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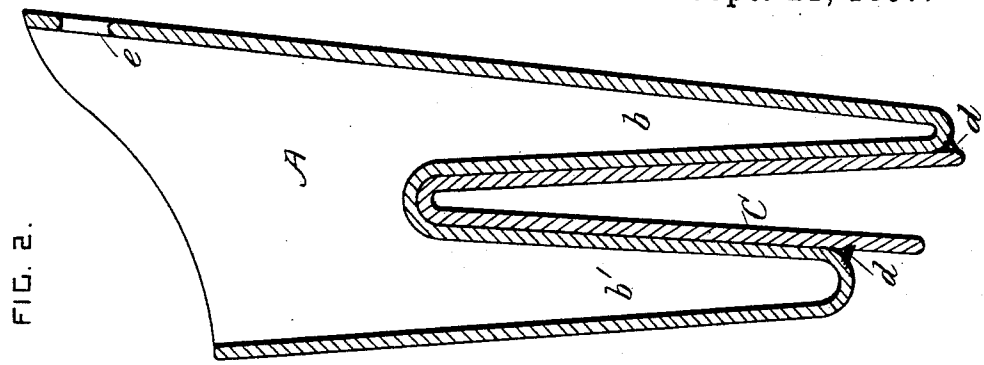


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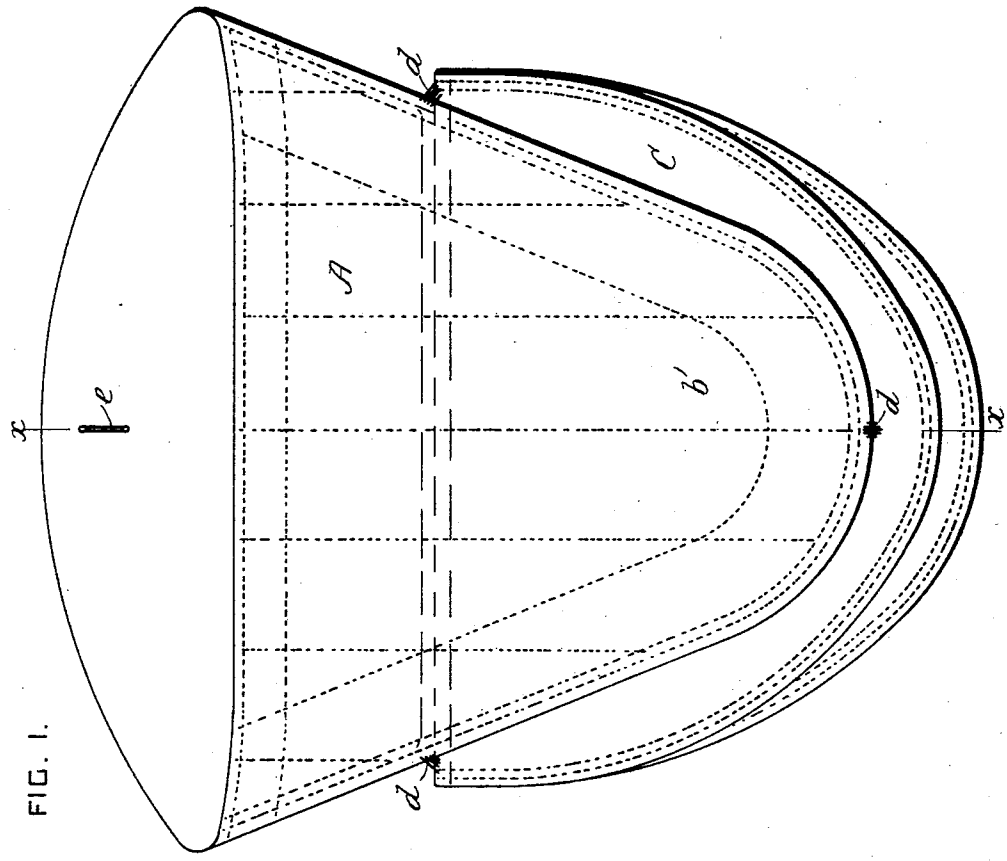


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FIG. 4.

