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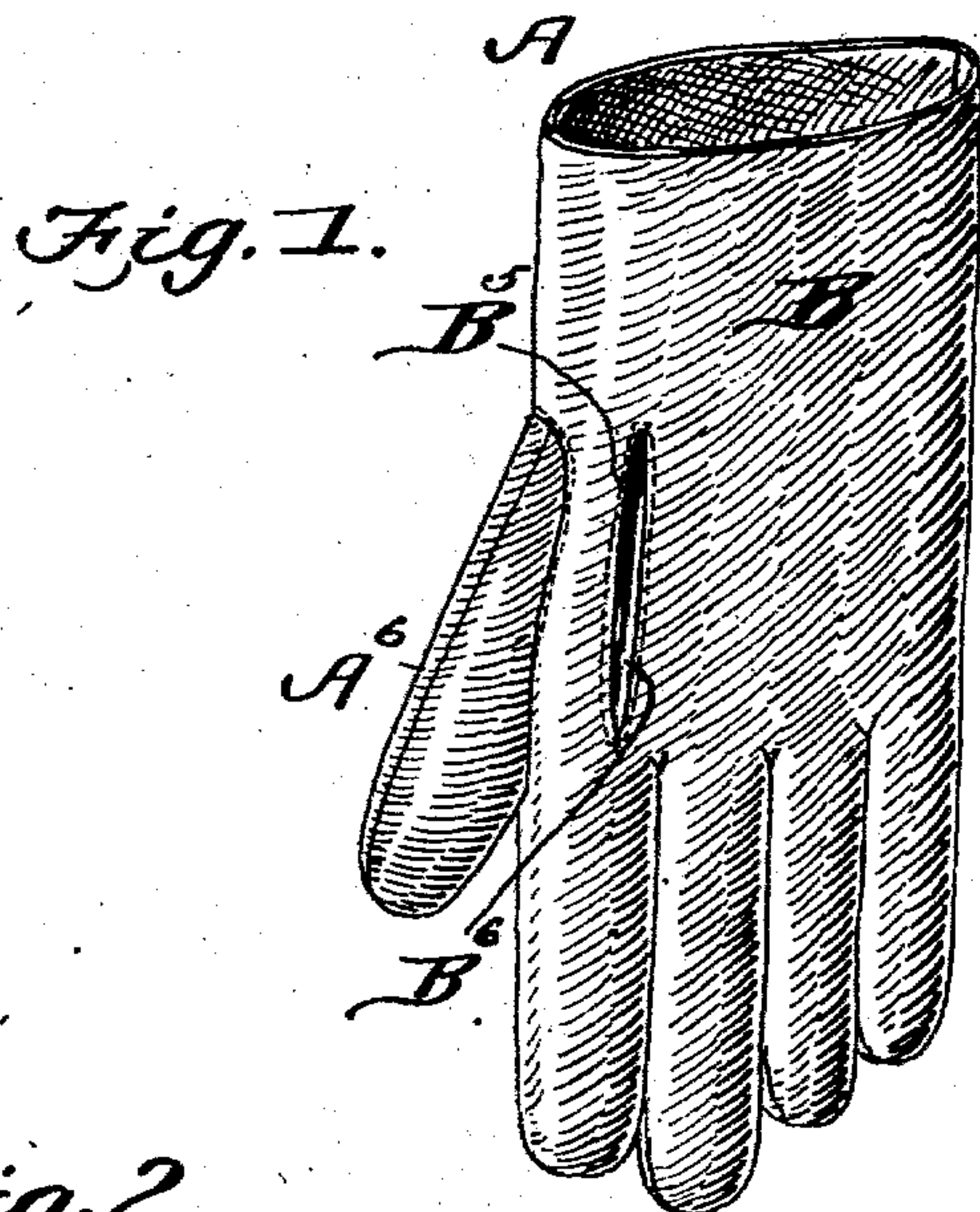


