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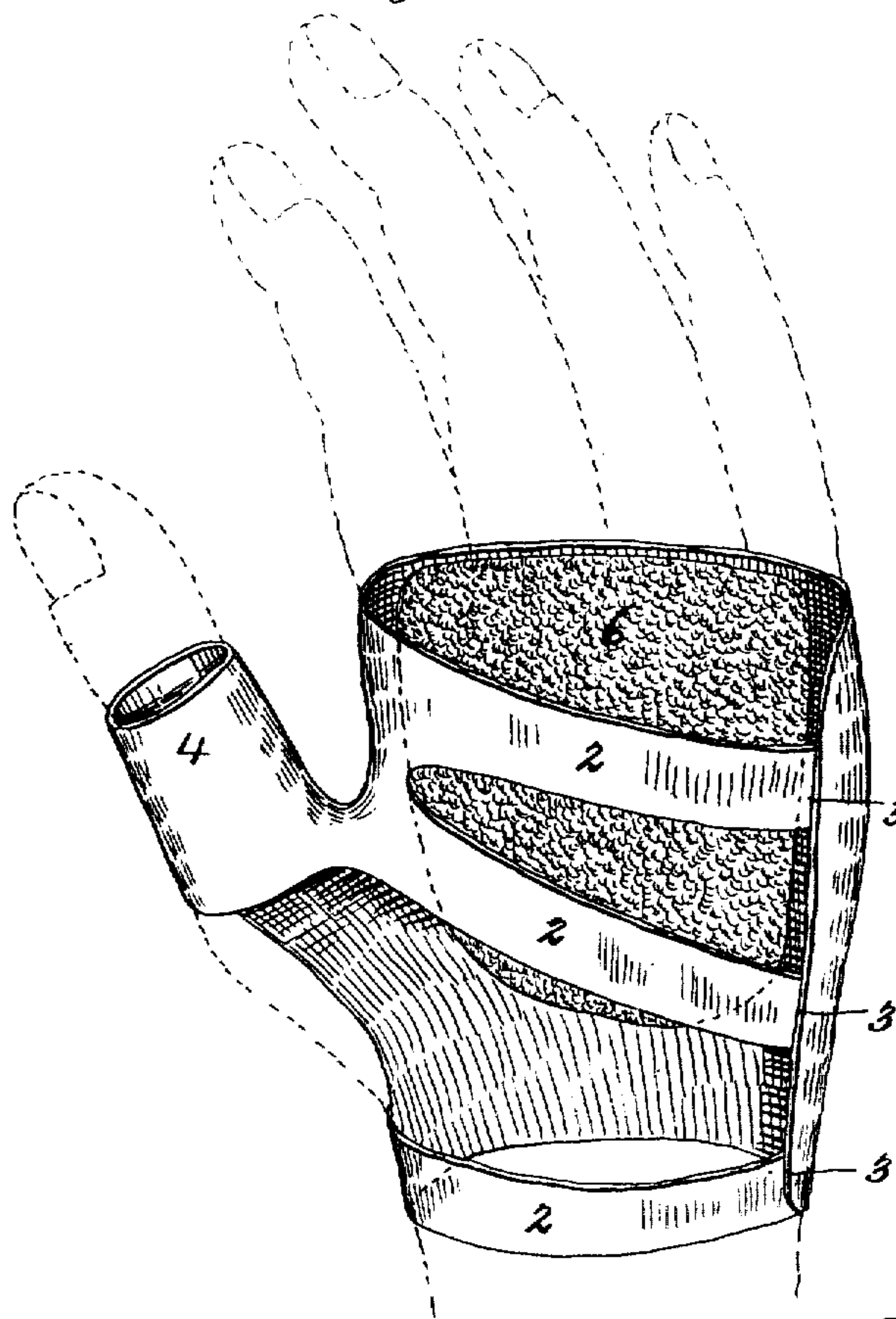
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