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Fig. 1.

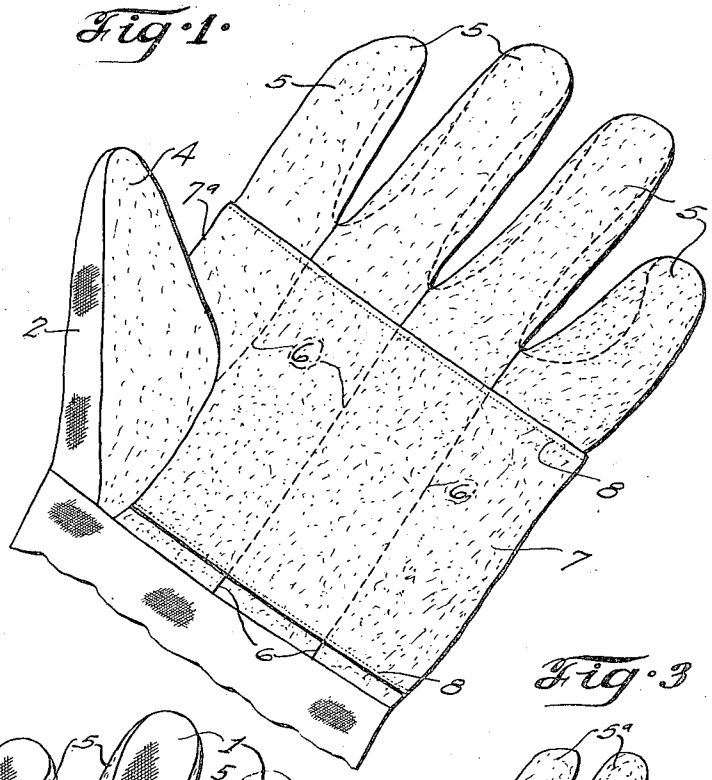


Fig. 3

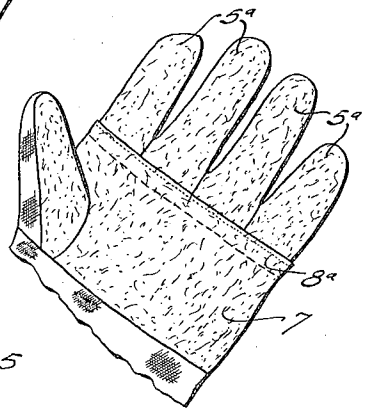
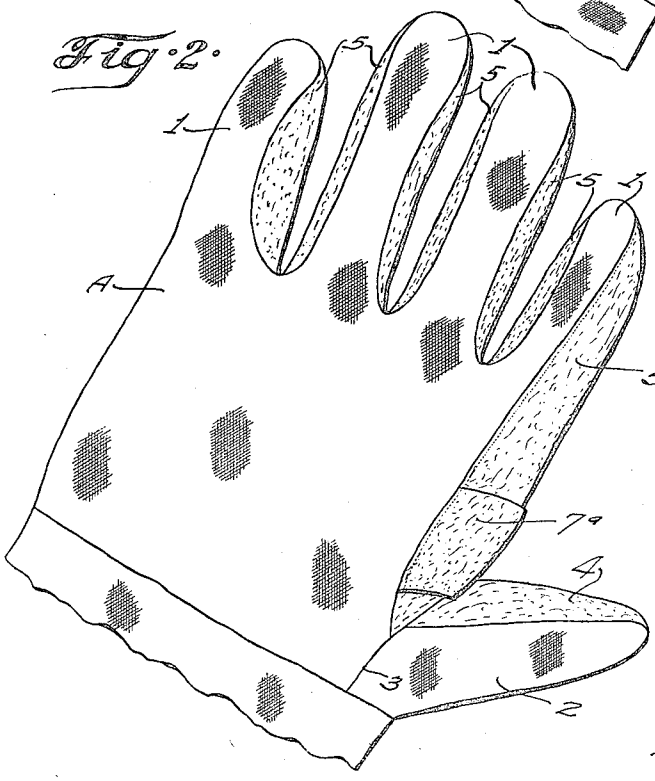


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RUSSELL E. NEAL, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Louis, Missouri, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Combination Work Gloves, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The invention relates to combination work gloves, namely, gloves of the kind that are constructed of two different kinds of material, usually canvas or some other fabric that forms the back part of the glove, and leather, or some other material that has great wear resisting properties that forms the front part of the glove.

