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Fig. 1

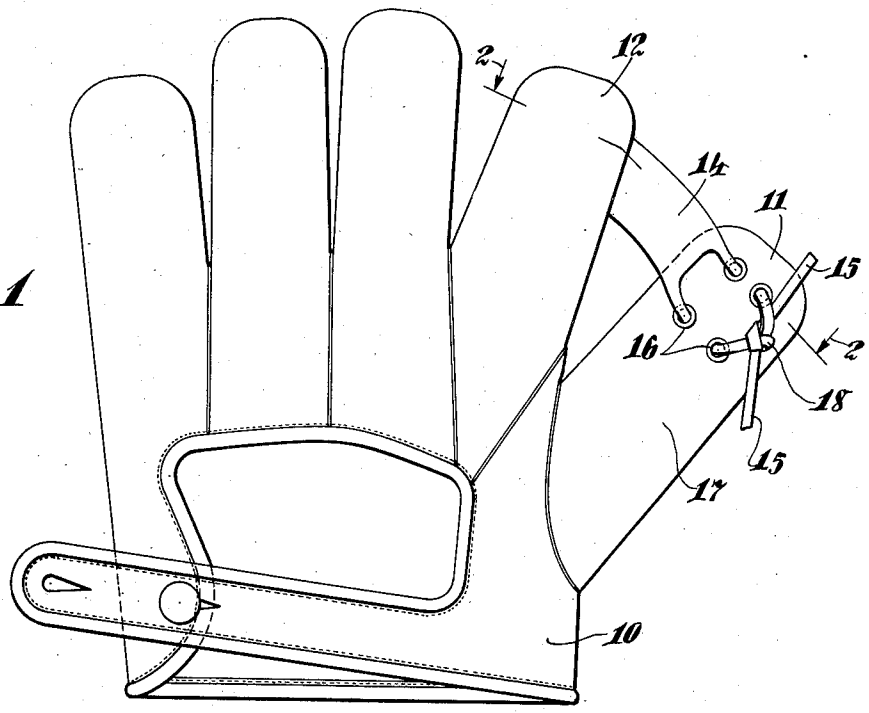
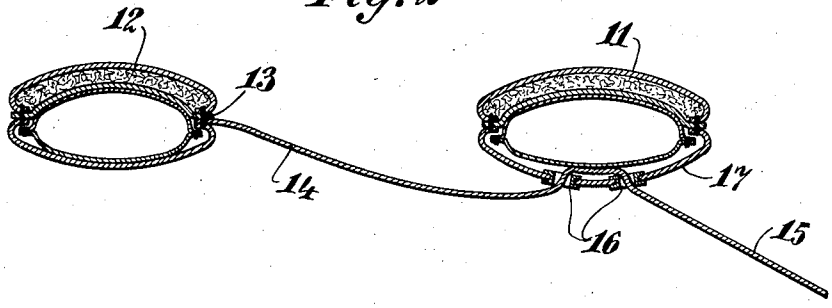


Fig. 2



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The present invention relates to sports accessories and embodies, more specifically, an improved finger mitt for use in playing baseball, the mitt being of such construction as to facilitate the catching of the ball.

Numerous mitts or gloves have been provided having means incorporated in the structure thereof for facilitating the catching of a ball and the present invention seeks to provide a new and improved construction by means of which an adjustable trap may be formed between the thumb and forefinger of a finger mitt.

A further object of the invention is to provide a finger mitt constructed in such fashion that a trap is formed by a means which is readily adjustable and which is simple in construction.

Further objects, not specifically enumerated above, will be apparent as the invention is described in greater detail in connection with the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Figure 1 is a plan view of the back of a finger mitt constructed in accordance with the present invention.

Figure 2 is a view in section, taken on line 2—2 of Figure 1, and looking in the direction of the arrows.

Referring to the above drawing a finger mitt is shown at 10 and includes a thumb portion 11 and a forefinger 12. In the seam 13 of forefinger 12 adjacent the thumb 11 one end of a web 14 is secured. The other end of the web is formed with a plurality of thongs 15 which are adapted to be threaded through eyelets 16, formed in the outer layer 17 of the thumb 11. These eyelets 16 are preferably spaced in such fashion that the thongs 15 may be laced therethrough conveniently and tied at 18. Obviously, the effective length of the web 14 may be varied by adjusting the thongs to a suitable position with respect to the thumb 11 and tying the same. The web 14 affords a widened and effective trap in combination with the thumb and forefinger and the resulting glove or mitt construction is highly effective in play.

By securing one end of the web to that side of the forefinger next adjacent to the thumb, and securing the opposite end of the web to the back of the thumb an effective trap is formed between the thumb and forefinger. When a ball in its flight strikes between the thumb and forefinger, the impetus of the ball causes the forefinger to be moved bodily in the general direction of the thumb, while the thumb is drawn into contact with the ball in a slightly rotary direction. This is due to the fact that the pull upon the thumb is upon the back thereof. Because of this particular action the glove provides a trap which lends itself admirably to securing the ball therein and thus enables the user to hold balls which otherwise might be missed.

While the invention has been described with specific reference to the accompanying drawing, it is not to be limited, save as defined in the appended claims.

I claim as my invention:

1. A baseball glove having a thumb and forefinger provided with a side seam, a web secured in the seam of the forefinger, and the opposite end of said web secured to the back of the thumb.

2. A baseball glove including a thumb and a forefinger provided with a front and a rear face, a web having one end secured to said forefinger at the edge thereof next adjacent to the thumb and midway between the said front and rear faces of the forefinger, and the other end of said web secured to the back of the thumb.

3. A baseball glove including a thumb and a forefinger provided with a front and a rear face, a web having one end secured to said forefinger at the edge thereof next adjacent to the thumb and midway between the said front and rear faces of the forefinger, and the other end of the web partly spanning the back of the thumb and secured to said back.

4. A baseball glove including a thumb and a forefinger provided with a front and a rear face, a web having one end secured to said forefinger at the edge thereof next adjacent to the thumb and midway between the said front and rear faces of the forefinger, the back of the thumb having openings therein spaced from the thumb edges, and portions of said web secured in said openings.

5. A baseball glove including a thumb and a forefinger provided with a front and a rear face, a web having one end secured to said forefinger at the edge thereof next adjacent to the thumb and midway between the said front and rear faces of the forefinger, the opposite end of said web bifurcated to provide a pair of thongs, and the back of the thumb having spaced openings through which said thongs may be passed and secured.

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