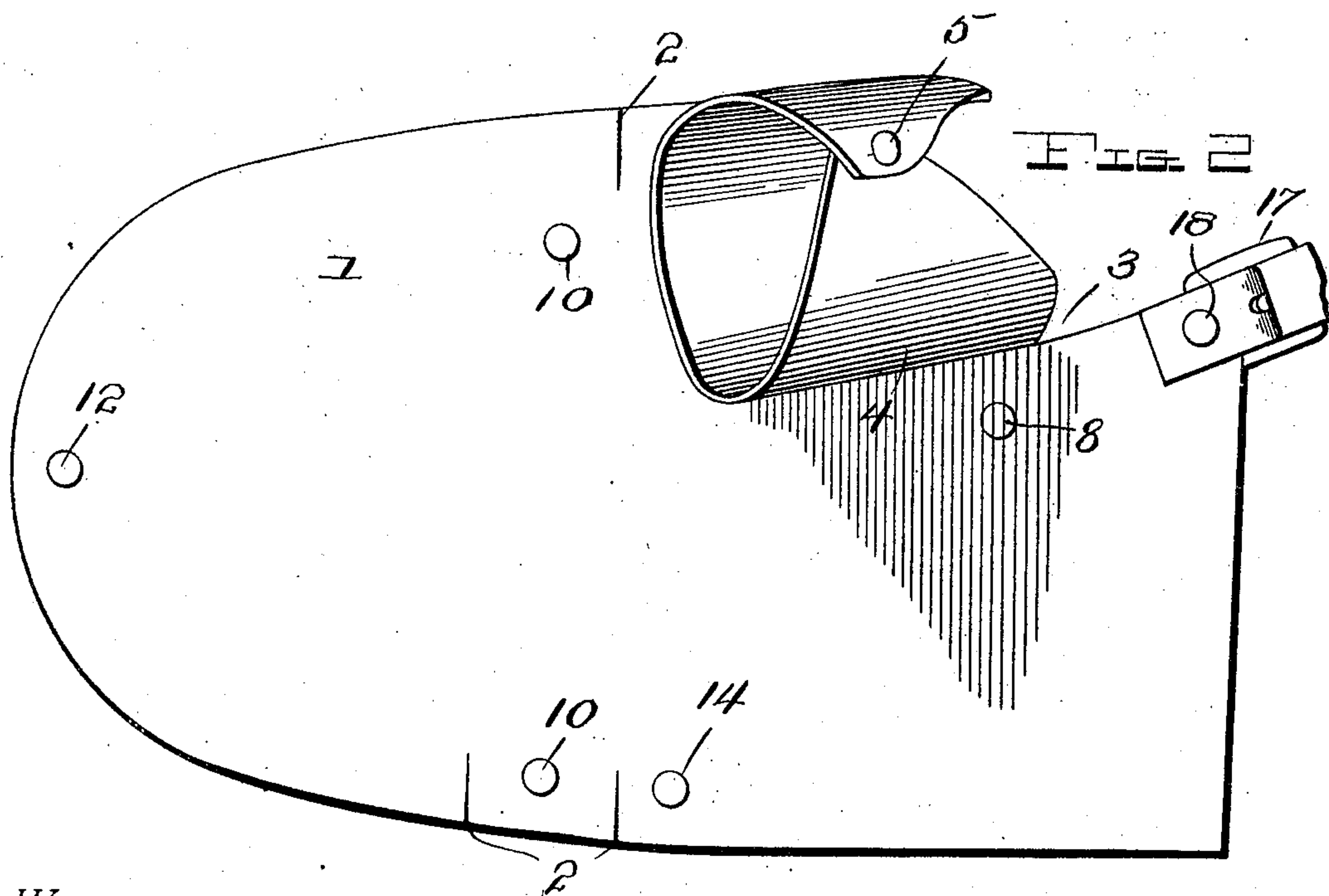
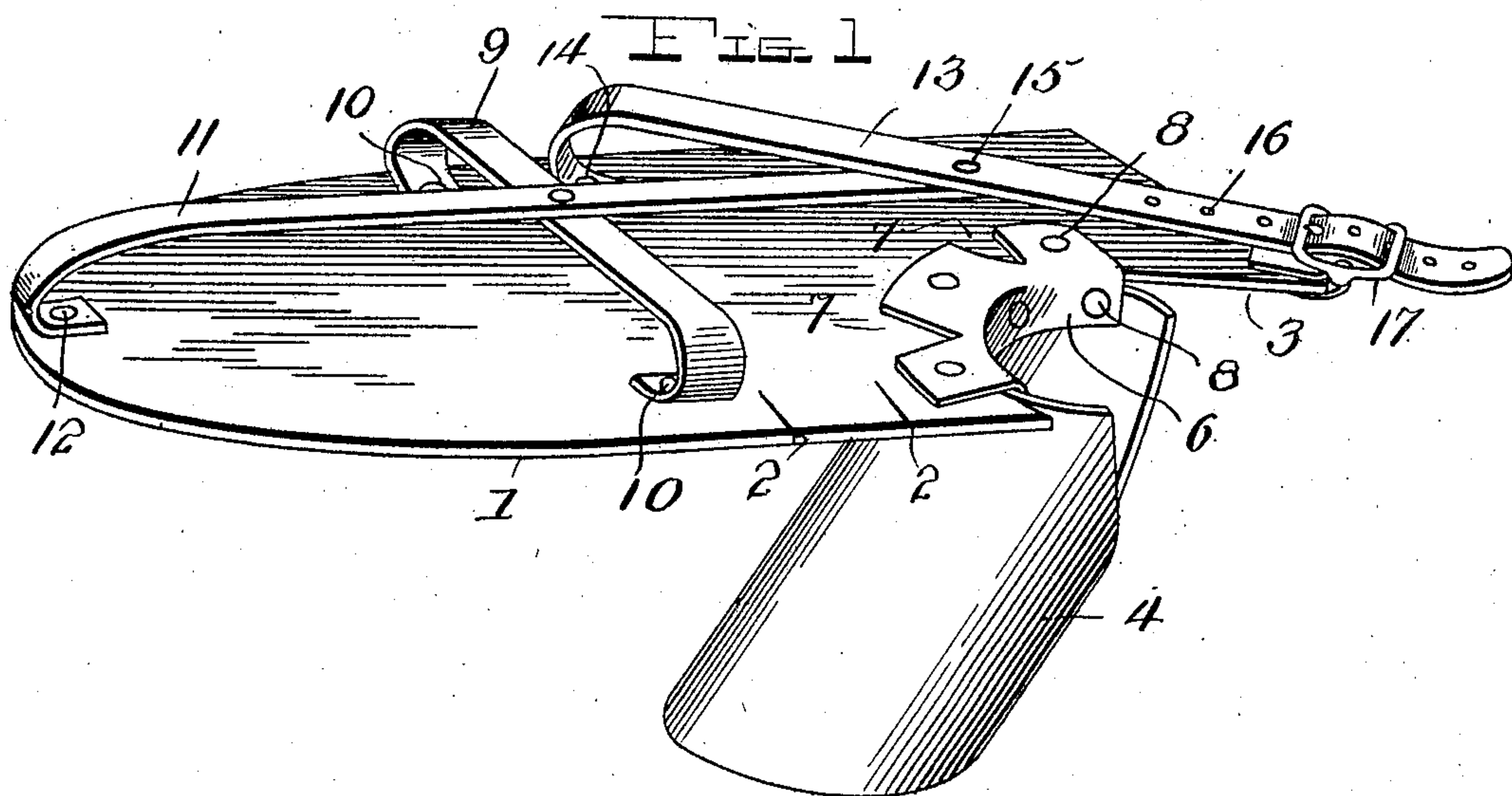


