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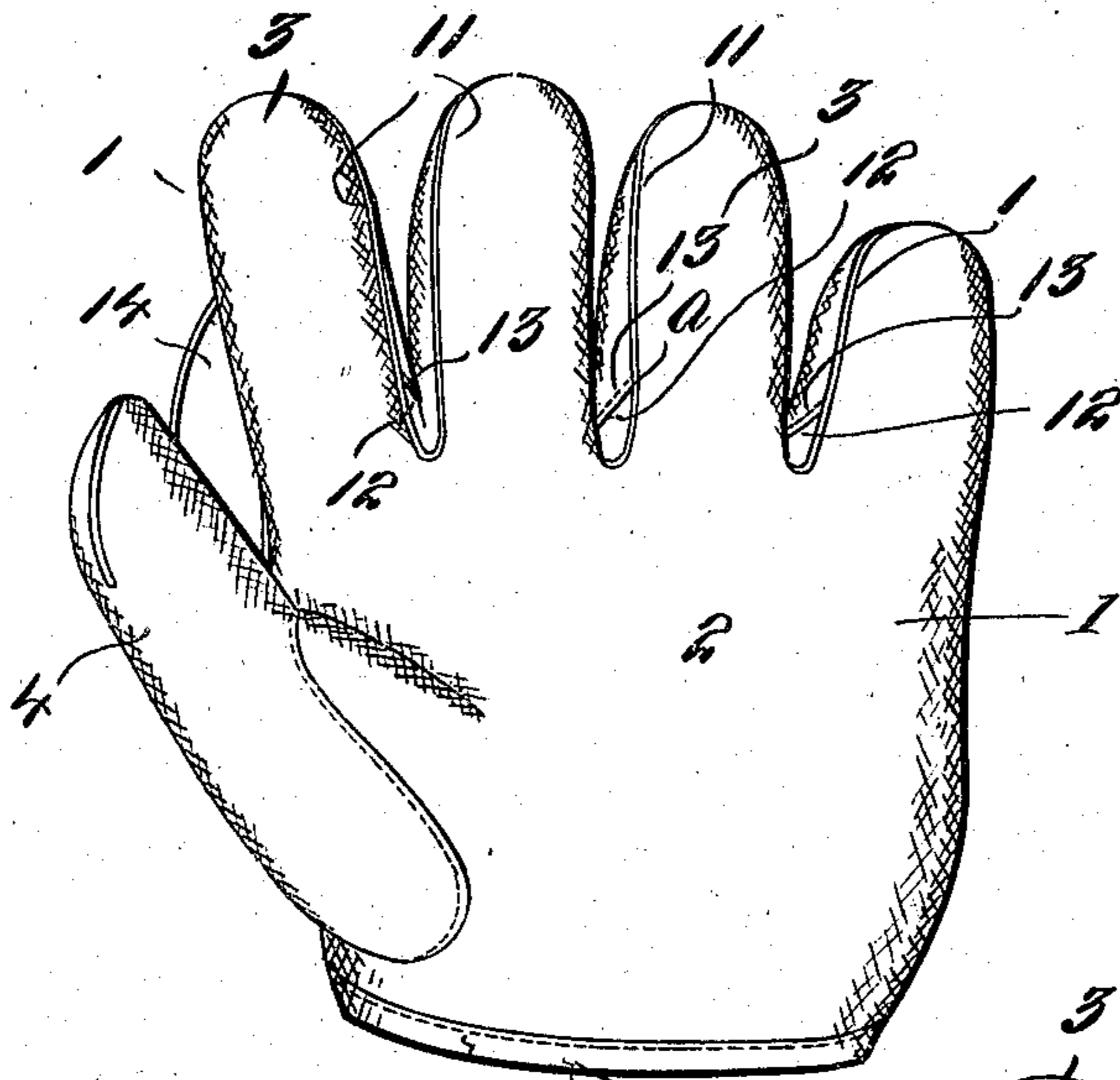


