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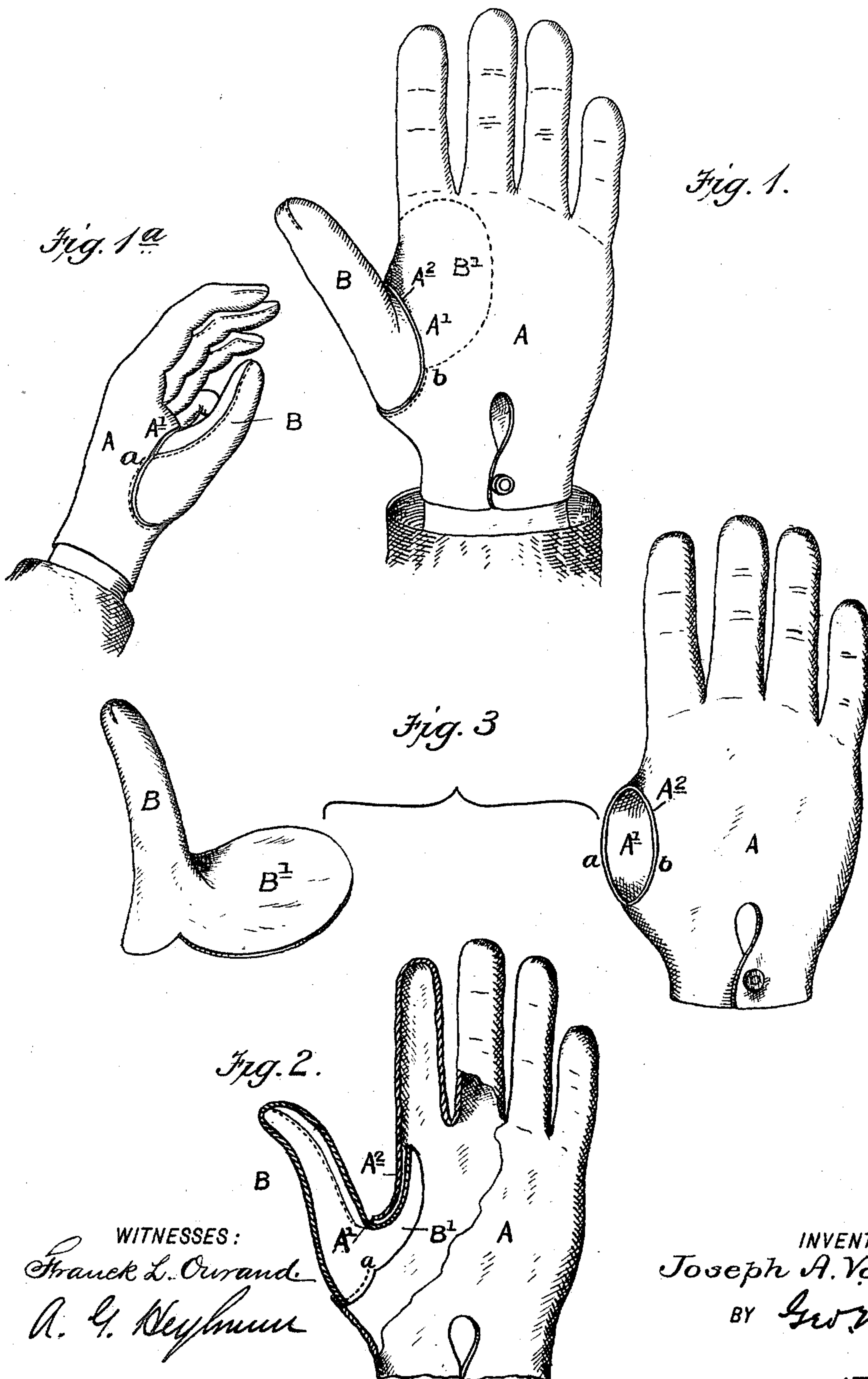
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH A. VOGAN, a citizen of the United States, residing in Worth township, Butler county, Pennsylvania, (post-office address Grantborough, Lawrence county, Pennsylvania,) have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Gloves, of which the following is a specification.

10 The object of my invention is to provide a glove in which there will be perfect freedom of movement between the thumb and the palm due to making an open joint at such portion; also, to provide the free edge of the thumb portion with a flap, which projects under the free edge of the palm at the thumb-opening, so as to close the open joint and yet allow of perfect freedom of movement. These objects I accomplish by the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figures 1 and 1^a are perspectives of my improved glove, the flap extension of the thumb being shown in dotted lines under the palm. 25 Fig. 2 is a sectional view through the glove at the thumb-joint, and Fig. 3 shows the thumb and body of the glove disconnected.

A represents a glove, which may be of any desired style and material and has a thumb-opening A'. B is its thumb stitched to or otherwise forming a part of the body of the glove from the point *a* to the point *b*; but within the joint the thumb and glove-body are entirely disconnected, so as to allow the thumb to be moved in all directions without placing any seam or stitching under strain. To close the open joint thus formed, I provide the base of the thumb B with a flap or

extension B', which extends under the free edge A² of the thumb-opening A', so that the joint while free is closed. This extension or flap B' is wholly disconnected from the palm or body of the glove and slides thereunder and adapts itself evenly thereto by the act of inserting the hand. The edge A² of opening A' extends close up to the lower portion of the thumb, so that its flap is only slightly exposed and will not accidentally pull out of the opening in manipulating the wearer's thumb.

The improvement may be applied to hand-coverings of all descriptions, and the term "glove" is used merely for convenience.

The improved thumb-joint herein described, while applicable to the finest qualities of gloves, is designed more particularly for the heavier classes of hand-coverings—such as driving-gloves, workmen's gloves, and baseball and athletic mits.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A glove or hand-covering provided with an open thumb-joint and a loose internal flap covering said joint substantially as described.

2. A glove or hand-covering provided with an open thumb-joint and a loose flap extending from the thumb across the joint and under the palm portion, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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