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GLOVE FASTENING.

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Fig: 1.

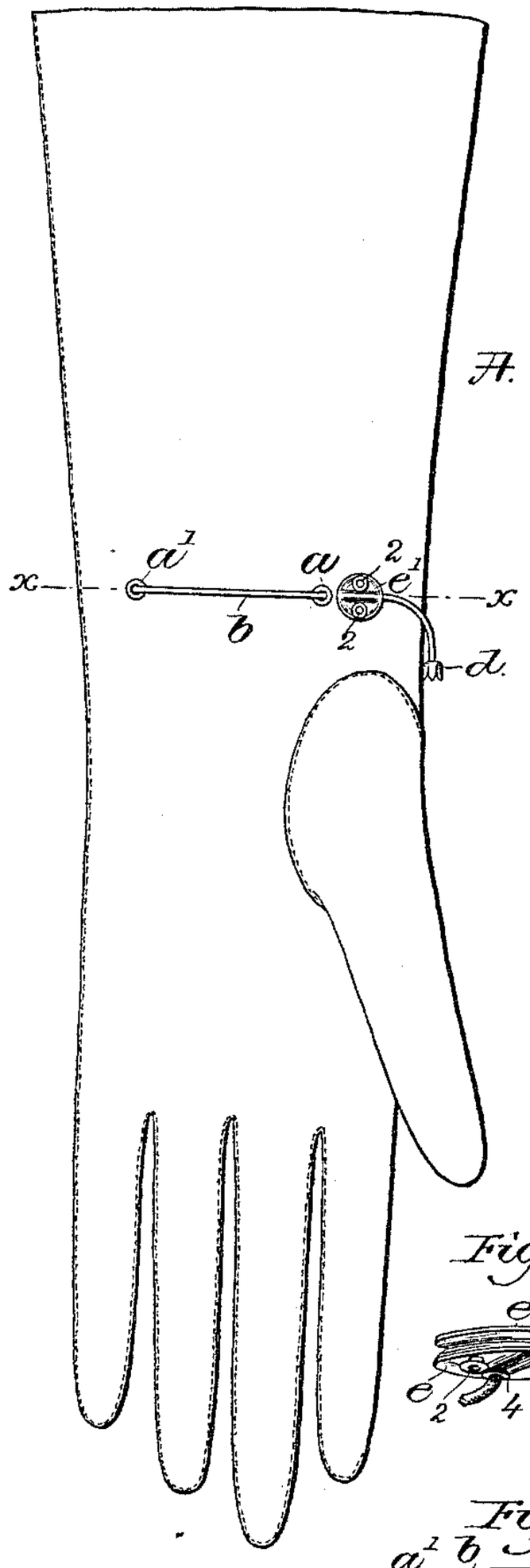
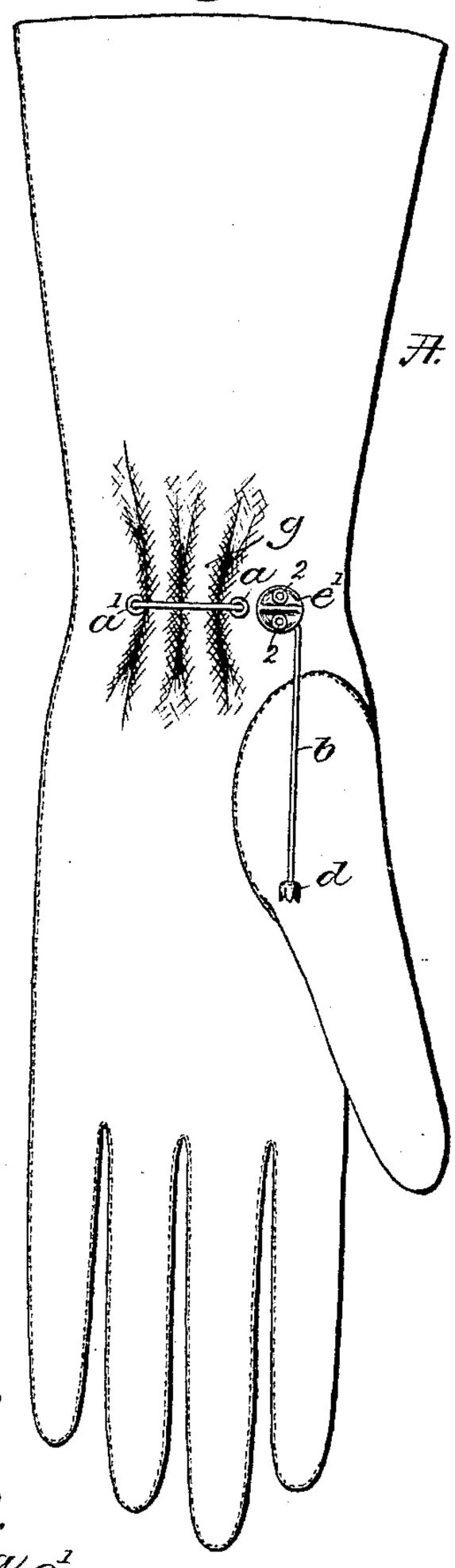


Fig: 2.