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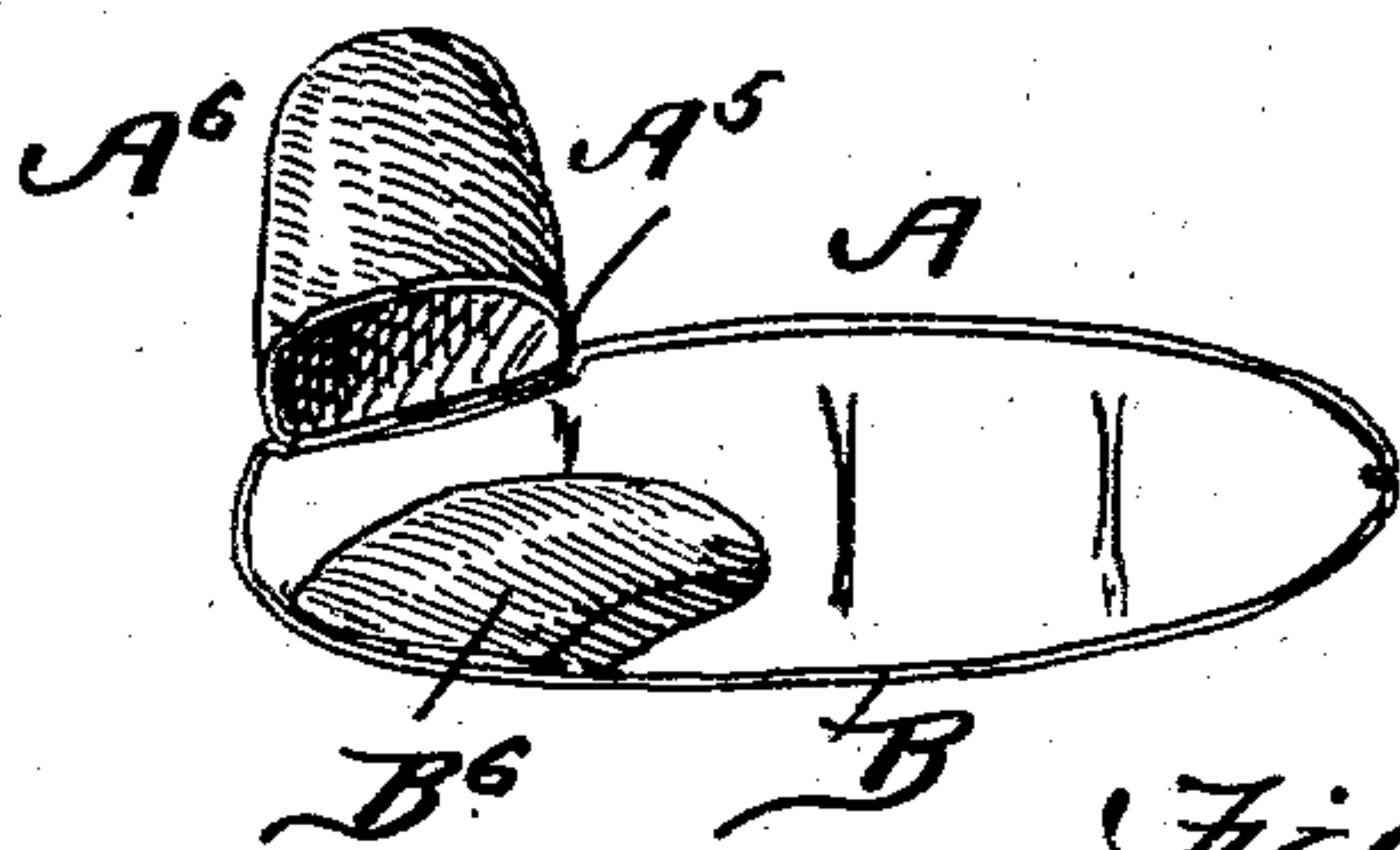


