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Fig. 1.

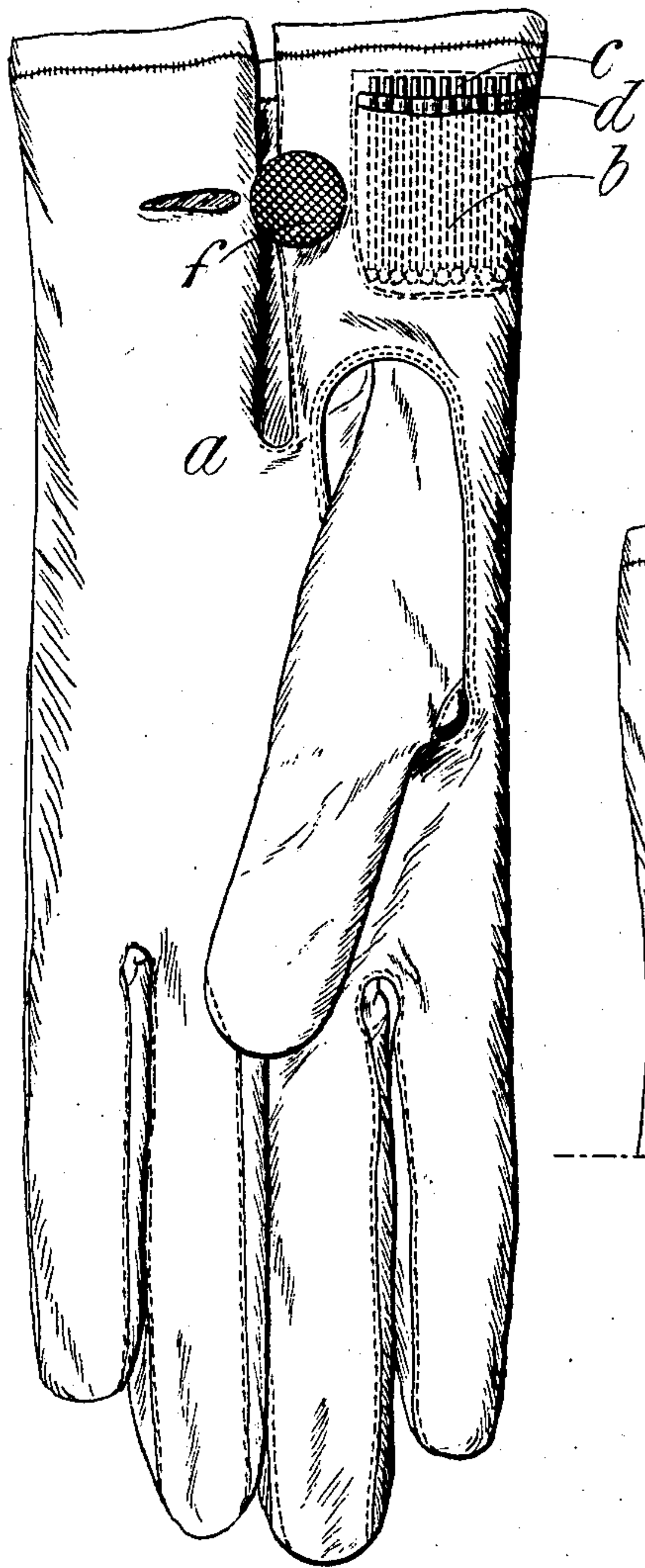
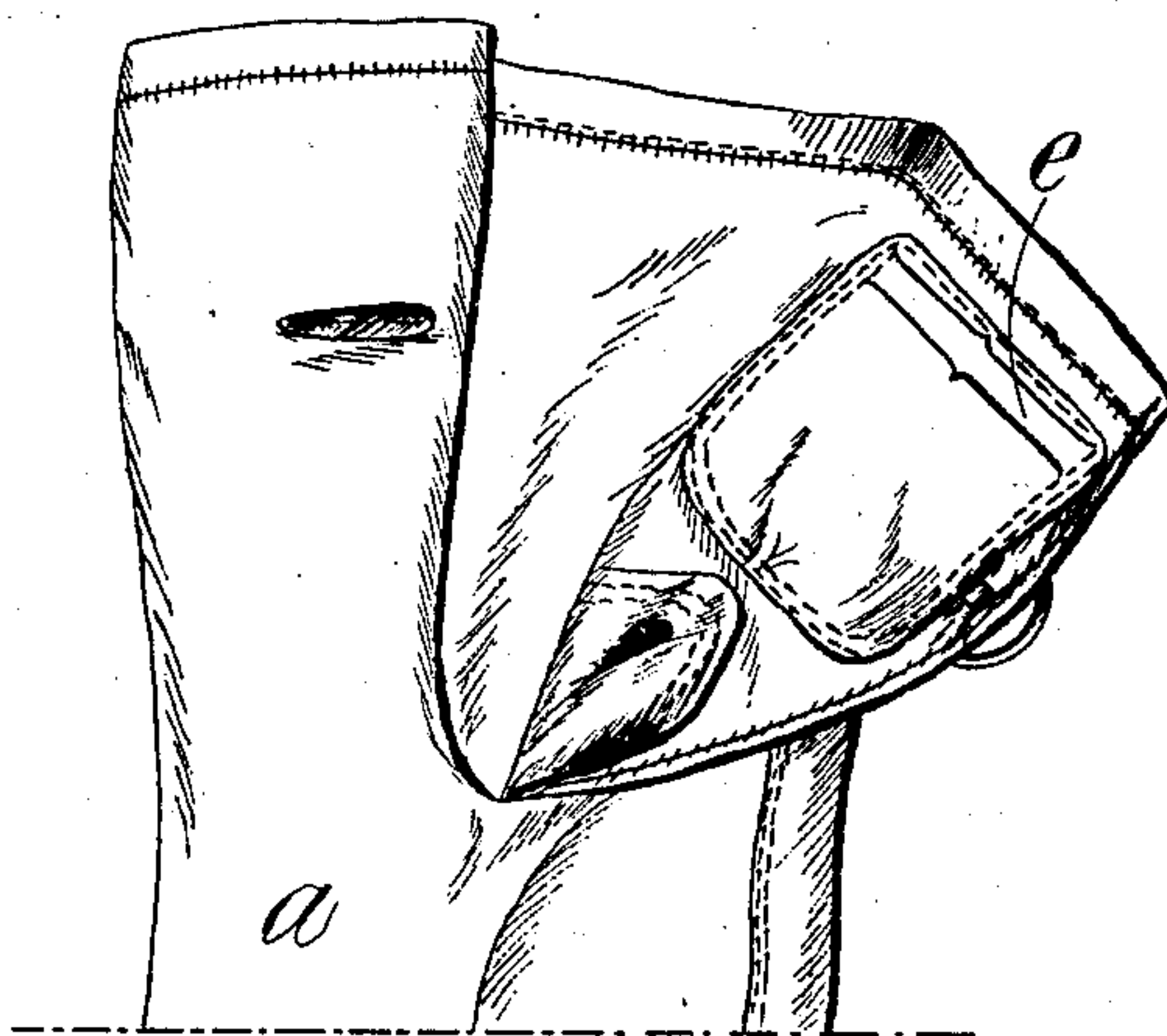