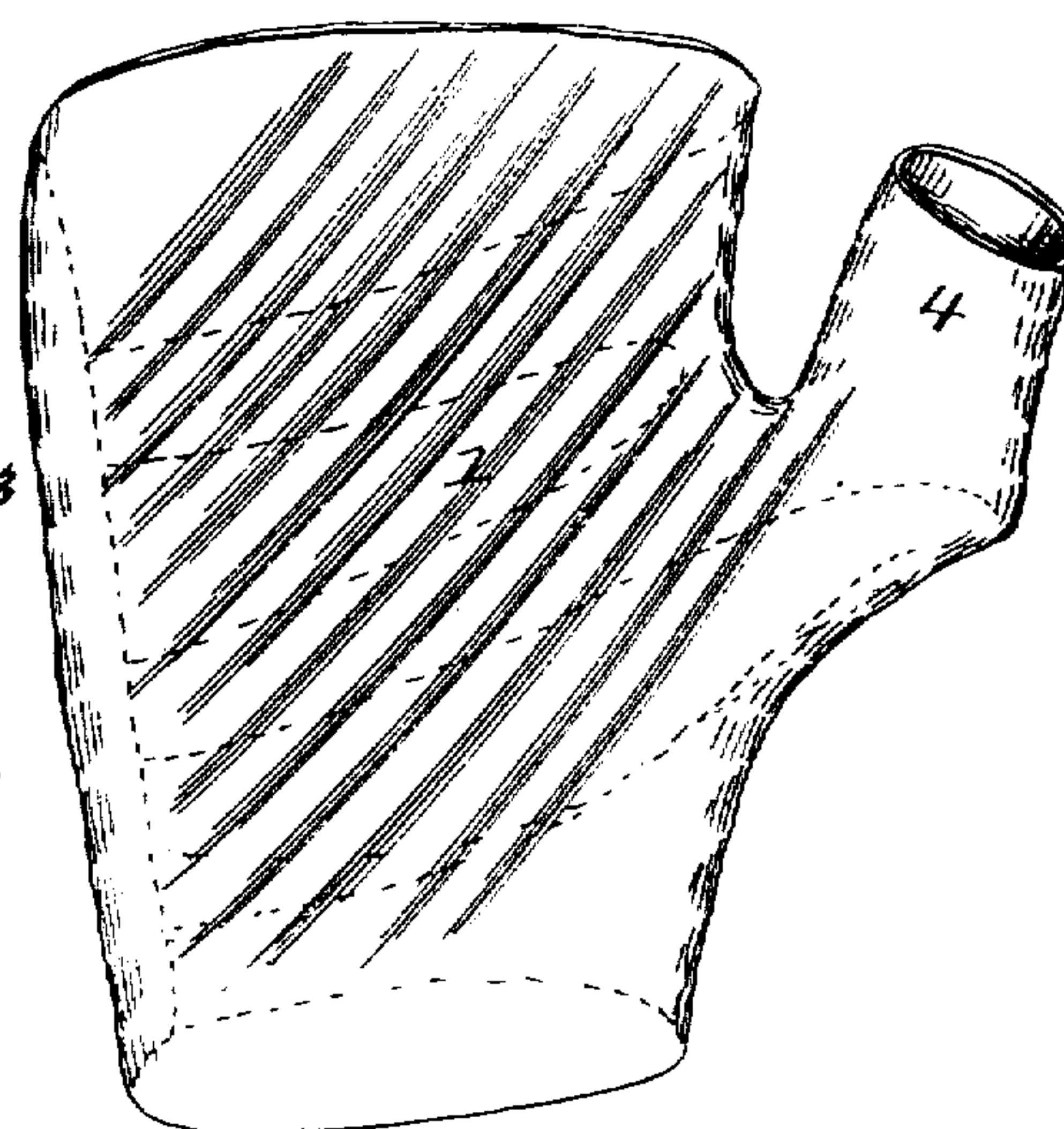
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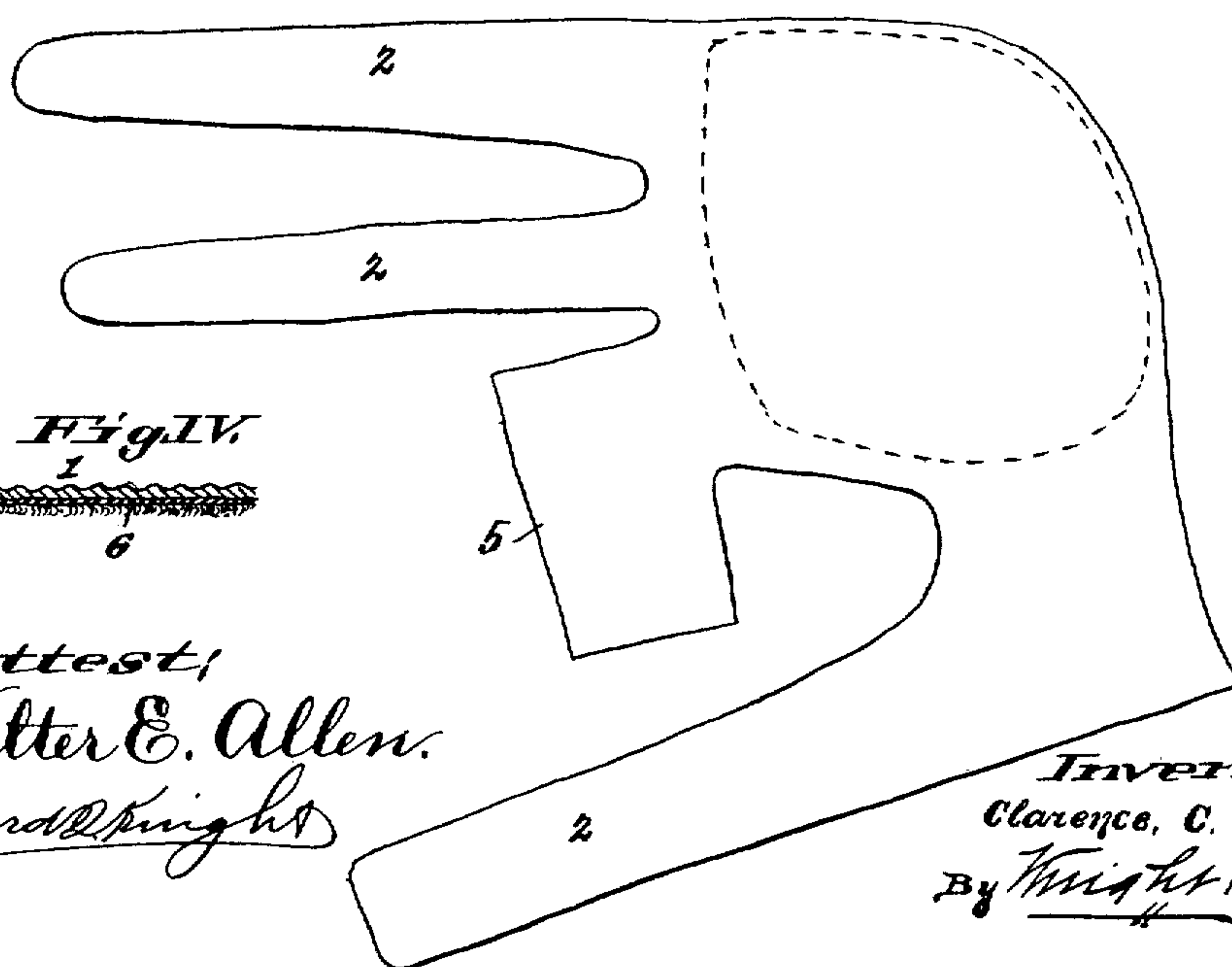
*Fig. I.*