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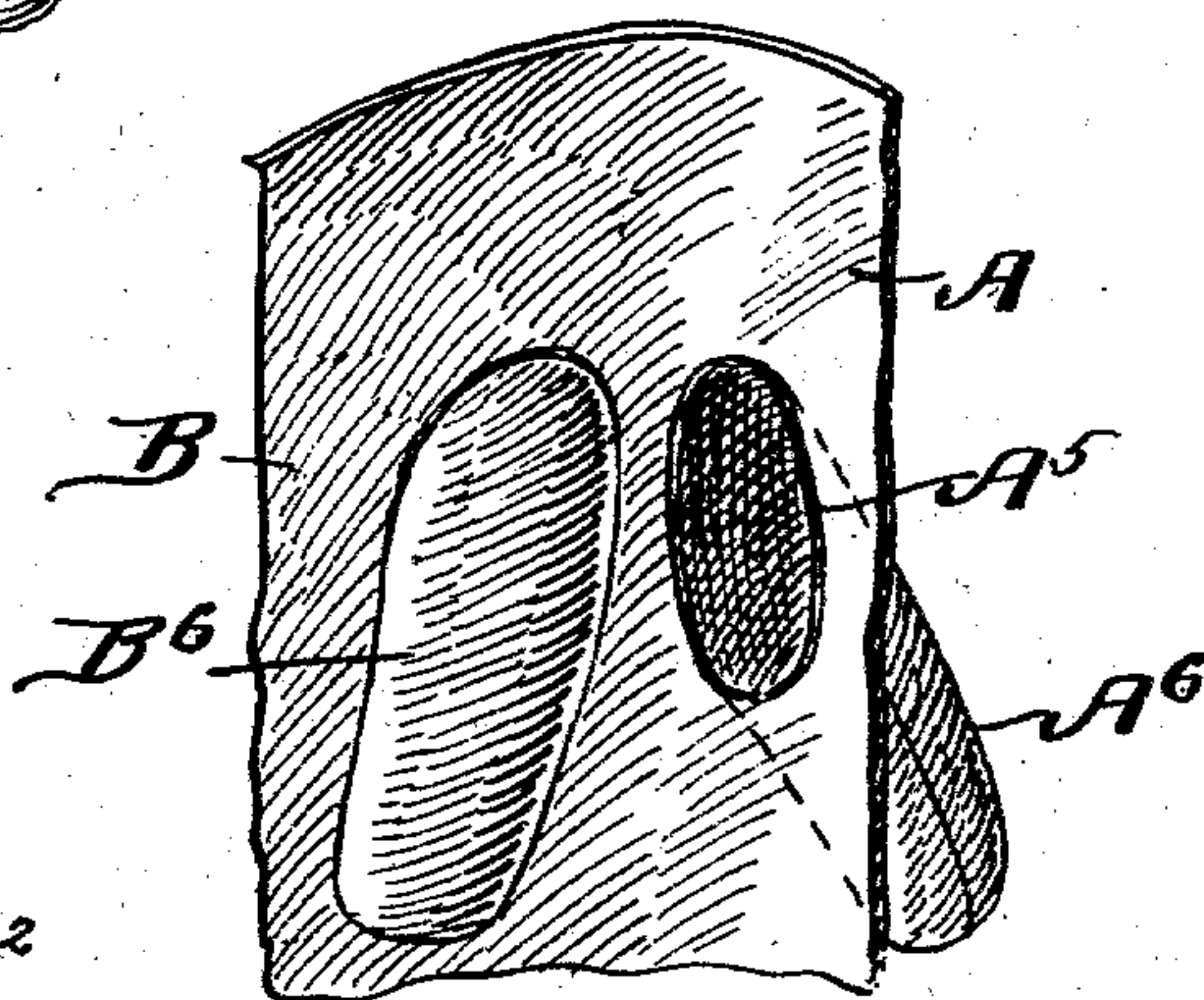