Fig. 2.



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## GLOVE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE ERNEST WOODMAN, merchant, a subject of the King of Great Britain, residing at the Sports Club, St. James's Square, London, England, have invented certain new and useful Improvements Relating to Gloves, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in gloves or articles of wearing-apparel of a like nature, such as "mitts," and has for its object to provide said gloves at all times with readily-available means for enabling the wearer to obtain and strike a match.

According to my invention I form in or attach to the wrist of the glove a pocket for containing matches. The mouth of this pocket is closed by elastic, and I may place at the back of or inside the glove adjacent to the mouth of said pocket a strip of metal or other suitable stiffener for the purpose of keeping the mouth of the pocket closed when the glove is not in wear, the construction of parts being hereinafter described, and the novel features pointed out in the claim. I also provide the glove with a conveniently-situated roughened surface on which to strike the matches.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is an outside view of a glove provided with my invention, and Fig. 2 is a view showing the inside of the glove at the back of the pocket.

*a* designates a glove which is provided with the pocket *b* for containing matches *c*. The mouth of the pocket *b* is provided with an elastic band *d*, which is stitched or otherwise secured to the outer wall of the pocket along the length of the same, so as to press inwardly against said wall equally throughout said length for the purpose of keeping the pocket closed, and thereby preventing the accidental escape of the matches. At the back of the glove is attached a strip of metal or its equivalent *e* for keeping the band *d* extended, and thus closing the mouth of the pocket *b* when the glove is not in wear.

*f* is a button having a roughened surface on which to strike the matches.

When a light is required, the wearer takes a match from the pocket *b* with the finger and thumb of the right hand and strikes said match

on the surface of the button *f*, the band *d* closing the mouth of the pocket *b* as soon as the match has been extracted.

In forming the pocket a slit is made directly in the body of the glove, producing the mouth of the pocket. Then the piece of material is placed on the inner face of said body and secured on all sides thereto, so that said piece, with the portion of the glove in front of the same, produces a space which is in communication with said slit, but otherwise closed around its edges, thus forming the pocket proper, it being noticed that the pocket as such is not superimposed nor made apparent on the exterior of the glove, said exterior thus remaining perfectly flat and unaltered, excepting it may be by the lines of stitching employed. It will also be noticed that when the pocket is filled with matches the edge of the slit nearest to the wrist is set back from the edge farthest from said wrist, so as to become the inner or rear edge, and the end of the inner piece of material at what may be termed the "inlet" of the pocket is secured to the glove material close to said set-back rear edges of the slit. Then the metallic strip *e* is located back of said rear edge, while the elastic strip is secured to the exterior of the glove material along the front edge of said slit. The inner piece of material ends close to the rear edge of the slit, so that the butt-ends of the matches cannot pass under said rear edge into the pocket, which if occurring would make the matches difficult of removal; but, on the contrary, said butt-ends remain on the exterior of the glove, where they are most conveniently accessible, and rest solidly against the exterior of the glove, owing to the resistance of the metallic or rigid strip *e* on the back and the pressure afforded by the elastic strip in front, and so the holding action of the butt-ends of the matches is firm and uniform, whereby the matches are prevented from disengaging or falling out of the pocket.

The wearer is thus at all times provided with readily-available means for obtaining a light.

I have described my invention with reference to ordinary gloves; but it is obvious that it may also be applied to mitts, or that class

of gloves which comprises a thumb and a single sack or receptacle for the fingers and is largely in use in cold climates.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

5 An interior pocket for a glove consisting of a glove having a slit directly in the material thereof, a piece of pocket-forming material on the inner side of said glove material back of  
10 said slit, said pocket-forming material being secured at its side and base to said glove material and at its inlet end along the rear edge of

said slit; a piece of rigid material extending along the back of said rear edge and secured thereto and an elastic band extending along  
15 the front edge of said slit and secured thereto.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, in presence of two subscribing witnesses, this 4th day of November, 1901.

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