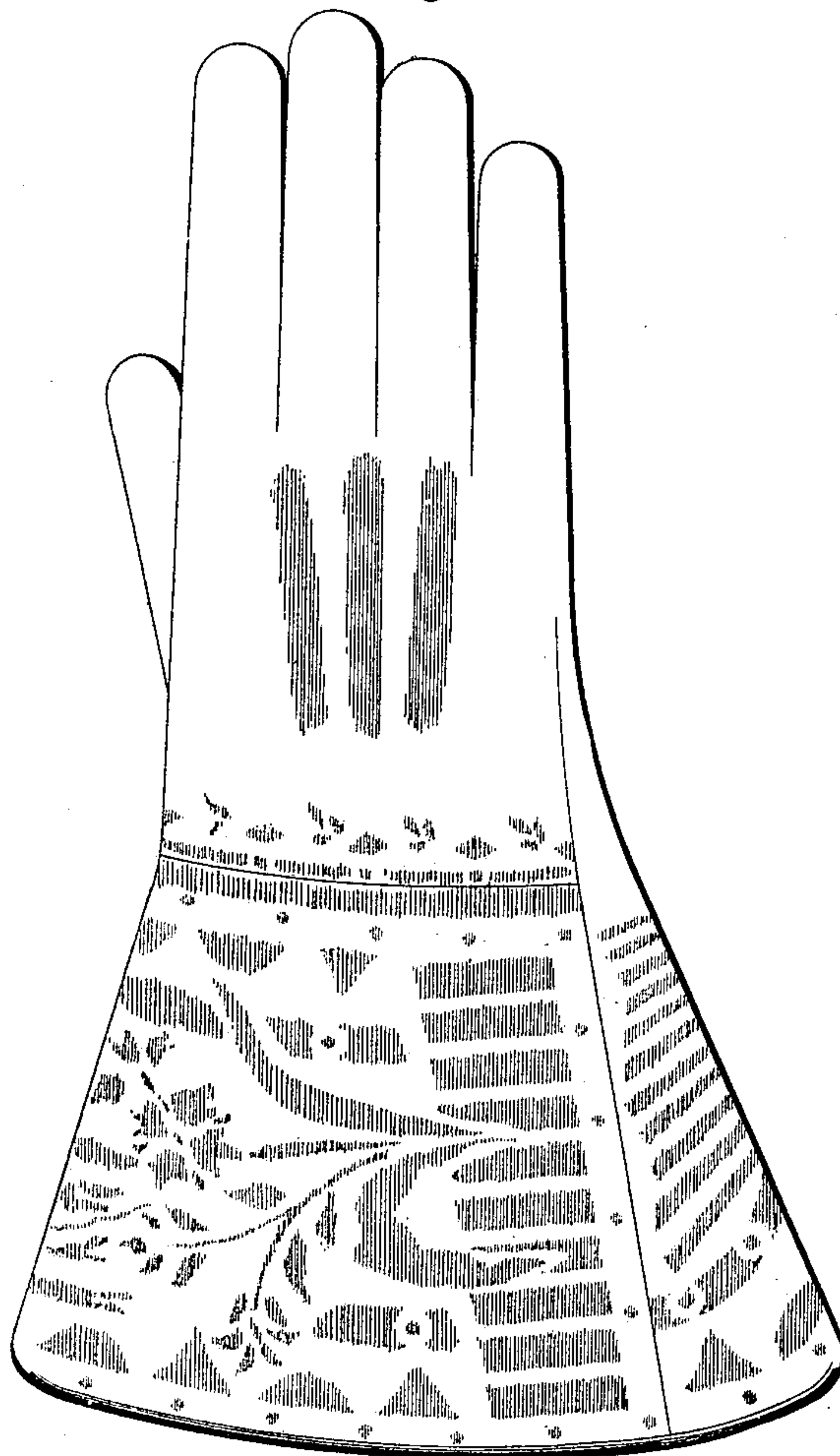
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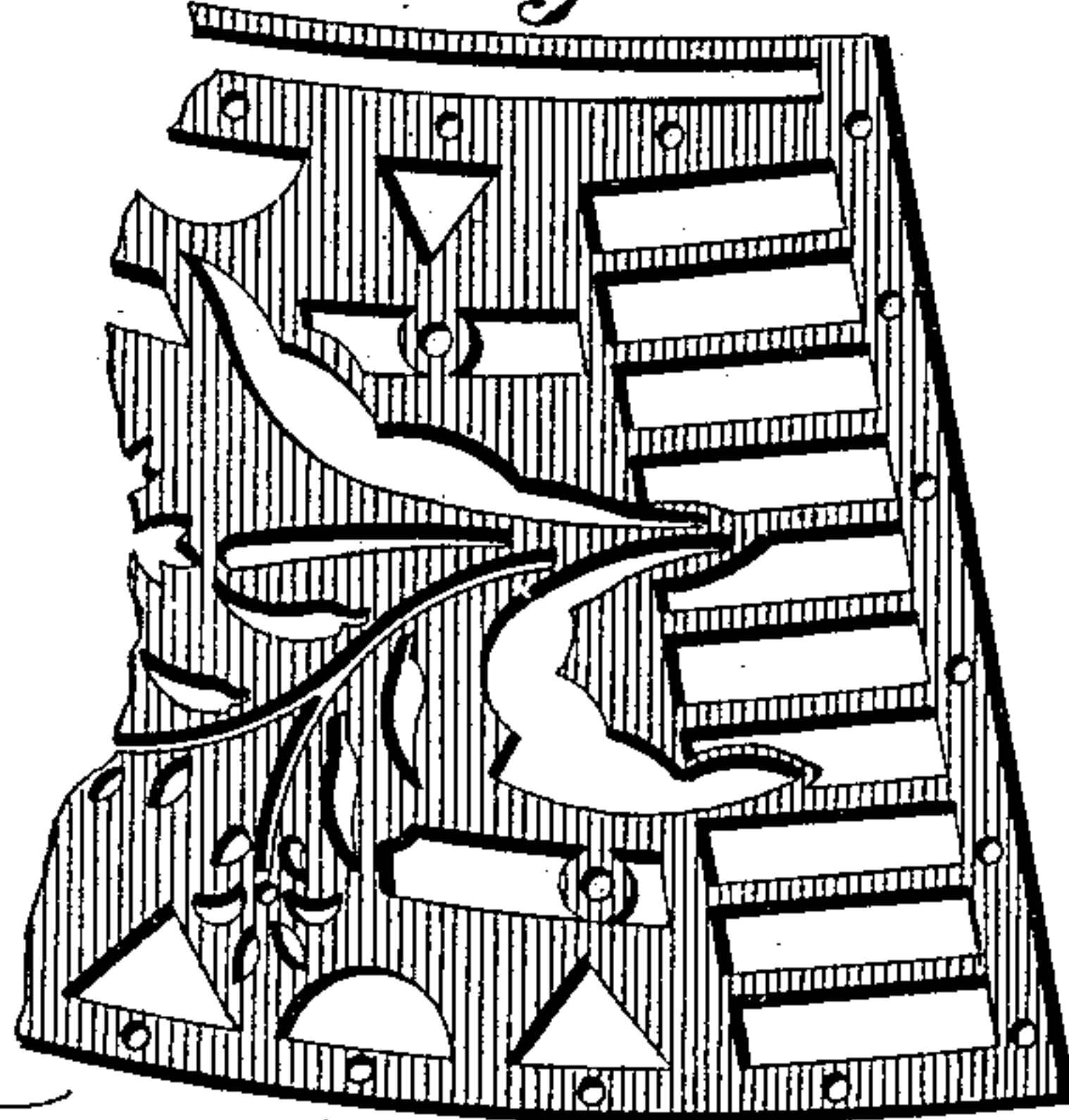
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## METHOD OF ORNAMENTING LEATHER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, PAUL HANNIG, a citizen of the United States, residing at Gloversville, in the county of Fulton and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in the Method of Ornamenting Leather, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a method of ornamenting leather; and it has for its object to provide a means whereby a lasting or fixed figure of any desired design may be imprinted upon gloves and other similar articles.

