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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY L. NORTHROP, of Syracuse, in the county of Onondaga, in the State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Gloves, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to certain improveno ments in gloves adapted to be worn by motormen, trainmen, and those engaged in similar employment in which gloves are used and subjected to severe wear, especially upon the inner or palm side.

The object of my present improvement is to provide the palm of a leather glove with one extra wearing or reinforcing piece arranged to cover substantially all of the palm and to lap upon the fingers, but not stitched or otherwise secured to the fingers, so that the fingers are not only free to move independently of the wearing-piece, but when the hand is closed upon a handle or other article the wearing-piece remains in a practically smooth condition without cumbersome wrinkles or uncomfortable folds.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a face view of a glove, showing my invention as applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a sectional view taken on 30 line 2 2, Fig. 1.

Similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts in both views.

A represents a leather glove having the palm 1 and fingers 2. A wearing-piece 3 is stitched at its upper and side edges to the glove and covers the major part of the palm of the glove, the lower edge being free and laps over and upon the adjacent portions of the fingers. This wearing-piece consists of a substantially rectangular strip of leather

which is cut and fitted around the base of the thumb and stitched beneath the thumb and extends laterally the full width of the hand. It is further stitched to the palm of the hand in intersecting lines 5 and 6, run- 45 ning diagonally from corner to corner, so as to form a triangular flap 7 at the lower edge. This flap extends below the bases of the fingers, but is not secured thereto, the object being to permit the fingers and flap to slide 50 upon each other to avoid gathering or folding or excessive wrinkling of the wearing-piece when the hand is gripped upon an object and also to prevent wear upon the seams at the finger-joints, where the glove is subjected to 55 the greatest strains and wear. It is thus seen that this extension is seamless and free from stitches, is of less length than the fingers, and is entirely free from securement to said fingers, so that the latter have full free 60 play irrespective of the reinforcement.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A glove and a reinforcing-piece secured to 65 the palm of the glove and extending beyond the junction of the fingers with the palm and transversely across the bases of the fingers, this extension being seamless and of less length than the fingers and free from securement thereto whereby the fingers have free play and the seams at the bases of the fingers are protected from wear.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 6th day of April, 1903.

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