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Fig. 1.

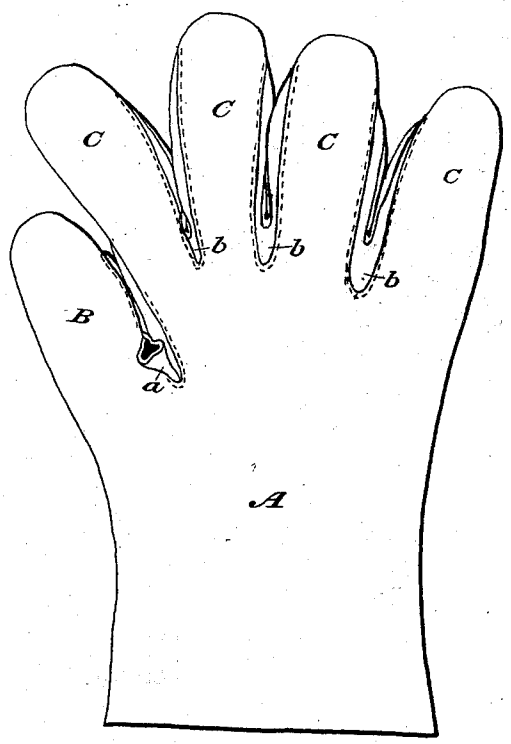


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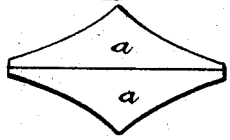


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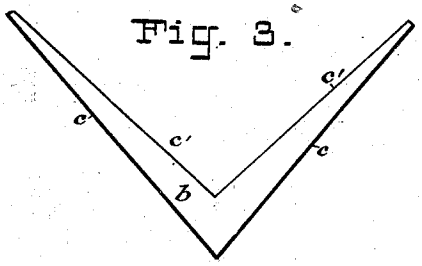
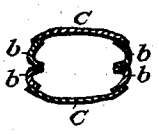


Fig. 4.



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GLOVE OR MITTEN.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, NELSON B. SLAYTON and WILLIAM D. WELLS, both citizens of the United States, and residents of Alfred Centre, Allegany county, New York, have jointly invented certain new and useful Improvements in Gloves and Mittens, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to a reversible glove or mitten which may be worn on either hand, as distinguished from the ordinary kind known as "rights and lefts," which are not interchangeable. The invention is especially applicable to "work-gloves" and "harvest-mittens," so called; but it may be applied to all gloves or mittens made up from pieces of leather or other suitable material.

Our glove or mitten is composed of two like halves or parts, which are stitched together at their margin all around to complete the glove, and each half or part comprises a half-glove proper, provided with half-fourchettes arranged between the half-fingers and between the half-thumb and half-firstfinger.

In the drawings which serve to illustrate our invention, Figure 1 is a view of the complete half-glove provided with the half-fourchette stitched or joined thereto. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the thumb-fourchette, showing the two halves stitched together. Fig. 3 is a view of the half of a finger-fourchette. Fig. 4 is a cross-section of a glove-finger complete.

Let A represent a half-glove proper, provided with a half-thumb, B, and half-fingers C C.

a is a half-fourchette for the thumb, shown as stitched to the half-glove, and *b b* are the half-fourchettes for the fingers, also shown as stitched fast. Each half-fourchette A is of a triangular shape, and when these are stitched together at their longest sides presents the form of a lozenge, as shown in Fig. 2. The half-fourchettes *b* are cut in a V shape or form, as shown in Fig. 3. They are stitched to the fingers of the glove at their external edges, *c*, and to each other at their internal edges, *c'*, in completing the glove.

We have shown our invention as applied to a glove; but it is equally well adapted to mittens with one finger or only a thumb. In the latter case, of course, the fourchettes *b* will not be required.

The object in making the thumb-fourchette in two pieces is to lessen the labor in sewing the two halves together in closing up or finishing the glove; otherwise it might be cut in one piece.

The distinguishing feature of our glove and mitten is that it is formed of two like halves cut from sheets of some fabric—as leather, for example—with the half-thumb and the half-fingers formed or sewed on each half or part of the glove. The fourchettes are also made in halves and sewed to the half-gloves at their exterior edges. In closing up the glove it is only necessary then to sew one seam around the entire edge. This illustrates the importance of making the fourchettes in halves.

Our purpose in making a glove or mitten of this character is to enable the wearer to change the gloves, when the palms become warm, by shifting them from hand to hand—a very important economy when the mittens are employed for rough work, as is usually the case. Knit woolen mittens, which are sometimes made capable of being worn on either hand, are not adapted to rough work—like harvesting, for example—as they soon wear through, and thus prove very expensive.

Having thus described our invention, we claim—

1. A reversible glove or mitten formed from two like parts or halves cut from a sheet of fabric—as leather, for example—with half of the thumb attached to each part and a separate thumb-fourchette, and the parts joined by sewing together their margins, substantially as set forth.

2. A reversible glove or mitten comprising two like halves or parts, each part having the halves of the necessary fourchettes joined thereto, whereby a single continuous row of stitching around the margins or edges serves to close and finish the glove or mitten, substantially as set forth.

3. The combination, with a half glove or mitten, A, cut from a sheet of some suitable fabric, with a half-thumb, B, attached thereto, of

the half-fourchette *a*, cut of triangular form and sewed at two of its three sides to the half glove or mitten A, substantially as set forth.

4. The combination, with a half glove or mitten, A, cut from a sheet of some suitable fabric, with a half-thumb, B, and half-finger C attached thereto, of the half-fourchette *a*, cut of triangular form and sewed to the half glove or mitten at two of its sides, and the V-shaped fourchette *b*, sewed to the half glove or mitten at its exterior edges, substantially as set forth.

In witness whereof we have hereunto signed our names in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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