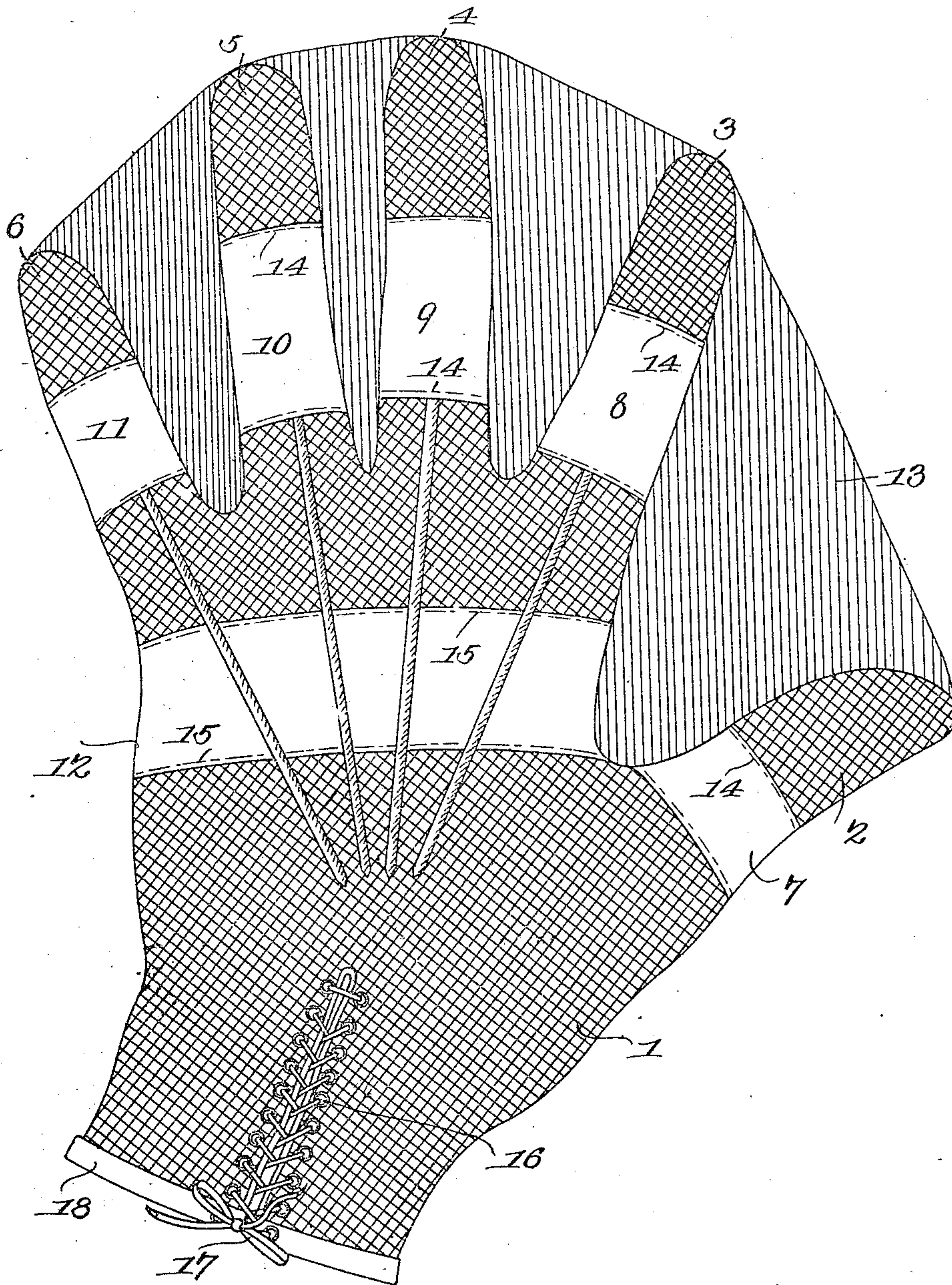


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MANUAL S. CHRISTOPHER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Survey, in the county of Lee and State of Florida, have invented a new and useful Swimming-Glove, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to swimming-gloves.

The object of the invention is to provide a normal form of glove of the character described which shall be light and durable, which when positioned upon the hand will be positively retained thereon, and which shall present an extended surface for contact with the water.

With the above and other objects in view, as will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel construction and combination of parts of a swimming-glove, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification, and in which like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts, the figure is a view in elevation of a swimming-glove constructed in accordance with the present invention viewed from the back.

The glove embodies a body or wrist portion 1, a thumb 2, fingers 3, 4, 5, and 6, thumb and finger bands or stalls 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11, a reinforcing-band 12, and a web portion 13, which is connected to the thumb and fingers in any preferred manner and presents a broad surface for contact with the water. The body portion and thumb and fingers are by preference made of a webbing in order to permit free access of water to the hand, while

the web 13 will preferably be made of a close-woven fabric or thin rubber.

The stalls 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 are located adjacent to the base of the thumb and of the fingers, respectively, and may be made of any suitable material, preferably of closely-woven fabric, and are secured to the thumb and fingers by rows of stitches 14. The reinforcing-band 12 may be made of any suitable material, preferably of closely-woven fabric, and is combined with the body of the glove by rows of stitches 15. The back of the wrist portion is divided for a portion of its length and is provided with eyelets 16, through which is threaded the lacing 17 for holding the glove tightly around the wrist, the mouth of the wrist being reinforced at 18 by a strip of fabric or the like.

By the provision of the stalls and reinforcing-band 12 the connection between the web, which is secured to these parts, and the glove is rendered more durable and stable in character, so that it will the better withstand the strains to which it will be subjected in use.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is—

A swimming-glove embodying a body portion having a thumb and fingers, flexible reinforces disposed intermediate of the thumb, fingers and the body portion, and a web secured to the thumb, fingers and reinforces.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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