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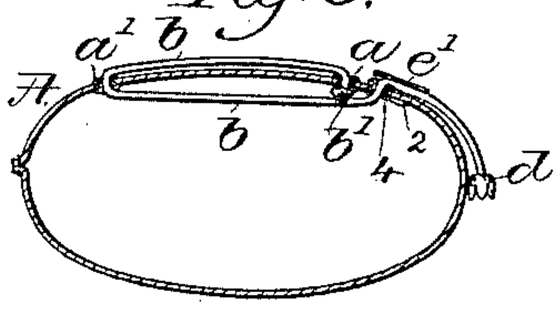

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH S. HEALEY, of Boston, county of Suffolk, State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Gloves, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like letters and figures on the drawings representing like parts.

Prior to my invention long-wristed gloves have been made and used wherein the wrist is without a slit, and long-wristed gloves have also been provided with a slit at the wrist and with lacing-hooks adapted to be engaged by a cord attached to the material of the glove at the wrist, and also button-holes and buttons have been used instead of a cord and hooks. The first class of glove without a slit at the wrist does not fit the wrist of the wearer sufficiently close, and is objectionable because of its untidy appearance. Gloves having a slit at the wrist and provided with hooks such as referred to are also objectionable, because the hooks are uncomfortable to the wrist and are liable to be torn out of the slit, admits cold air to the wrist, and if the glove is at all large at the wrist the cord engaging the lacing-hook cannot be made to insure a close fit of the glove at the wrist.

The invention herein contained is intended as an improvement upon that class of glove-fastening wherein a cord or equivalent, as a braid, is used, the object of the invention being to enable the wrist of a glove without a slit or a closed-wrist glove to have a greater range of adaptability or adjustment to wrists of different sizes.

In accordance with my invention a glove having a whole or unslitted wrist has connected to it a drawing or shirring cord and a clamping device to hold the cord in any position in which it may be left after drawing, shirring, or plaiting the inner side of the glove at the inner side of the wrist.

My invention therefore consists in a fastening for a glove having an unslitted or whole wrist, consisting of a shirring-cord extended along the inside of the glove and back on the outside thereof, the wrist material lying between the portion of the shirring-cord which is inside the glove and that portion which is outside the glove, by which to shirr or plait the wrist between the said inner and outer portions of said cord, and a clamping or fastening device secured to the glove to hold the shirring-cord in the position in which it may be drawn, substantially as will be described.

I have also shown a novel form of clamp, which will form the subject of claims at the end of this specification.

Figure 1 shows the inner side of a glove embodying my invention, the same being loose about the wrist; Fig. 2, a view of the inner side of the glove, shirred or puckered at the wrist. Fig. 3 is a section in the line *x*, Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is an isometrical perspective of the clamping device detached.

The glove A may be composed of any usual or suitable material and of any desired or usual shape, and by the term "glove," as herein used, I intend to cover any form of hand-covering.

To the inner side of the glove, as herein represented, I have applied a small eyelet *a*, it receiving through it the shirring or puckering cord *b*, said cord having preferably at its inner end a knot *b'*, as represented in Fig. 3.

The glove as herein represented has secured to it a clamping device *c*, to be hereinafter described, the said clamping device in the present embodiment of my invention being shown as secured in place upon the glove by two eyelets 2, the glove preferably having an additional eyelet, as *a'*, near the opposite side of the wrist of the glove, through which the cord *b* is passed into the glove, and along the inner side thereof and out through an eyelet 4 in the clamp, the end of the cord having preferably a tassel or spangle *d* applied to it, chiefly, however, for ornamentation, somewhat for convenience in getting a better hold and making a stronger pull upon the cord. The clamping device shown is composed of two spring-metal plates *e e'*, suitably dished to give to them greater flexibility and strength, a passage being left between the two disks through which the cord is drawn, the two disks being represented as held together by the eyelets, but they might be suitable rivets or pins 2, and the cord to be fastened will be drawn into the space between the

rounded or beveled faces of the two disks, as represented in Fig. 2, at either side of the eyelets or studs 2.

Fig. 2 shows the cord as drawn and fastened, the glove being puckered or gathered, as represented at *g*, the degree of the puckering or gathering depending upon the size of the wrist of the wearer of the glove.

A glove of the class described may be made to fit any wrist belonging to a hand which may enter the fingers of the glove, and by the use of the cord the glove may be made to fit a greater range of sizes of wrists than when the cord co-operates with lacing-studs, as heretofore practiced.

I claim—

1. A glove having an unslitted or solid wrist and provided with a shirring-cord extended along the inside of the glove and back on the outside thereof, the wrist material lying between the portion of the shirring-cord which is inside the glove and that portion which is outside the glove by which to shirr or plait the wrist between the said inner and outer portions of said shirring-cord, and a clamping or fastening device secured to the glove to hold the cord in the position to which it may be drawn in fitting the glove to the wrist, substantially as described.

2. The herein-described fastening for a glove having an unslitted wrist portion, consisting of a shirring-cord secured at one end to the glove and extended along the inside of the glove and back on the outside thereof, the wrist material lying between the two portions of the shirring-cord, and a clamping or fastening device for the end of said cord, comprising two spring-metal plates having rounded or beveled faces and a passage between the disks through which the cord is drawn, the disks being secured together and to the glove, the shirring-cord being retained in adjusted position between the faces of the plates, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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