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

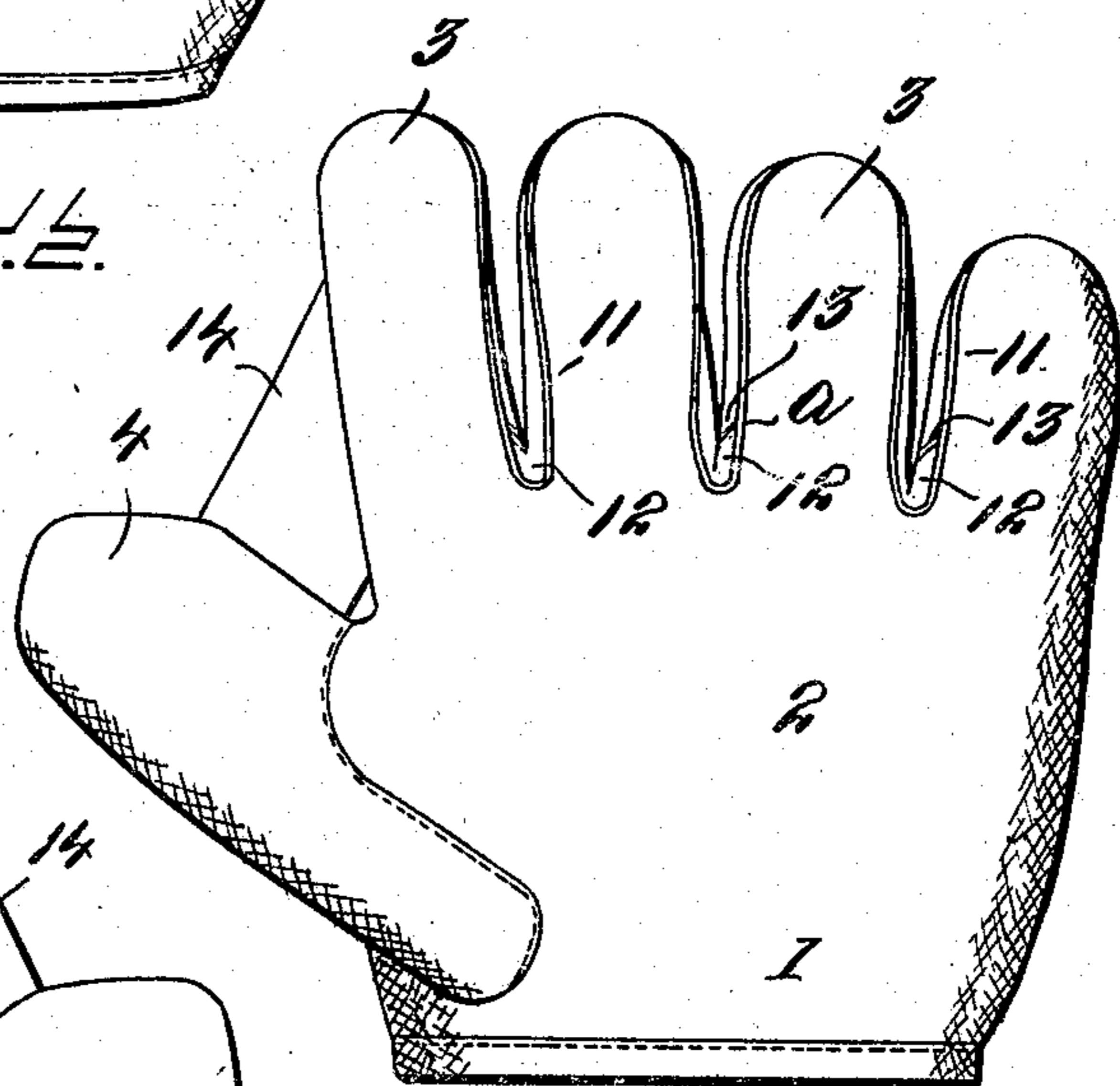


