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(54) **IMPLEMENT FOR CONTACTING SURFACES**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for an implement for contacting surfaces, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of an implement for contacting surfaces ornamentation showing our new design;

FIG. 2 is a bottom view thereof;

FIG. 3 is a top view,

FIG. 4 is a right side view,

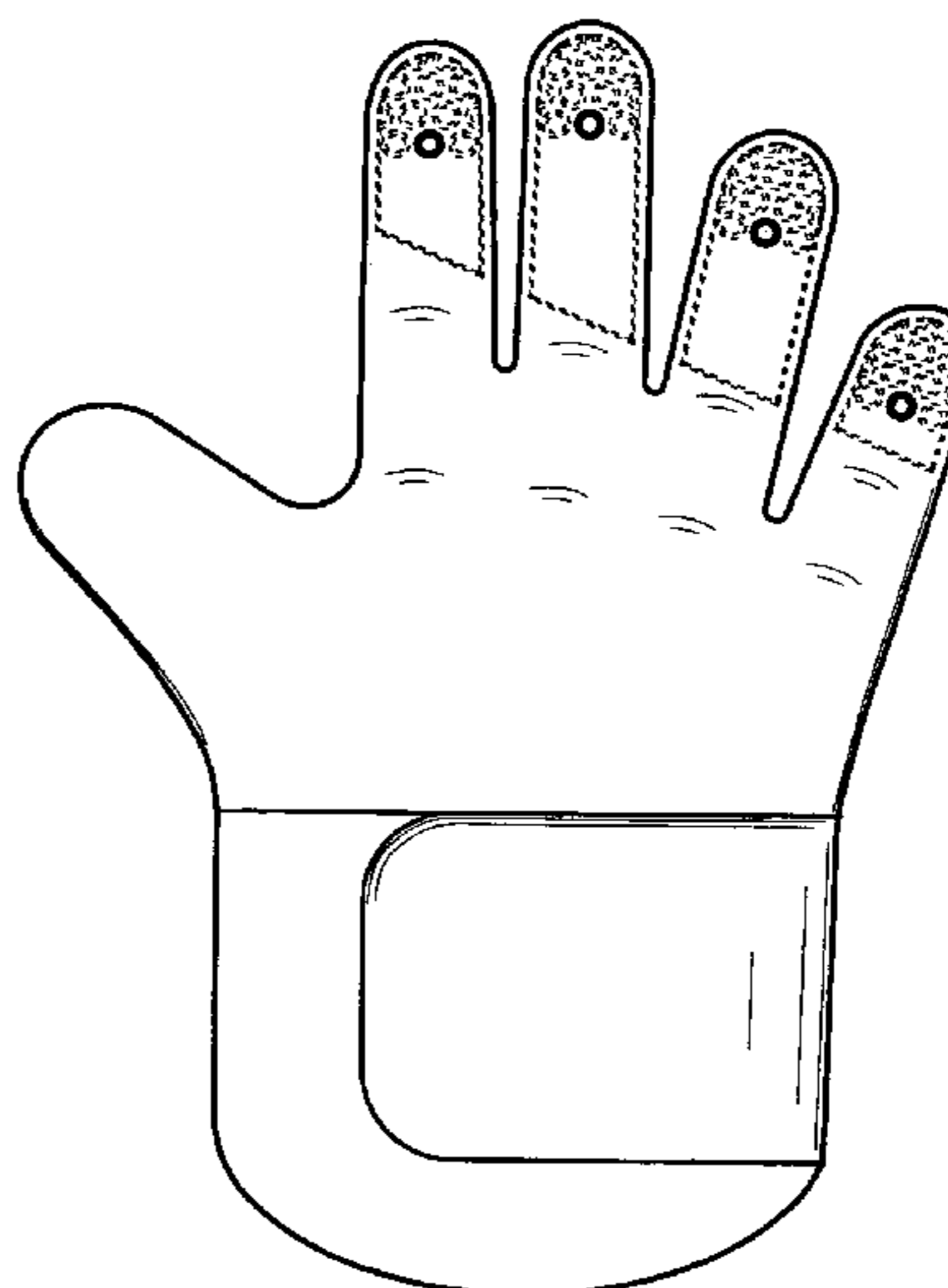
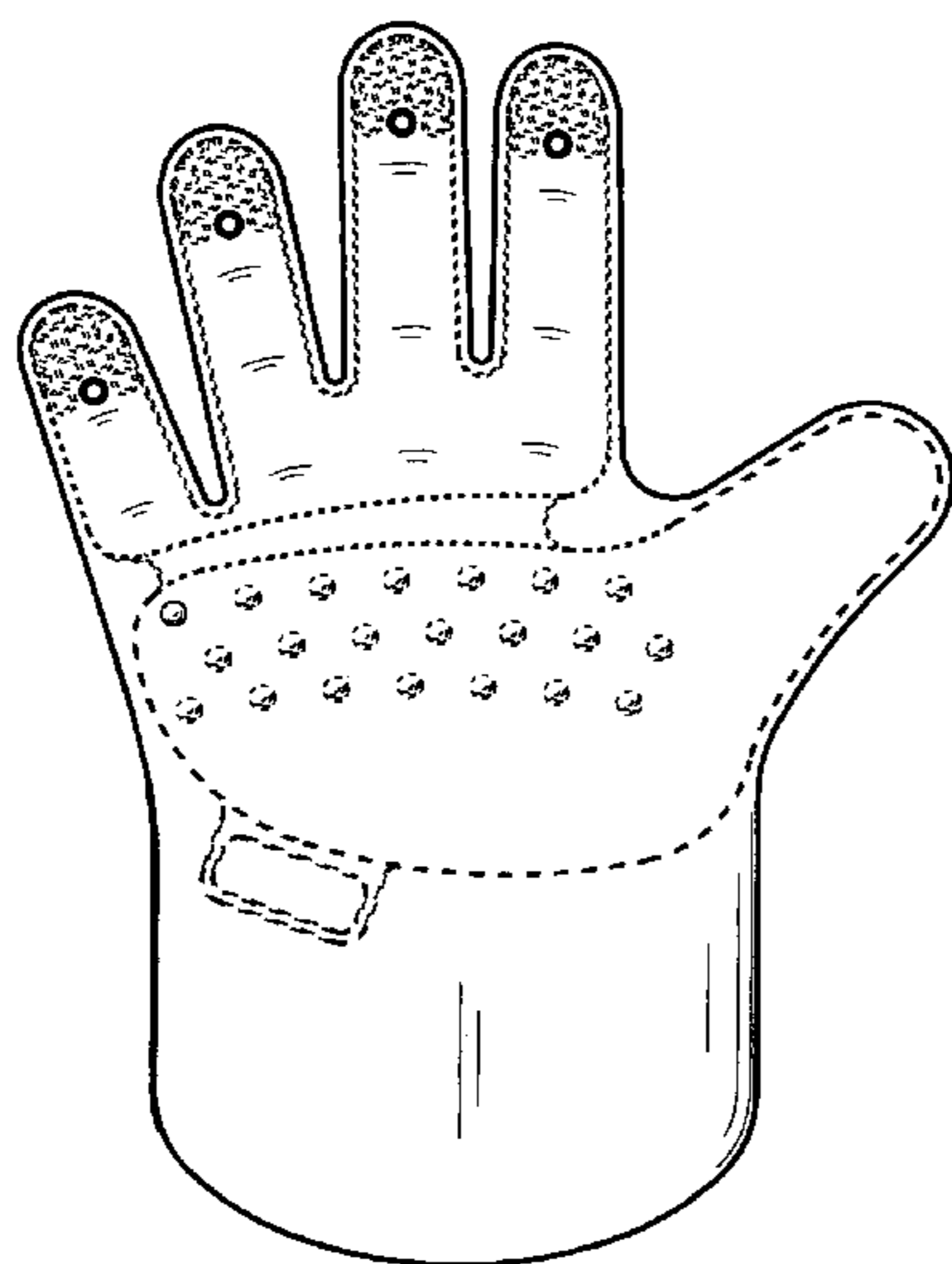
FIG. 5 is a left side view thereof;