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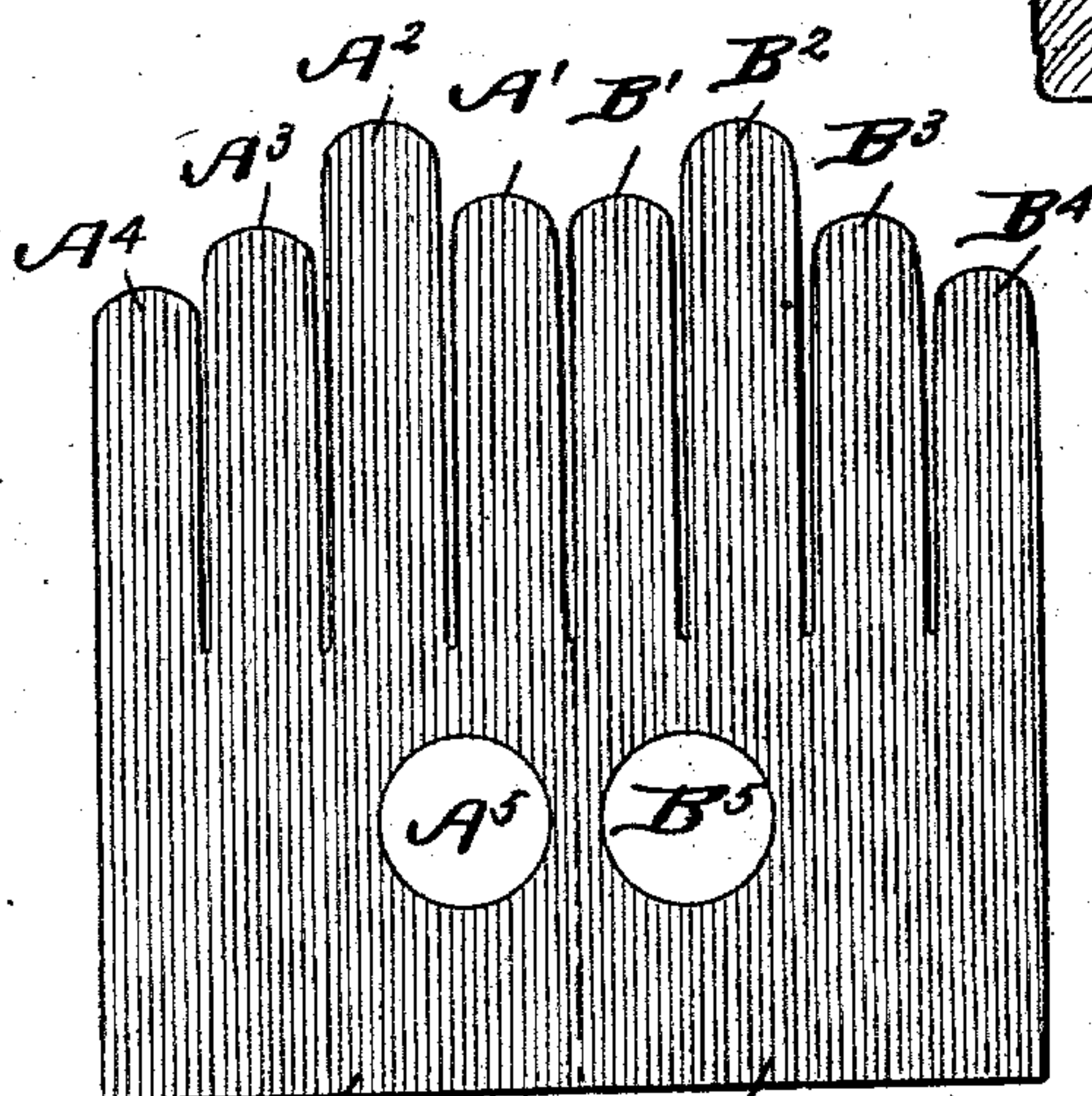
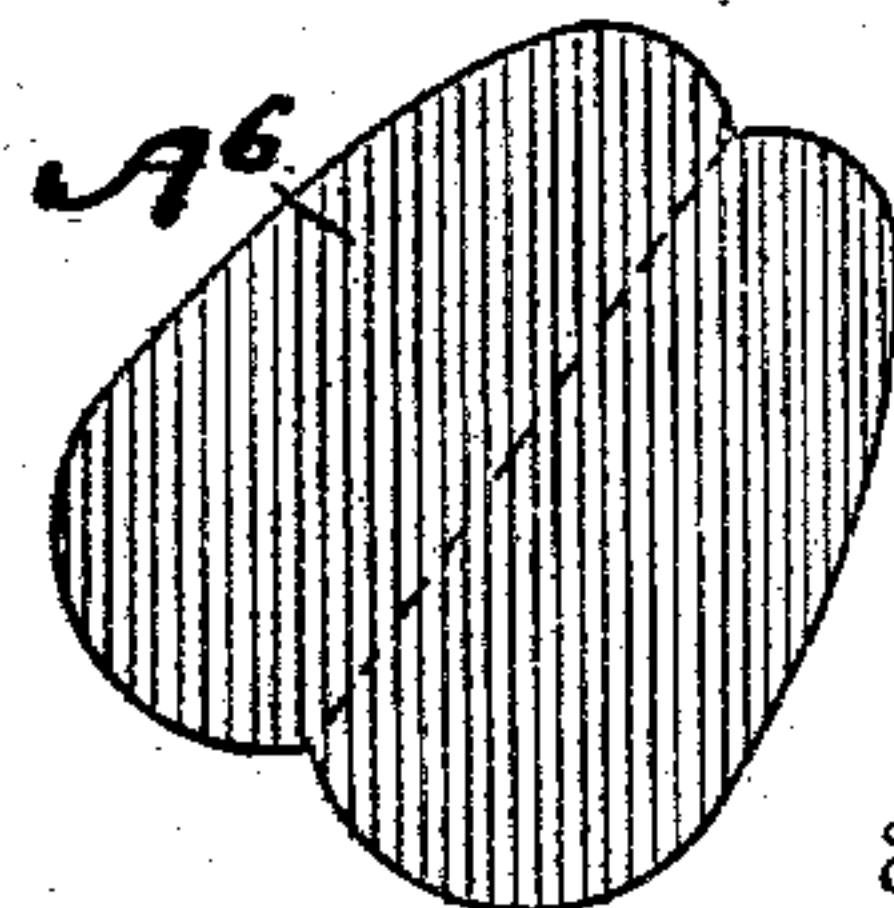