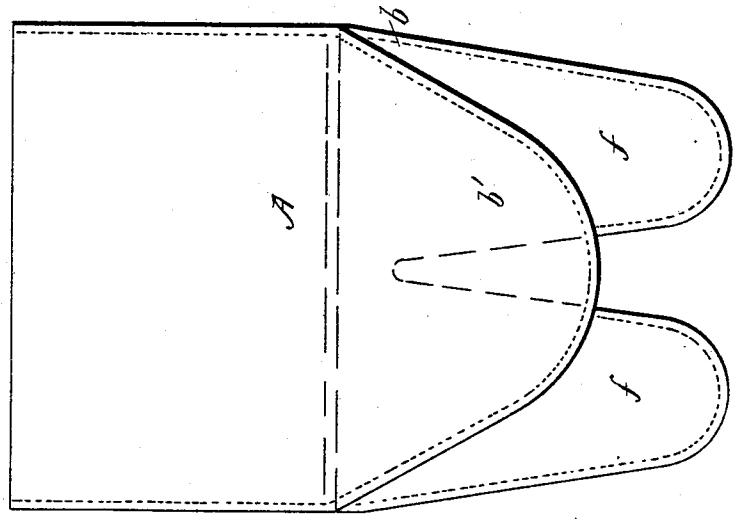
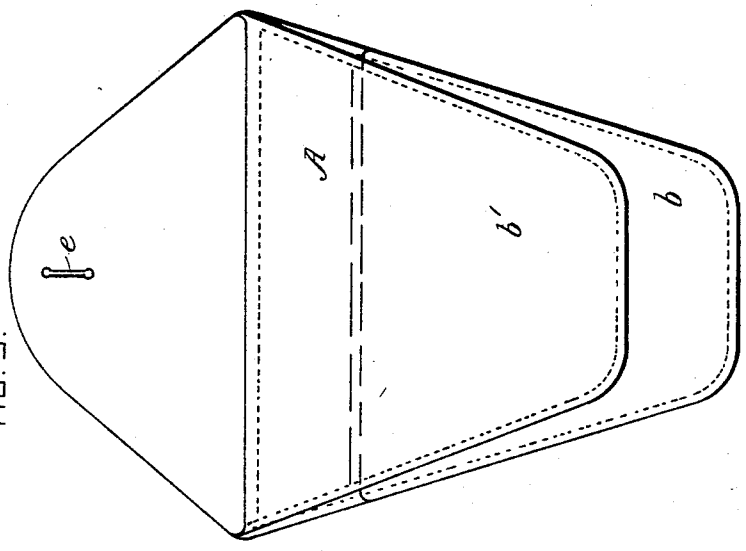


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NAPOLEON SYLVESTRE, a citizen of the Dominion of Canada, residing at Biddeford, in the county of York and State of Maine, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hand-Guards; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to hand-guards; and it consists in the novel construction and combination of the parts hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of a hand-guard constructed according to this invention. Fig. 2 is a cross-section taken on the line *x x* in Fig. 1. Figs. 3 and 4 are front views showing two modifications of the hand-guard shown in Fig. 1.

The hand-guard consists of a forked sack A. This sack is formed of heavy flexible material or of several plies of textile material quilted together. The fingers are thrust into the lower rear part *b* of the sack, and the thumb is thrust into the lower front part *b'*.

C is a removable holder formed of heavy flexible material or several plies of textile material quilted together. The holder C is bent double and is secured between the parts *b* and *b'* in the fork of the sack.

The holder C is preferably secured to the sack by stitches at the points *d*, and when it becomes worn out a new holder can be substituted for it.

The upper part of the back of the sack is provided with a buttonhole *e* for convenience in attaching it to the sleeve of the coat.

This hand-guard is used for grasping hot iron or any other object which quickly wears out the parts it touches.

The modification shown in Fig. 3 differs slightly in shape from that shown in Fig. 1, and the holder C is omitted.

In the modification shown in Fig. 4 the lower part of the rear portion *b* consists of two finger-stalls *f*. This form of hand-guard is intended for use when the object is to be grasped between two fingers and the thumb only. The third and fourth fingers are doubled up and remain pressed against the palm of the hand in the upper part of the sack. The front part *b'* extends the full width of the sack where it joins onto it.

The removable holder C comes in contact with the hot iron or other object which is grasped and prevents the forked sack from being burned. When the holder C is worn or burned away, the stitches *d* are cut, and another similar holder is secured in the fork of the sack.

What I claim is—

1. In a hand-guard, the combination, with a sack for covering the hand, said sack being forked at its lower part forming a finger-stall at the rear and a thumb-stall in front, the base of the said thumb-stall extending the full width of the sack at the base of the finger-stall where the said stalls are united; of a removable holder formed of flexible material bent double and arranged in the fork of the said sack; and fastening devices temporarily securing the said holder to the sack, substantially as set forth.

2. In a hand-guard, a forked sack of flexible material, the lower rear portion of the sack being formed of two finger-stalls, and the lower front portion of the sack being formed of a thumb-stall the base of which extends the full width of the sack at the base of the finger-stalls where the said thumb and finger stalls are united, substantially as set forth.

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

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