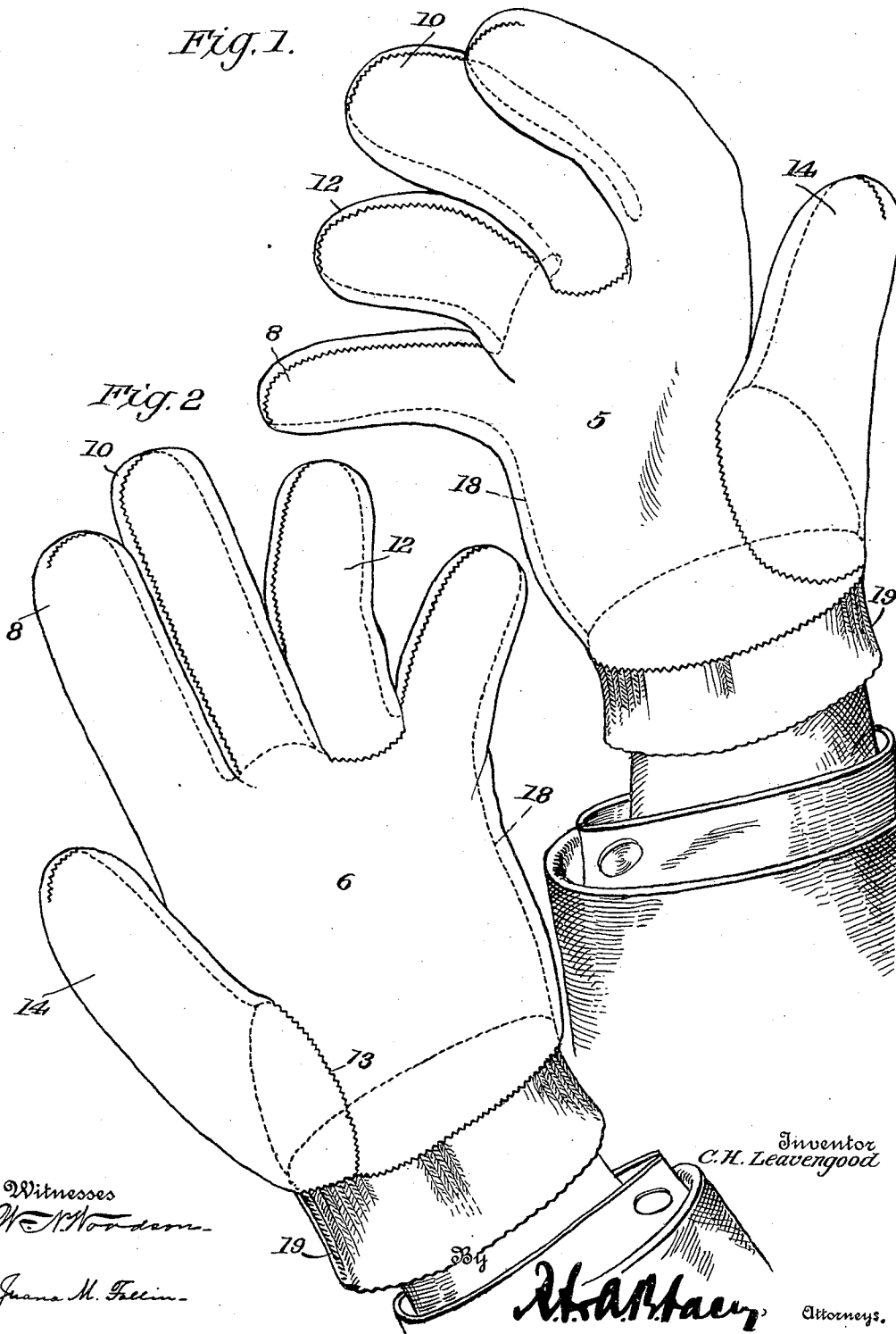


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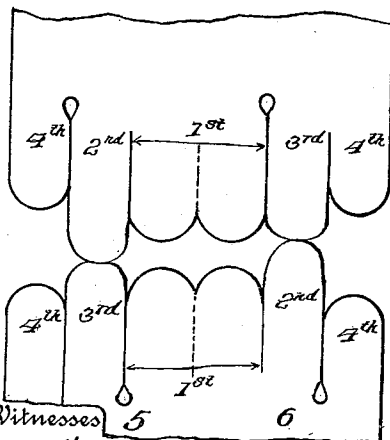
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. LEAVENGOOD, citizen of the United States, residing at Coshocton, in the county of Coshocton and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Gloves, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to gloves and more particularly to that general type or class commonly known as working gloves.