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANCIS McCONNELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Gloves, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates generally to gloves, and more particularly to a glove intended for workingmen's use. It frequently happens that men are compelled to wear a glove upon one hand or the other for the purpose of handling certain kinds of material, and an ordinary glove will become worn out in the palm or upon the inside, while the back portion remains perfectly good. Furthermore, it frequently happens that one glove wears out much sooner than the other, owing to the frequency with which one glove is used.

The object of my invention is to provide a glove which shall be exactly alike on the front and back, and consequently reversible, thereby increasing the use of the glove exactly twofold.

With these various objects in view the invention consists, essentially, in constructing a glove with front and back portions exactly alike, each portion having a thumb attached thereto, thus rendering the glove a double reversible one.

The invention consists also in certain details hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a glove constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view. Fig. 3 is a detail view showing the arrangement of two thumbs. Fig. 4 is a plan view of the blank from which the glove is made, and Fig. 5 is a view of the blank from which the thumb is made.

In carrying out my invention I employ two faces A and B, which are preferably united along one edge, and the two together constitute a single blank, the portion A having the finger portions A', A², A³, and A⁴, while the portion B has finger portions B', B², B³, and B⁴, and when the blank is folded upon the dotted lines these finger portions are stitched together, providing the four fingers of the glove, and it will be noted that the front and

back portions of the blank and of the glove are exactly alike. The portion A has a thumb-opening A⁵, and directly opposite the portion B has the thumb-opening B⁵. A thumb A⁶ is sewed into the thumb-opening A⁵, and a thumb B⁶ is sewed into the thumb-opening B⁵. This completes the glove, and it will be noted that the front and back are exactly alike and that one thumb is connected to the front, while the other thumb is connected to the back of the glove. When one thumb is in use, the other thumb is reversed and turned into the glove, and owing to its location it will not be at all inconvenient to the wearer.

In the drawings I have shown the glove arranged for use upon the left hand, and when the front face becomes worn or when it is desired to use the glove upon the right hand the thumb at the rear is pulled out and the one at the front reversed and pushed in.

When gloves are constructed as herein shown and described, they can be bought singly or in quantities, and it will not be necessary to make and sell them in pairs, as is done at the present time.

It will of course be understood that a glove embodying my invention may be constructed of any desirable material, and while primarily intended to protect the hand while handling heavy or rough articles it can be made and finished in a neat and attractive style, so as to be employed as a walking or dress glove.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. A glove formed of similar-shaped blanks united along one edge the front and rear faces of which are alike, each face having a thumb connected thereto, said thumbs being oppositely disposed, as specified.

2. A glove formed of a blank having three straight sides, the other side having an irregular outline and having seven slots extending from the margin of the irregular outline toward the opposite straight side, and two circular openings produced in the body of the blank, said blank being folded, the line of fold being between the circular openings, and stitched along the irregular outline and along the free straight edges adjacent thereto, and thumb portions secured to the edges of each of the circular openings.

3. A glove, the body portion of which is constructed from a single piece, said body portion having thumb-openings in the front and rear faces, said thumb-openings being oppositely disposed and the thumbs secured in said openings, said thumbs being reversible, as set forth.
- 5 4. A glove comprising front, back and finger portions, and having apertures in the front and back portions adjacent the index-finger portion, and thumb portions, secured to the edges of the apertures.

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