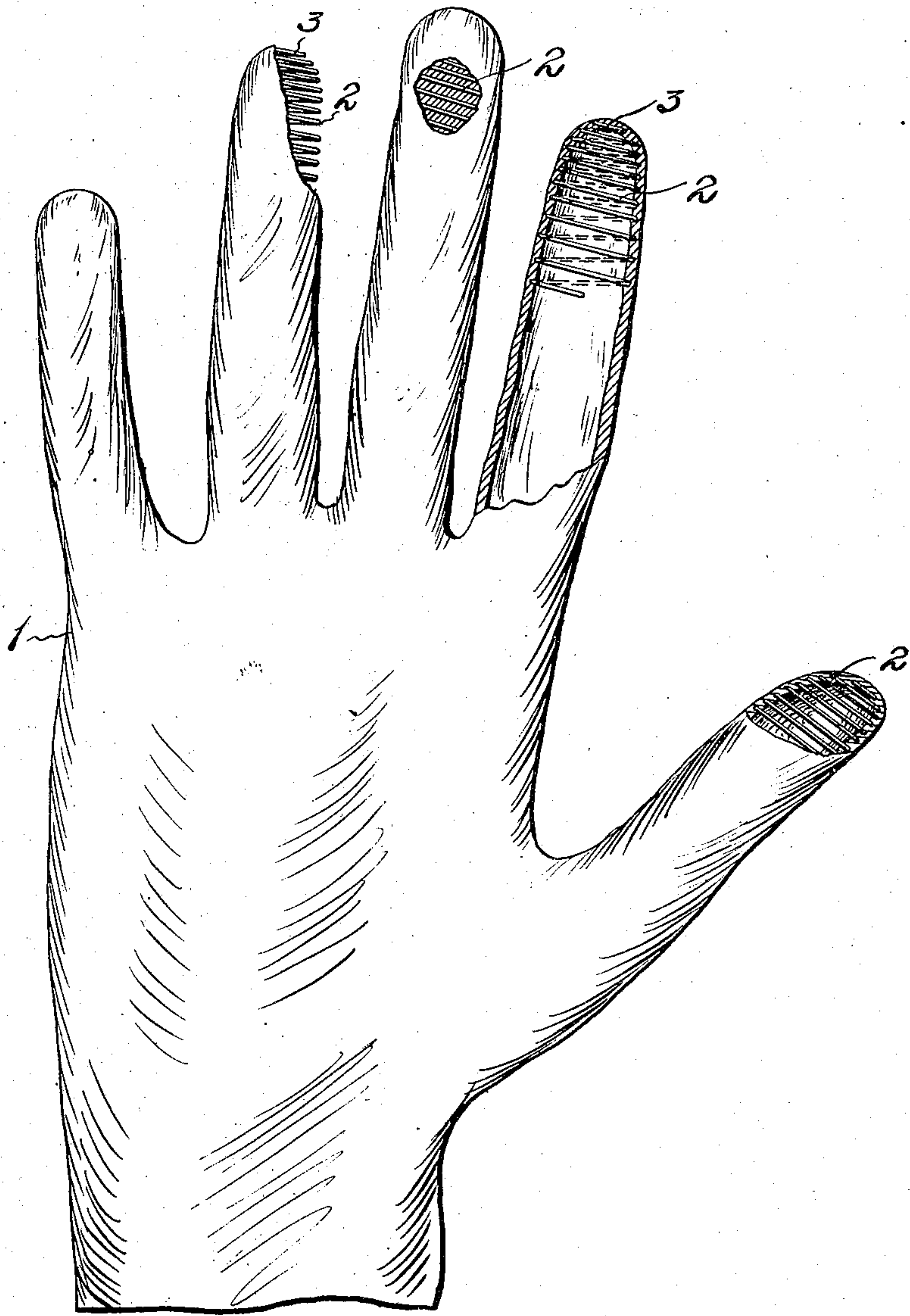


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN A. LAYTON, citizen of the United States, residing at Elmore, Oklahoma, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cotton-Picking Gloves, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to new and useful improvements in gloves and more particularly to a cotton-picking glove.

It is a well known fact that constant picking of cotton causes the hands to become extremely sore and much suffering is caused by the piercing of the picker's hands by the sharp points of the cotton burs, which often has poisonous results. Great suffering is also caused by frost bite and the benumbing of the picker's fingers during the damp, cold season.

Various kinds of gloves have been used but most of them have been made of cloth or other moisture absorbing material which rather aggravates than relieves. Gloves of this character soon wear out and are easily pierced.

It is therefore the object of my invention to provide a glove of water proof material and to incorporate in the tips thereof a flexible material which will not only prolong the life of the glove but protect the fingers of the wearer without detracting or removing from the glove, any of its flexible or useful qualities.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention has relation to certain novel features, an example of which is described in the specification and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein I have shown a view of my improved glove with portions broken away to show the reinforcing or protecting means.

In the drawings the numeral 1 designates a glove formed of a suitable water proof material and preferably one of a tough pliable nature. In the tips or ends of the fingers and thumb, protectors or reinforcements are provided. I have shown the protectors in the nature of coils of fine flexible wire 2. It will be noted that the coils 2 are contracted to-

ward their outer ends as indicated at 3, thus not only conforming to the contour of the fingers and thumb of the wearer but protecting the ends as well as the sides thereof. These coils do not extend the entire length of the fingers and thumb of the glove but only a short portion thereof so as not to interfere with the fingers and thumb of the wearer during the picking operation.

I wish to call attention to the fact that I have shown the coils embedded in the material from which the glove is formed. In this way the coils or protectors are held in place and out of direct contact with the fingers and thumb of the wearer, thereby adding greatly to the comfort. It is obvious, however, that the coils might be secured in place in various ways so long as they protect the wearer of the glove.

It is apparent that a glove constructed as herein described will act to relieve the conditions hereinbefore set forth and will possess great wearing qualities. The coils will greatly assist the picker in picking the cotton and will tend to turn aside, the sharp ends of the burs, thus keeping the hands in better condition and relieving considerable of the soreness. While I do not claim that the picker can pick cotton any faster when wearing my improved glove, I do claim that he can work more steadily and easily.

What I claim, is:

1. In a glove, the combination with the fingers and thumb, thereof, of pliable reinforcing material embedded within the same.

2. In a glove, the combination with the fingers thereof, of coils of wire embedded within the material of the same.

3. In a glove, the combination with the fingers thereof, of coils of wire having contracted ends, embedded within the material of the same.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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