*Fig. II.*



*Fig. III.*



*Fig. IV.*



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## TENNIS-GLOVE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

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

My invention relates to a glove to be used by lawn-tennis players upon the hand holding the racket; and it consists in features of novelty hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

Figure I is a perspective view illustrative of my invention and looking at the back of the glove. Fig. II is a similar view looking at the face or palm side of the glove. Fig. III is a diagram showing a blank for forming the glove. Fig. IV is a detail section of the palm of the glove and its lining.

Tennis-players have heretofore experienced great difficulty in holding the racket firmly, especially when the hand becomes moistened; and the object of my invention is to provide a means for obviating this difficulty, while the free movement of the fingers and thumb is not interfered with.

1 represents the palm part of a glove or mitten, which is preferably made fingerless and its edges joined by straps 2, which pass around the back of the hand and around the wrist, as shown clearly in Fig. I, these straps being preferably formed integral with one side of the glove and cemented to the other side, as shown at 3.

4 represents the thumb, formed by a portion 5, (see Fig. III,) the edges of which are cemented together.

In Fig. III the straps 2 are shown opened out, so as to illustrate the blank as it is first cut out or molded and before the ends of the

straps are cemented to the palm portion of the glove or mitten and the edges of the thumb portion cemented together.

The material of which the glove or mitten is composed is rubber, so as to provide a surface which will cleave to the racket-handle, and to further facilitate this object the palm of the glove is corrugated, as shown in Figs. II and IV, upon its outer surface, and to prevent the use of the glove being affected by the moisture of the hand the palm of the glove is lined on its inner surface, as shown at 6, the lining being composed of some suitable material which will readily absorb the moisture. For this purpose I prefer to employ some suitable felt, as this has proven to be very satisfactory. This lining also serves to prevent the glove from slipping on the hand. A tennis glove or mitten thus formed leaves the player with the free use of his hand, while obviating the difficulties referred to.

I claim as my invention—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a rubber tennis-glove having its palm lined with an absorptive material, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a rubber tennis-glove formed with a corrugated palm and a lining of some suitable absorptive material, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. As a new article of manufacture, a rubber tennis-glove having the palm lined with a suitable felt, whereby the moisture from the hand will be absorbed and the glove prevented from slipping on the hand, substantially as set forth.

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