The method consists of covering the article to be ornamented with a pattern consisting of a sheet of metal, paper, or similar material which is impervious to smoke, and is provided with openings in the form of the desired figure, after which the article thus covered is placed in a smoke-house and the smoke is allowed to discolor or stain the exposed portions of the article, while the covered portions are protected from the action. It will be seen that any article or material which will be affected in color by the action of smoke may be ornamented in this manner.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view of a glove ornamented in my improved manner. Fig. 2 is a view of a pattern such as is used to cover the article before it is placed within the smoke house.

The pattern is laid on the glove over that portion which is desired to be ornamented, and that portion which is intended to remain plain or unornamented is entirely concealed or protected. The glove is now placed in a smoke-house or smoke-box and smoke is supplied in ordinary way, which, acting on the portions of the article exposed, discolors or stains the same and produces a change of color which in configuration corresponds with the pattern

which has been employed. The bounding lines of the said figures are not irregular or broken, but are clear cut and firm.

This method of ornamenting is simple, as will be seen, and it may be employed in connection with any material which may be discolored or changed in appearance by the action of smoke. This action which produces the ornamentation does not impair the strength or durability of the material; but it produces upon it an appearance which cannot be effaced.

The ribs on the back of the glove, which consist ordinarily of braid which is sewed on, may be imitated by discoloring the material, and the advantage is that the material of the glove is not perforated to secure it in place, it cannot be torn off, it looks at a short distance exactly like the braid, and it is not as expensive to put in place.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. The method of ornamenting leather and other materials which are changed in appearance by smoke, consisting in covering the article with a pattern of metal, paper, or other similar impervious material having the desired figure cut therein and exposing the same to the action of smoke, substantially as specified.

2. As an article of manufacture, the glove having its surface ornamented by the action of smoke, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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