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EUGENE KEESEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lothrop, in the county of Missoula and State of Montana, have invented new and useful Improvements in Mitts, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to hand-coverings and contemplates the production of an improved mitt designed more especially for use by persons handling heavy and rough materials—such as lumber, brick, stone, iron, &c.—but which may be advantageously worn by motormen, linemen, and other operators.

A feature of my improved mitt consists of a skeleton back constructed to prevent longitudinal and lateral displacement and which renders the mitt comfortable in warm weather and enables the covering to be readily adjusted over a woolen or other mitt or glove in cold weather.

Another feature of the invention is a thumb-piece attached in a novel manner to the front portion of the mitt to obtain free circulation of air around the thumb and between the front portion and the hand of the wearer.

The invention in detail is set forth in the following description and illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a right-hand mitt embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is an elevation of the front of the mitt.

Referring to the drawings by numerals, 1 designates the front portion of the mitt, the outline of which conforms to the general shape of a hand. This, as well as other parts of the mitt, is preferably made of leather, whereby to afford proper protection to the hand and give flexibility, which is increased by the slits 2 2 in the opposite side edges of said part intermediate of the ends. The front of the mitt is cut away, as at 3, for attachment of the thumb portion 4, which consists of a piece of leather, the reduced ends of which are secured in overlapped relation by a rivet 5. This thumb-piece, which is

open at both ends, is secured to the front of the mitt by a leather strip 6, slitted, as at 7 7, and fastened along its opposite edge portions, respectively, to the front 1 and thumb-piece by rivets 8 8.

The back portion of the mitt consists of a transversely-arranged strap 9, secured at its ends to the front 1 by rivets 10, and serves to prevent lateral displacement, a longitudinally-disposed strap 11, secured at one end by a rivet 12 to the top of the front 1, whereby to prevent the mitt from slipping downwardly over the hand, said longitudinal strap being also fastened intermediately to the strap 9, and a strap 13, fastened by a rivet 14 to the mitt 1 and by a rivet 15 to the other end of the longitudinal strap 11. The strap 13 extends from the edge of the part 1 opposite to the thumb side at an inclination, and its free end portion is provided with holes 16 for engagement with a buckle 17, fastened by a rivet 18 to the bottom edge of the part 1 adjacent to the thumb-piece.

The mitt, which may be very inexpensively and durably made, is by the provision of the strap and buckle adjustable to fit different sizes of hands, and when in place is not liable to accidental displacement, although it may be adjusted to be readily slipped on and off without loosening the strap 13.

I claim—

A mitt comprising a front portion of comparatively heavy material having slits in its edges, a thumb-piece, a strip of thinner material connecting the front portion and thumb-piece and constituting a flexible hinge connection between the same, a back composed of transversely and longitudinally disposed straps, and an adjustable fastening-strap extending at an angle from the lower end of the back of the front portion to the side thereof.

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

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