FIG. 6 is a front view; and,

FIG. 7 is a back view.

The broken lines in the drawings are for illustrative purposes only and do not form a part of the claimed design.

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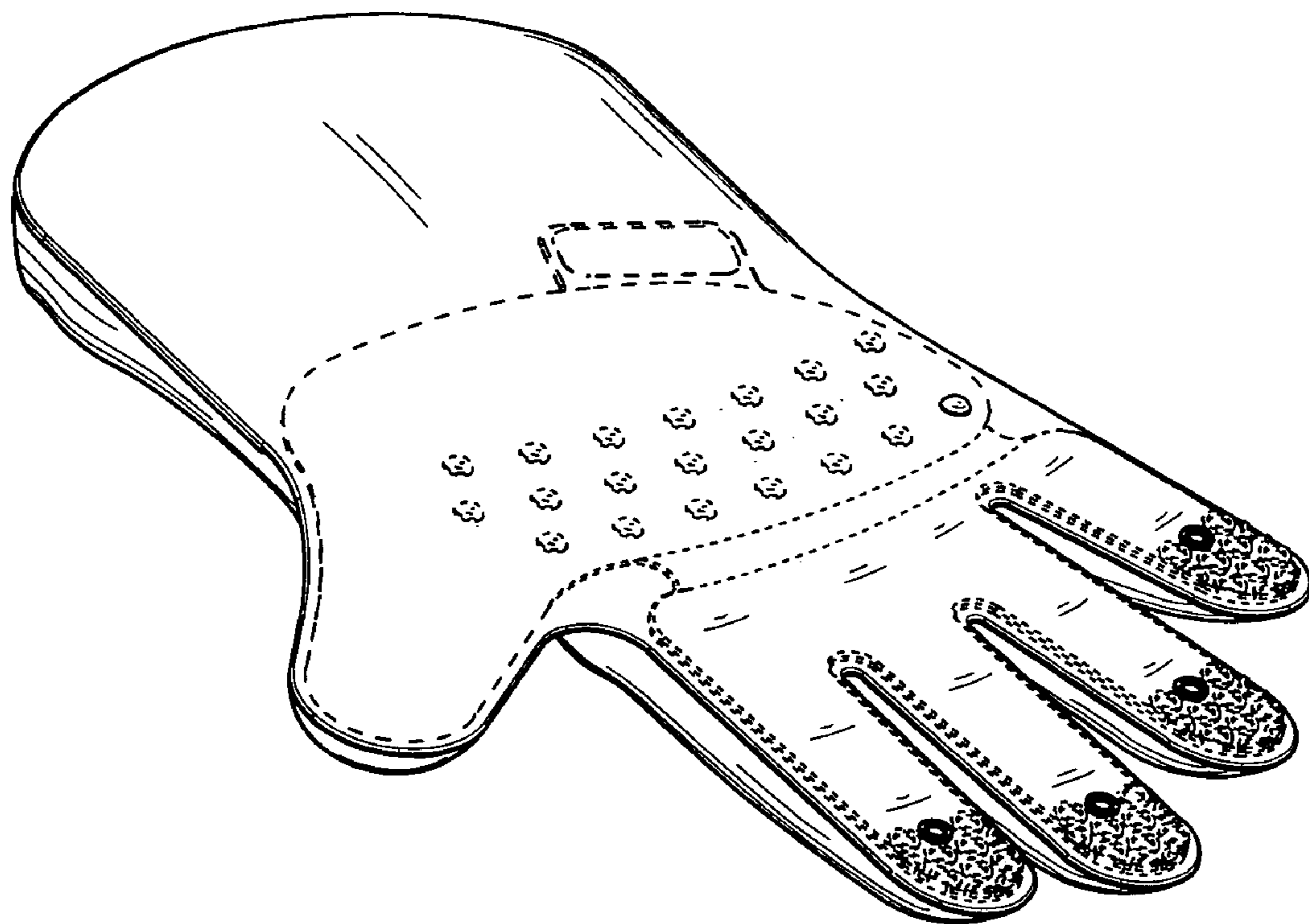
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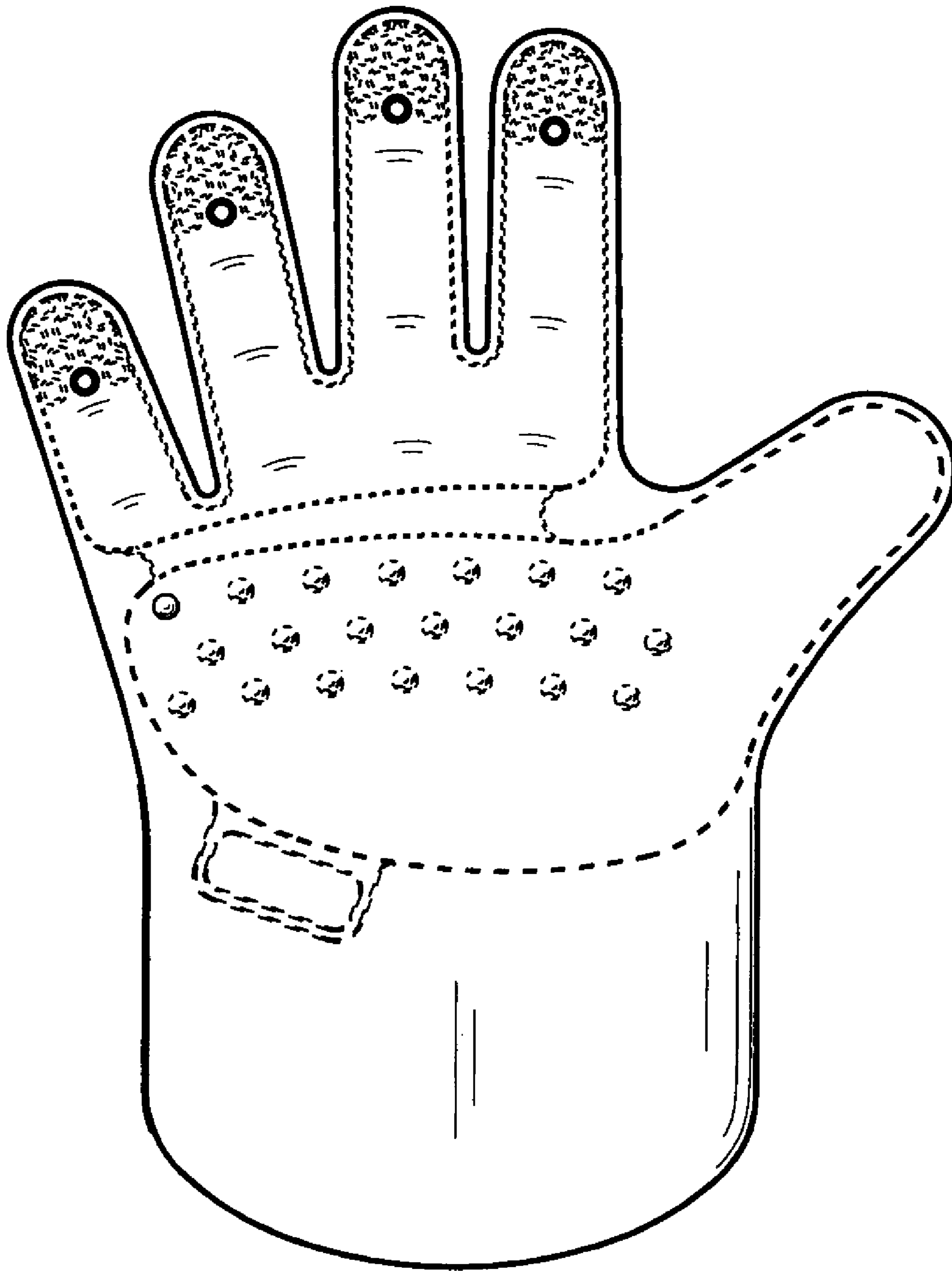
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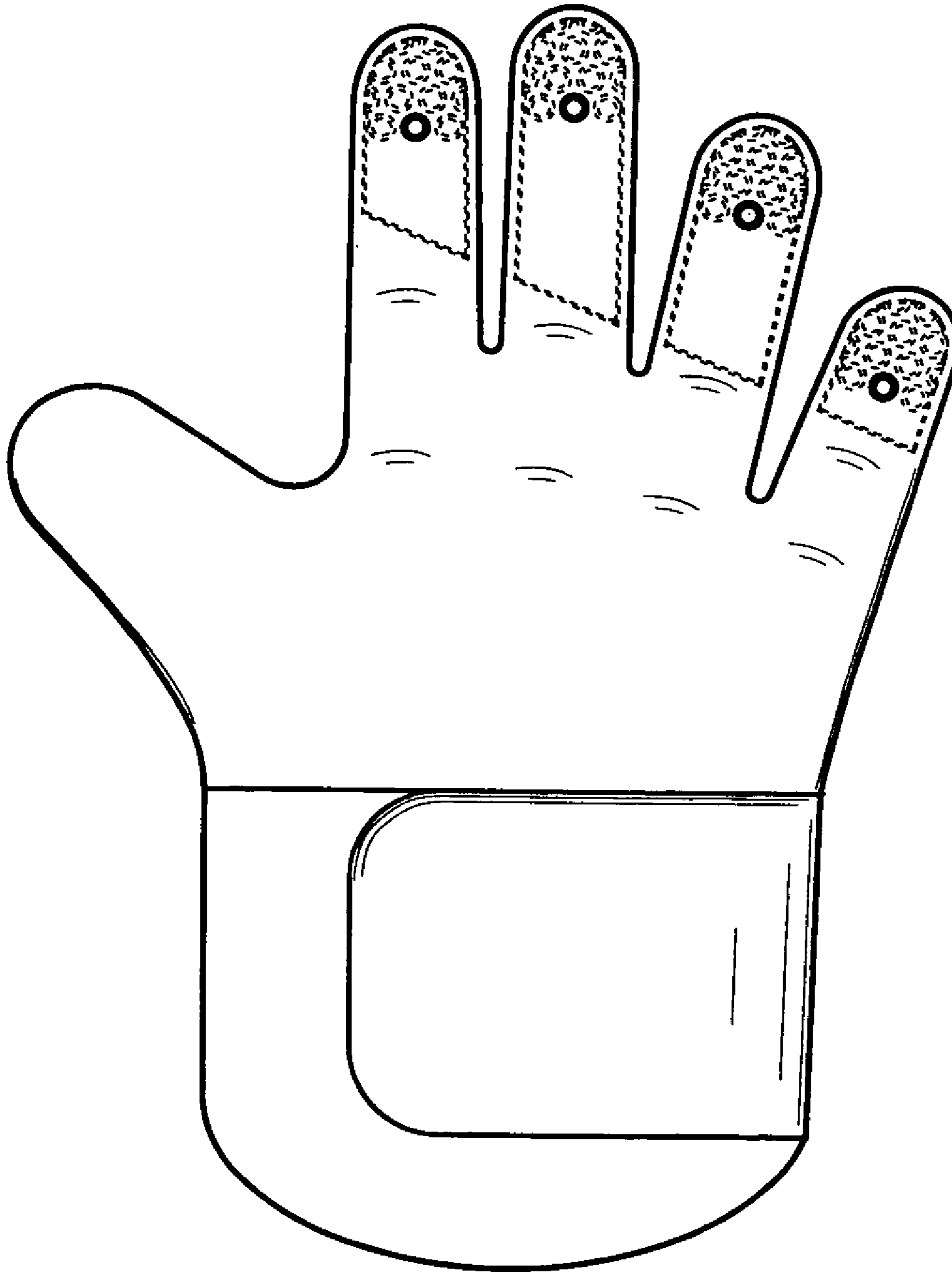