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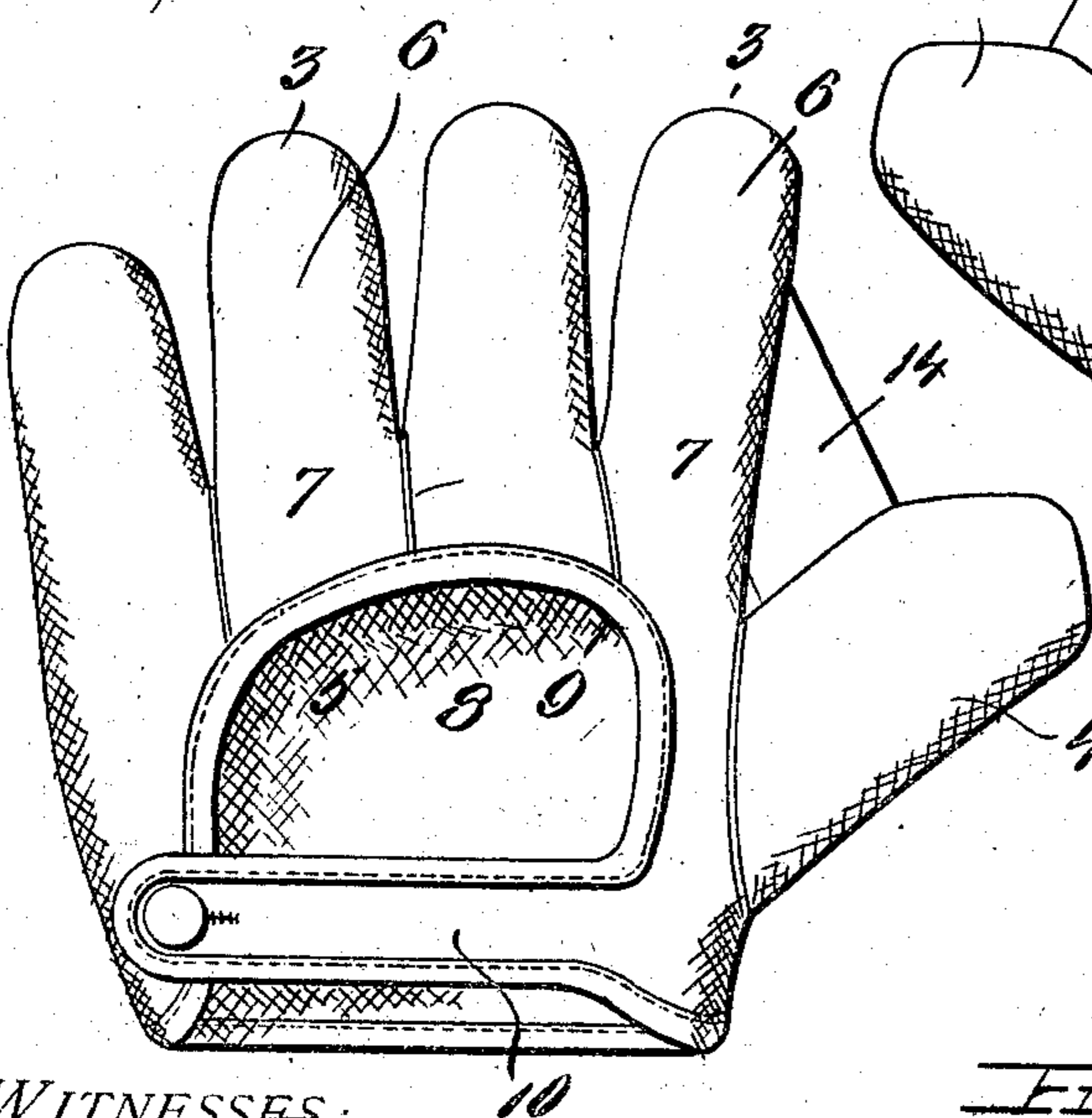
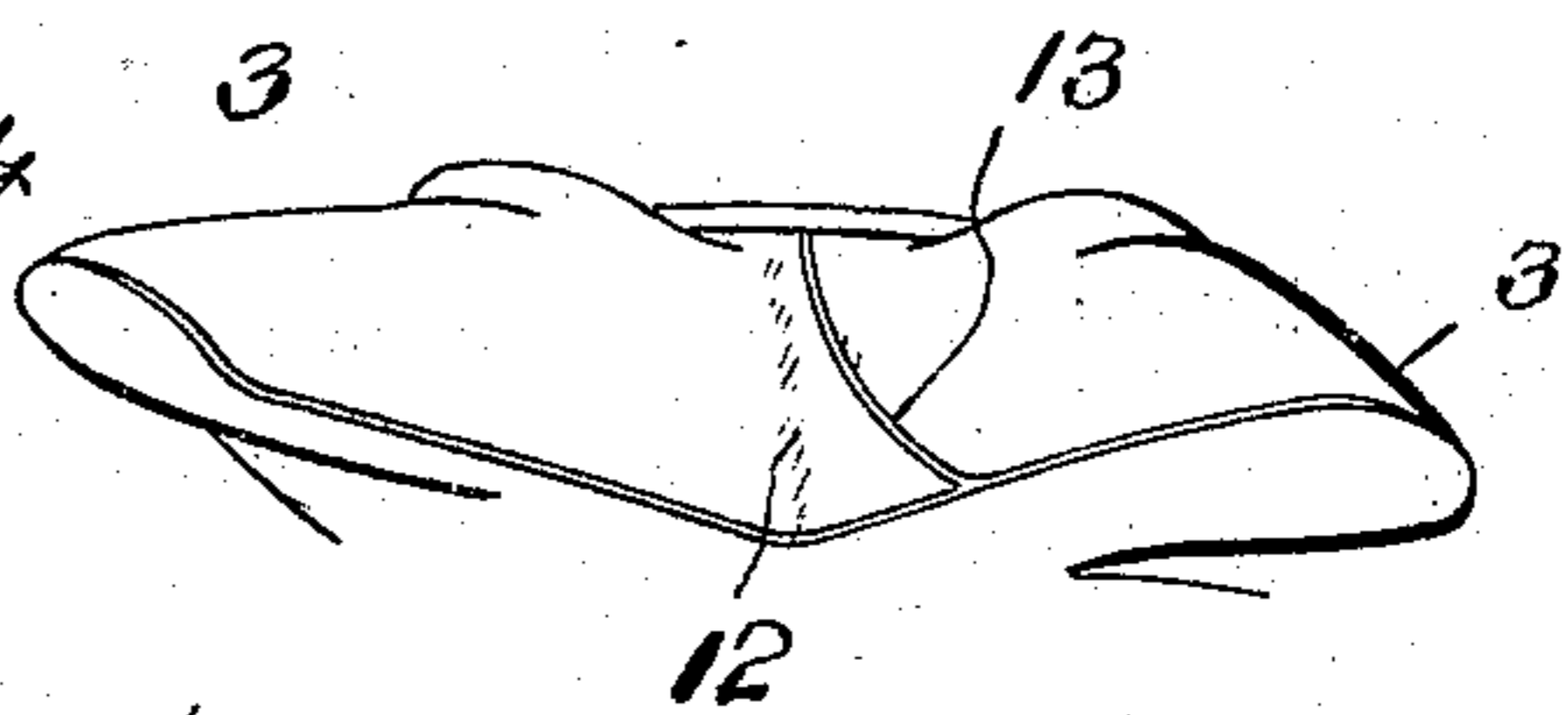


