This invention has reference to what the inventor terms an instant field knife, intended to be attached to the hand of a service man, although it may find utility in other activities.

An object of the invention is to produce a device of the character indicated, having means by which it is attached to an object secured on the hand of the user and, in the embodiment illustrated, it has means for attachment to a hand covering such as a glove, and preferably located on the back of the glove in convenient position for immediate use and where it will not interfere with the free manipulation of the hand when performing the usual duties of the service man. The knife is of such character that it may be employed in any of the activities for which a knife is used and furthermore, it will serve as a dagger when in combat.

An object of the invention therefore is to provide a hand covering such as a glove or gauntlet, on which the knife is securely mounted, it being obvious that those portions of the glove or gauntlet between the fingers will serve to restrain the rearward thrust of the hand covering when the knife is used as a dagger.

It is a further object of the invention to provide means whereby the knife is firmly anchored on the hand covering; further means being provided for holding the hand covering in place through the use of means connecting the hand covering to the wrist or arm of the user.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists in the details of construction, and in the arrangement and combination of parts to be hereinafter more fully set forth and claimed.

In describing the invention in detail, reference will be had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this application, wherein like characters denote corresponding parts in the several views, and in which:

Figure 1 illustrates a top plan view of a glove with the knife associated therewith;

Figure 2 illustrates a view of the edge of the glove and the knife installed;

Figure 3 illustrates a sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1;

Figure 4 illustrates a sectional view on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1;

Figure 5 illustrates a plan view of the knife and the body of which it is a part;

Figure 6 illustrates a sectional view on the line 6—6 of Fig. 5;

Figure 7 illustrates a sectional view on the line 7—7 of Fig. 5; and

Figure 8 illustrates a sectional view on the line 8—8 of Fig. 5, looking in the direction of the arrows.

The hand covering or glove 9 may be of any particular material and conventional in type, on the upper surface of which the knife body or plate 10 is installed, the knife 11 being preferably integral with the plate at the base of the knife, and the blade may be of any appropriate or desired shape. The plate or base 10 of the knife is held on the hand covering or glove by means of a facing strip 12, stitched or otherwise secured to the glove at the seam 13, it being shown that the front end of the facing strip is cut away, as at 14, to the general configuration of the inner end of the knife where it is attached to or made a part of the said plate. The facing strip may be of leather or other strong material such as canvas, and the inventor does not wish to be limited with respect to this detail.

A fastening such as a strap 15 is provided and it may embrace the wrist portion of the glove, and the said strap is provided with a fastening 16, such as a buckle or the like, and the facing strip may have a loop or guide 17 in which the strap is adjustable.

In Figure 2 the hand covering is shown associated with a hand, in which the fingers are closed so that the knife may have full effect when it is plunged forward by the arm of the wearer and, aside from the knife being used for cutting objects which are usually subjected to the action of knives or the like by those who use them, the blade will prove effective as an offensive weapon or dagger.

The one-piece structure of the base and knife blade enables the manufacture of the same by simple stamping and pressing processes so that it is believed it can be produced comparatively inexpensively.

I claim:

1. In a field knife, the combination with a glove, a blade having a base, said base being anchored to the back of the glove with the blade projecting approximately parallel with the outstretched fingers of the glove.

2. In a field knife, the combination with a hand covering having means for securing it to the user, a blade having a plate-like base fitting on the back of the hand covering with the blade projecting forwardly parallel with the fingers of the user when outstretched, and means for securing the blade to the said hand covering.

3. In a field knife, the combination with a
hand covering having a portion extendable over
the wrist of a wearer, a blade having an integral
plate adapted to extend rearwardly of the hand
covering over the wrist of a wearer of the hand
covering, means for securing the plate to the
back of the hand covering with the blade project-
able parallel with the outstretched fingers of the
user of the knife.
4. In a field knife, the combination with a
glove, a blade having a base plate, a facing strip
covering the base plate for holding the knife on
the glove, the said facing strip having its edges
secured to the glove at the edges of the said
plate.
5. In a field knife, the combination with a
glove, a blade having a base plate, a facing strip
covering the base plate for holding the knife on
the glove, the said facing strip having its edges
secured to the glove at the edges of the said plate,
and the said facing strip having a cutaway por-
tion in its forward edge forming a clearance for
the blade at its junction with the base plate.

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