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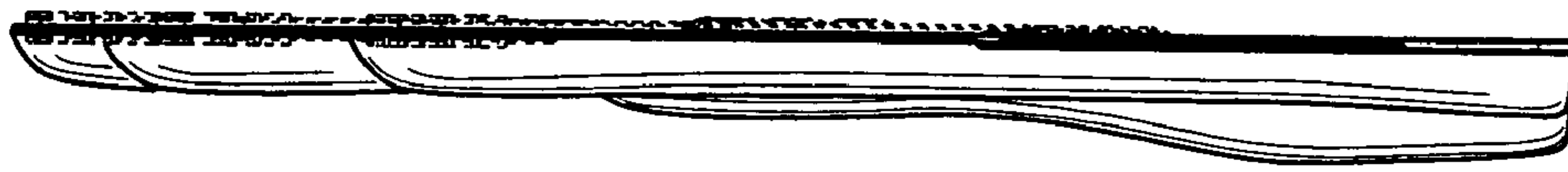
*Fig. 1*



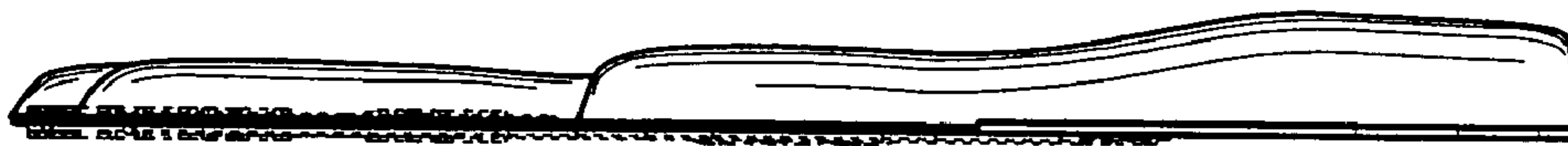
*Fig. 2*



*Fig. 3*



*Fig. 5*



*Fig. 4*



*Fig. 6*



*Fig. 7*