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Fig. 1.

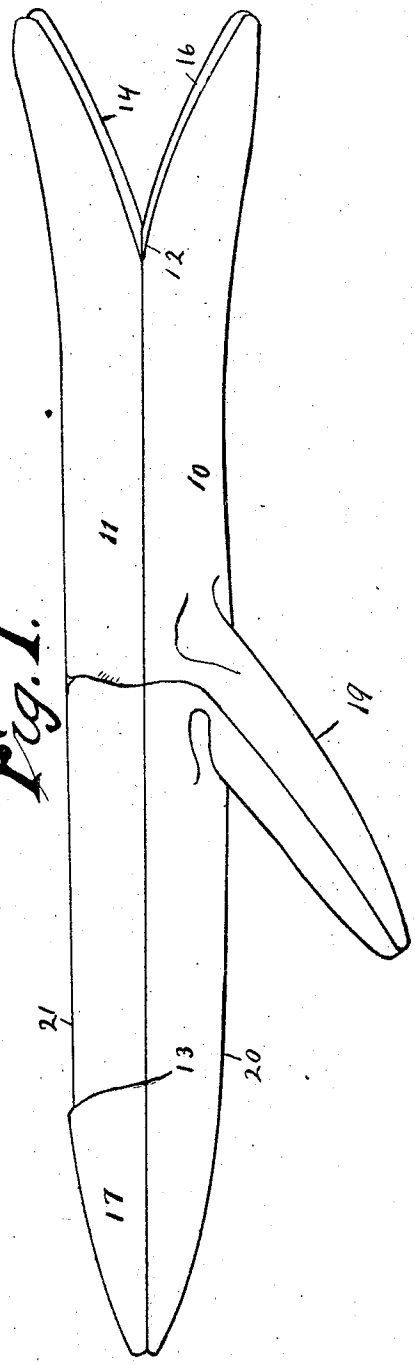
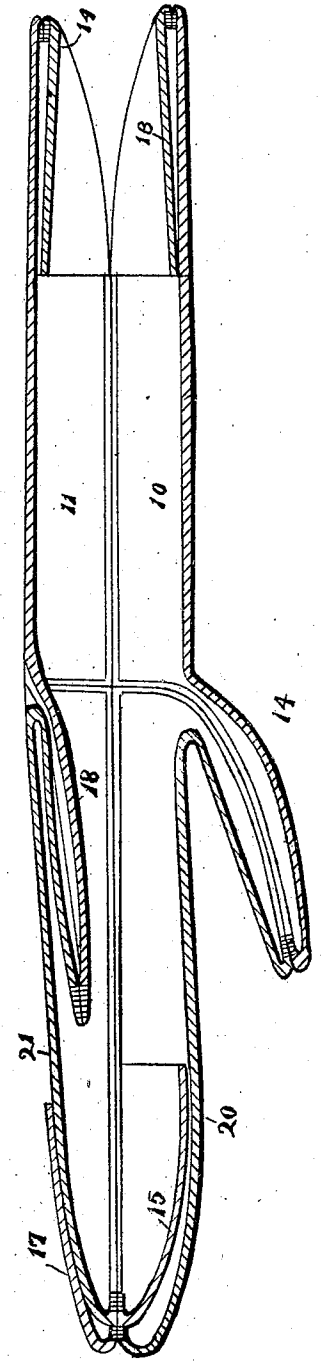


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LYDIA FRUTCHEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Martelle, in the county of Jones and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Mittens, of which the following is a specification.

The objects of my invention are to provide a mitten for use in husking all of the wearing-surfaces of which can be utilized to their full extent—that is, to provide a husking-mitten having two thumb-pieces, so that when one of said thumb-pieces is in use the other will be on the interior of the mitten and a protector at each end of the mitten, which is designed to overlap the end of the mitten which is in use and when one side of the mitten is worn out the worn portion can be placed on the interior of the protector and the other side of the mitten can be used by simply pulling out one of the thumbs and placing the other thumb on the interior of the mitten, and, further, to provide a mitten in which both ends of it can be used and both sides of each end used, and thus allow it to be worn for a great deal longer period of time than the ordinary mitten.

My invention consists in certain details in the construction, arrangement, and combination of the various parts of the device whereby the objects contemplated are attained, as hereinafter more fully set forth, pointed out in my claims, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the complete mitten shown in the condition for use on the right hand, and Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of the mitten shown in the same condition as in Fig. 1.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, I have used the reference-numeral 10 to indicate the lower one half of the body portion of the mitten. The reference-numeral 11 indicates the other half of the body portion of the mitten. The body portions are sewed together throughout the edges of the central portions and to the points 12 and 13. Outside of these points 12 and 13 on the ends of the part 11 are the protectors 14 and 15 overlapping the said body portion a slight distance.

Attached to the ends of the part 10 of the body portion are the lapped protectors 16 and 17. Attached to the central portion and near one side of the part 11 is a thumb-piece 18, which is designed at times to be on the interior of the mitten between the body portions 10 and 11. Attached to the part 10 at its middle portion is the thumb-piece 19, designed to be on the exterior of the mitten when the thumb-piece 18 is on the interior and to be on the interior of the part 10 when said thumb-piece 18 is on the exterior. When the thumb-piece 19 is on the exterior of the mitten, the part 17 is designed to be on the outside of the side 21 and overlap the part 11, as shown clearly in both of the figures of the drawings.

When the mitten is worn on the side 20, the thumb-piece 19 is drawn on the inside of the mitten, the thumb-piece 18 is drawn to the outside of the mitten—*i. e.*, the mitten is turned inside out—and the part 15 is placed outside of the side 20, so that it overlaps said side 20. The side 21 of the mitten will then be in use and the mitten is designed to be placed on the left hand of the operator. When the left end of the mitten has been used in the manner described and worn out, said end is opened by cutting the stitches, the parts 15 and 17 are arranged inside of the body portions 11 and 10, respectively, in the same manner as the parts 14 and 16 are shown, the part 16 is positioned outside the portion 11, and the right end of the mitten is closed by sewing, after which the right portion of the mitten may be used in the same manner and to the same extent as the left portion was used.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States therefor, is—

1. A reversible husking-mitten provided, at opposite sides of its body portion, with thumb-pieces adapted to be used alternately, and also provided, at its closed end, with an outer protecting part and an inner protecting part; one of the latter parts being arranged to cover the end portion of the back of the mitten when one thumb-piece is in use and the other of said parts being arranged to cover the end portion of the back of the mitten when the mitten is reversed and the other thumb-piece is in use.

2. A reversible husking-mitten provided, at opposite sides of its body portion, with thumb-pieces adapted to be used alternately, and also provided at its open end with protecting parts

14 and 16 arranged inside the body portion, and further provided, at its closed end, with an outer protecting part and an inner protecting part; one of the latter parts being arranged to cover the end portion of the back of the mitten when one thumb-piece is in use and the other of said parts being arranged to cover the end portion of the back of the mitten when the mitten is reversed and the other thumb-piece is in use.

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