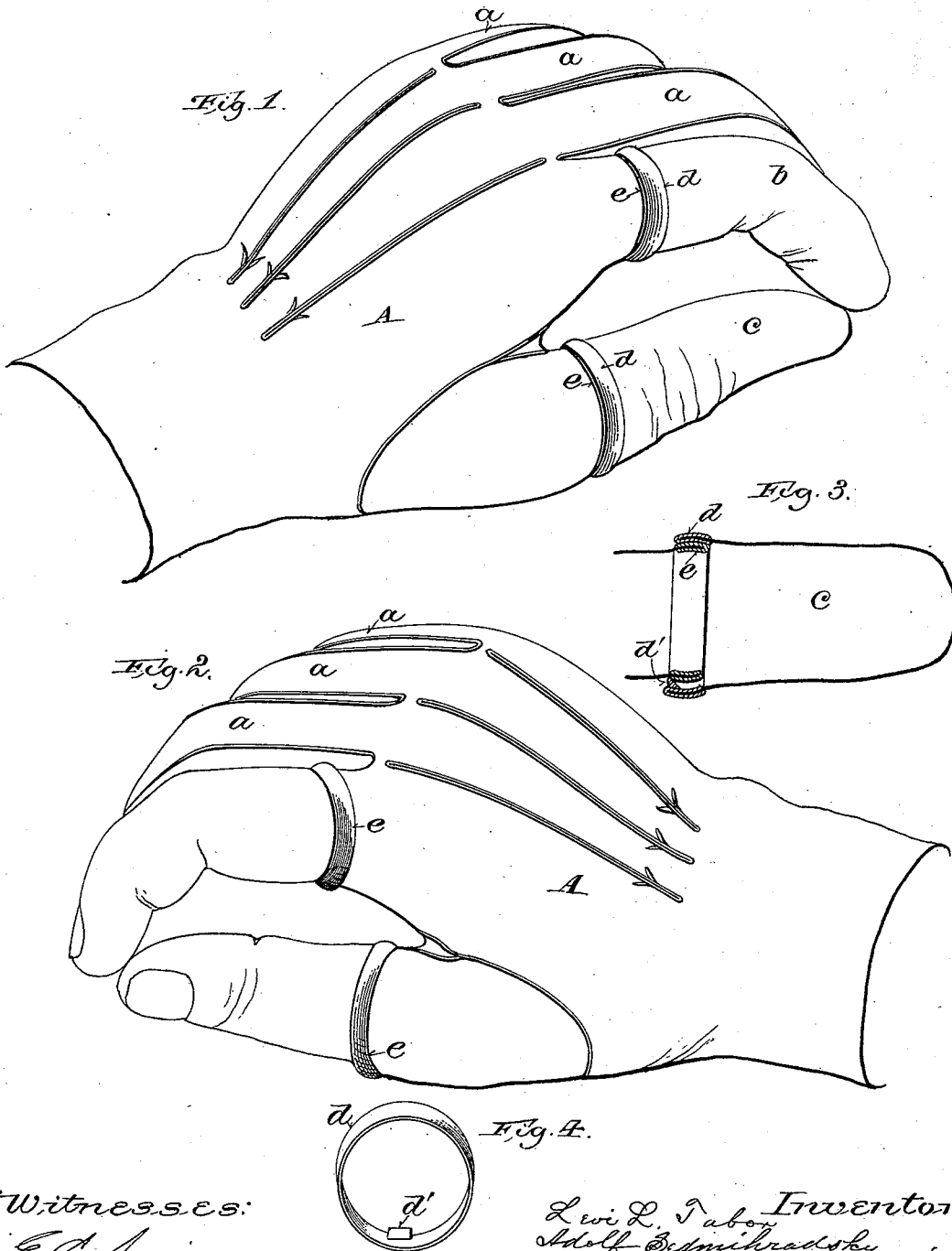


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, LEVI L. TABOR and ADOLF SEDMIHRADSKY, of Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Gloves and Mittens; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to

which it pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The main object of our invention is to release the thumb and fingers, or either of them, without removing the glove or mitten from the hand. It consists, essentially, of a glove or mitten provided with a severable thumb or finger composed of two parts, one integral with the hand and the other wholly separable therefrom, and a fastening consisting of two rings attached to the meeting edges of the severable thumb or finger and adapted to engage with each other.

In the accompanying drawings like letters designate the same parts in the several figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a glove embodying our improvements. Fig. 2 is a similar view of such a glove with the thumb and forefinger thereof detached and removed. Fig. 3 is a sectional view of the device for attaching a removable thumb or finger to the glove, and Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the outer section of such detaching device.

A represents the hand or main portion of glove; *a a*, fingers formed integrally therewith; *b*, a detachable forefinger, and *c* a detachable thumb.

It is obvious that the glove or mitten to which our improvements are applied may be made of any suitable material ordinarily employed for the purpose, and that the thumb or any desired number of the fingers, or both thumb and one or more fingers, may be made

detachable, according to the intended use of the glove or mitten.

For attaching the removable fingers to the body of the glove or mitten two rings *d* and *e*, of metal or other suitable material, are employed. The removable thumb or finger is secured at the edge where it is severed from the body of the glove or mitten to the outer ring *d*, which is adapted to pass over the ring *e*, secured in like manner to the corresponding edge of the stub or base of the thumb or finger left on the body of the glove or mitten. The outer ring *d* is preferably concaved on the inside and the inner ring *e* is made correspondingly convex on the outside, so that the larger ring may be sprung into place over the smaller ring and thereby retain the separable parts of the glove or mitten together. The outer ring *d* may be provided on the inside with a projection *d'*, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4, adapted to engage with the inner edge of the inner ring *e*, as shown in Fig. 3, to facilitate the assembling of the parts in their proper relation for attaching the removable finger or thumb to the body of the glove.

The edges where the thumb or finger is severed from the glove or mitten may be conveniently secured to or in the rings *d* and *e* by making the latter of thin metal folded and spun or otherwise compressed over such edges so as to firmly clasp and bind the same, as shown in Fig. 3.

Gloves or mittens made as herein shown and described will be found particularly convenient for street-car conductors, collectors, or any class of persons in making change, writing memoranda, or in any manipulations for which it is desirable to have the thumb and forefinger free and unencumbered without removing the glove or mitten from the hand. They will also be found convenient for driving, hunting, and similar outdoor pursuits in which it is frequently desirable to free the fingers without uncovering and exposing the hand.

We claim—

A glove or mitten having a thumb or fin-

ger composed of two parts, one of which is made integral with the hand and the other is wholly severable therefrom, and a fastening consisting of two rings attached to the meeting edges of said parts and adapted to engage with each other, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as

our own we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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