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN GAMBLE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Base-Ball Gloves, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in base ball gloves, and the object thereof is to produce an article of said class in which the tendency to rip or tear between the fingers at their juncture with the body portion of the glove, when subjected to the strain of use, is obviated.

A further object of my invention is to produce a glove of more simple construction in which the stitching in manufacture is more easily accomplished, and the damage and defects caused in manufacture are reduced to the minimum.

As base ball gloves have heretofore been constructed, the palm or front portion and the front of the finger portions comprised an integral piece of material, preferably of flexible leather. Upon this portion the fingers were built of separate pieces comprising the back and adjacent sides of the fingers, and being united to the front portion by longitudinal seams, and the backs of the finger portions were united to each other by transverse seams in the crotch between each of the fingers. Such construction produced the weakest portion of the glove at the point where the greatest strain occurs in use, to wit: in the crotch between the fingers at the juncture of the two seams of stitching which united the front and back portions of the fingers and the back portions of the fingers with each other.

In my invention, the backs of the fingers of the gloves are cut in such shape that each alternate finger back extends beyond the crotch and forms a part of the side and back of the next adjacent finger, and is united therewith by a substantially longitudinal seam of stitching, thus obviating the transverse seam in the crotch between each finger, and having the crotch formed of an integral portion of the finger backs.

To these ends the invention includes the

combinations and arrangements of component parts to be hereinafter described and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, illustrating my invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view, Fig. 2 is a front view thereof, Fig. 3 is a back view of the same, and Fig. 4 is an end view.

Referring now to the drawings, 1 designates the front of a base ball glove, which as shown comprises the palm portion 2 and finger portions 3, being made of a piece of suitable material such as flexible leather, and having the thumb 4 stitched thereto.

5 indicates the back of the glove, which comprises the sectional finger portions 6, and the extensions thereof 7, which form the back of the hand portion 8, having the opening 9 and the fastening strap 10.

As shown in the drawings, the finger portions 6 of the back of the glove are united to the front finger portions 3 by the longitudinal seams of stitching 11, thus forming the fingers of the glove. For the purpose of avoiding a transverse seam at the crotch between each finger, the back portion 6 of each finger is provided with an extension flap 12 at the base of the finger portion which spans the crotch between the adjacent fingers, and is united with the next adjacent finger by a substantially longitudinal seam of stitching 13, which forms a juncture with the longitudinal seams 11 at *a*, intermediate of the ends and the base of the fingers.

It will thus be apparent that the crotch between each finger is formed of an integral portion of the back of the glove, and the transverse seam commonly employed is obviated, thus imparting much greater strength and durability to the glove.

The front and back of the glove may be suitably lined and padded to resist the force of the ball in use, and thumb 4 and the next adjacent finger may be connected by the web 14, as shown.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to be secured by Letters Patent, is—

In a base ball glove, the combination with a front piece comprising a palm portion and

finger portions, of a sectional back piece forming the back and side portions of the body portion and fingers, said sectional back piece being provided with extension flaps on the adjacent sides of the fingers spanning the crotch between the fingers, and being united to the next adjacent fingers by substantially longitudinal seams, whereby transverse seams of stitching between the fingers are

obviated, substantially as shown and described. 10

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name to these specifications in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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