Prior to my invention it was the general custom to form the palm and the front portions of two or more of the fingers of a combination work glove from a single piece of leather wide enough to extend clear across the palm and long enough to extend from the lower end of the palm to the tips of the fingers. Owing to the necessity of using a piece of leather long enough to extend from the lower end of the palm to the tips of the fingers, such gloves cost considerably more to manufacture than a canvas work glove or a glove formed entirely of fabric.

The main object of my invention is to provide a combination work glove which is of such design that the front part of the glove can be formed from small pieces of leather or other relatively tough material, thus reducing the cost of manufacturing the glove, on account of the low market value of "scrap" leather or small pieces of leather.

Another object is to provide an inexpensive combination work glove in which the palm portion and the portion of the index finger that is subjected to the greatest wear comprises two thicknesses of leather.

Figure 1 of the drawing is a front perspective view of a combination work glove constructed in accordance with my invention.

Figure 2 is a rear perspective view of the glove shown in Figure 1; and

Figure 3 is a front perspective view, illustrating another form of my invention.

I have herein illustrated my invention embodied in a combination work glove of the gauntlet type, but I wish it to be understood that it is immaterial whether the glove is of the gauntlet type or of the type that comprises a wrist portion which fits closely around the wrist of the wearer.

In the accompanying drawings, which illustrate the preferred form of my invention, the back part of the glove is formed from a piece of canvas or other suitable fabric A provided with extensions 1 that form the backs of the fingers, the back of the thumb being formed by a separate piece of fabric 2 that is joined to the back piece A by a seam 3. The front part of the glove is formed from leather or some other suitable material that has greater wear resisting properties than fabric. Preferably, a piece of leather 4 is used to form the front and side portions of the thumb and separate pieces of leather 5 are used to form the fronts and side portions of the fingers, the finger pieces 5 being extended downwardly across the palm portion of the glove and being joined together by seams 6, as shown in dotted lines in Figure 1. The exposed face or wearing surface of the palm portion of the glove is formed by a palm piece 7 that extends transversely across the palm over the extensions of the finger pieces 5 and which is secured to same by transverse rows of stitches 8 adjacent the upper and lower ends of said palm piece. Preferably, the palm piece 7 is provided at one end with an extension 7^a that laps over the portion of the index finger disposed oppositely to the thumb so as to provide an extra thickness of leather at one side of the crotch between the thumb and first finger, thus producing a glove having double thicknesses of leather in the portions of same that are subjected to the greatest wear.

While I prefer to provide the finger pieces 5 with extensions that project downwardly across the palm portion, I do not wish it to be understood that my invention is limited to a glove of this particular description, for, if desired, the fingers can be provided with relatively short pieces of leather 5^a that form the fronts and side portions of same and which terminate at their lower ends adjacent the upper edge of the palm piece 7, as shown in Figure 3 of the drawings, the lower ends of the finger pieces 5^a being secured to the upper edge of the palm piece 7 by transverse rows of stitches 8^a.

By constructing a combination work glove in the manner above described I am able to use small pieces of leather to form the front part of the glove, thus reducing the cost of

manufacturing the glove, and when the glove is provided with a double palm portion, it is stronger and will last considerably longer than the conventional combination work glove, due to the extra thickness of leather in the palm. The extra thickness of leather at one side of the crotch between the index finger and thumb also enhances the commercial value of the glove, as this is one of the portions of a work glove that wears out quickly.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A combination work glove having a back part and a front part formed of different kinds of materials, said front part being composed of separate finger pieces that form the fronts and side portions of the fingers and which have extensions that extend downwardly across the palm, said extensions being joined together by vertical seams, a thumb piece that forms the front and side portions of the thumb, and a palm piece extending transversely across the palm over the extensions of the finger pieces and joined to same by transverse rows of stitches.

2. A combination work glove having a back part formed of fabric and a front part formed of leather or other relatively tough material, said front part comprising separate fingers that extend from the tips of the fingers downwardly across the palm and joined together by seams that extend vertically of the palm, a thumb piece, and a palm piece extending transversely across the palm over portions of said finger pieces and provided at one end with a part that laps over the index finger in proximity to the thumb, said palm piece having its top and bottom edges secured by transverse rows of stitches.

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