The object of the invention is to provide a glove of simple and inexpensive construction, which may be reversed and worn as either a right or left hand glove.

15 A further object is to provide a reversible glove, the thumb of which is made separate and subsequently stitched or otherwise united to the palm piece, thus permitting the thumb to be made of heavier material than the rest of said glove which is an essential feature, in that both sides of the thumbs of reversible gloves are subjected to excessive wear.

25 A further object is to provide a glove having two inserts, one of which forms the front of the second finger and the other the back of the third finger when the glove is worn on the right hand, the positions of the inserts being reversed when the glove is worn as a left hand covering.

30 A further object is to provide a glove, the blank of which is so constructed that the dies employed for cutting the same may be reversed, thereby effecting a great saving both in the material from which the blank is cut and the thread employed for uniting the sections of said blank.

35 A still further object of the invention is generally to improve this class of devices so as to increase their utility, durability and efficiency.

40 Further objects and advantages will appear in the following description, it being understood that various changes in form, proportions and minor details of construction may be resorted to within the scope of the appended claims.

45 For a full understanding of the invention and the merits thereof, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a reversible glove embodying the present inven-

tion, showing the latter used as a right hand covering; Fig. 2 is a similar view, showing the glove used as a left hand covering; Fig. 3 is a plan view of the blank from which the glove is constructed; Fig. 4 is a similar view of the thumb piece; Fig. 5 is a plan view of one of the insert fingers; Fig. 6 is a similar view of the other insert finger; Fig. 7 is a plan view, showing the manner of stamping the blanks; Fig. 8 is a perspective view, partly in section, showing the construction of the blank.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

55 The reversible glove embodying the present invention is preferably stamped or otherwise formed from a fabric blank of the construction shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings and comprises a palm section 5 and a back section 6 formed integral therewith, said blank being provided at one longitudinal edge with incisions 7 defining extensions or fingers 8. Formed in the blank, at the junction of the second and fourth fingers, is an opening 9 adapted to receive an insert 10, which latter is stitched or otherwise secured to the palm piece 5 around the opening 9 and forms the front of the second finger of the glove when the latter is worn on the right hand. A similar opening 11 is formed in the blank at the junction of the second and fourth fingers for the reception of a corresponding insert 12, which insert is stitched to the back piece around the opening 11 and forms the back of the third finger when the glove is used on the right hand. It is obvious that when the glove is reversed and worn on the left hand, the insert 10 will form the back of the second finger and the insert 12 form the front of the third finger. The lower longitudinal edge of the blank is formed with an opening 13 adapted to receive a thumb section 14. The thumb section 14 is of the construction shown in Fig. 4 and is preferably made separate and of heavier material than the body of the glove, said thumb piece being folded on the line 15 and stitched to the body of the glove around the walls of the opening 13. The first finger 16 is made integral with the blank and is folded on the line 17 so as not to present

any seam or obstruction beneath the thumb of the wearer. By making the blanks with the second finger longer than the first, a great saving of material is effected, inasmuch as the dies from which the blanks are cut may be reversed, with the second finger on one blank opposite the third finger on the mating blank, as best shown in Fig. 7 of the drawings.

In assembling the blank to form a glove, the blank is folded on the line 17 to produce the first or index finger and the adjacent longitudinal edges of the palm and back pieces united by a row of stitching 18, after which the members 10 and 12 are inserted in the openings 9 and 11 and stitched to the adjacent longitudinal edges of the second and third fingers, the inner edges of the index finger and little finger being subsequently united. The thumb 14 is then stitched to the walls of the opening 13 and a wrist band 19 fastened to the upper edge of the blank, thus producing a glove of the construction shown in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings.

Attention is here called to the fact that both the palm and back pieces are devoid of seams, thus permitting the glove to be worn without discomfort to the wearer. It will also be noted that by making the thumb piece 14 separate, said thumb piece may be constructed of heavier material than the body of the glove which is an important feature, in that both sides of the thumbs of re-

versible gloves are subjected to excessive wear.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. A reversible glove having oppositely disposed inserts, one of which forms the back of one finger and the other the front of another finger.

2. A blank for gloves having integral palm and back pieces and having one longitudinal edge thereof provided with spaced incisions to form the first and fourth fingers, and one side of the second and third fingers, there being an opening formed in the blank near the other longitudinal edge thereof at a point near the junction of the front and rear portions of the first finger, and other openings formed in the palm and back sections at the junction of the fourth and second fingers and fourth and third fingers, a thumb piece adapted to be inserted in the first mentioned opening, and inserts, one of which is adapted to be secured to the wall of the opening in the palm piece to form the other side of the second finger and the other secured to the wall of the opening in the back piece to form the other side of the third finger.

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

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