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Fig. 1.

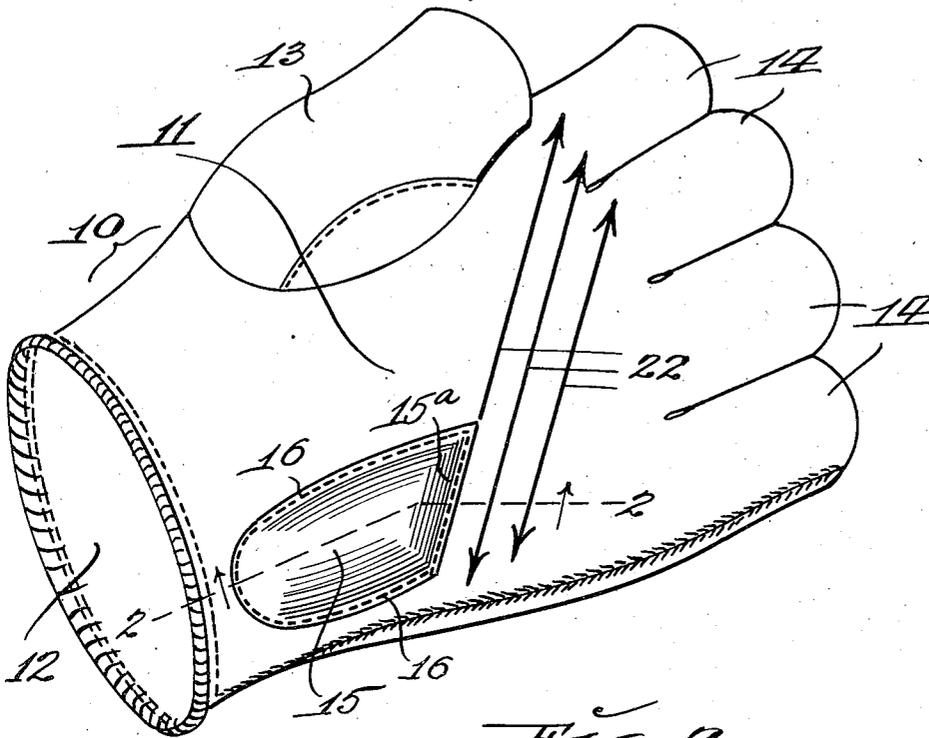


Fig. 2.

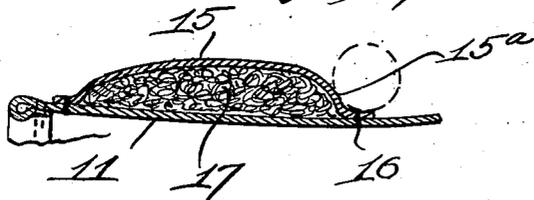
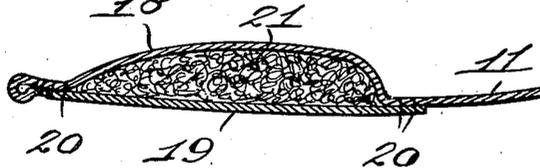


Fig. 3.



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My invention relates to a glove to be worn by golf players and has for its principal object, the provision of a relatively simple, practical and inexpensive glove which, when worn, will be highly effective in bringing about the proper positioning of the shaft of the club as the same is grasped by the left hand during the address of the ball and also during the swing of the club that immediately precedes the stroke.

A further object of my invention is to provide a pad or protuberance on the rear or heel portion of the palm of the glove and on the opposite side of the palm from the thumb of the glove in order to promote pronation or the turning of the left hand underneath the shaft during the up swing of the club so that at the top of the swing the player's left wrist is cocked underneath the shaft with the toe of the club face pointing toward the ground as it should in accordance with the accepted and established theories and practise of expert golf players.

A further object of my invention is to provide a golfer's glove of the character referred to that is highly effective in causing the player to maintain a straight left arm and the maintenance of the pressure of the grip of the shaft in the proper place in order to maintain the shaft firmly against the palm of the hand and particularly below the heel portion of the left hand at all times during the swing that precedes the stroke.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, my invention consists in certain novel features of construction and arrangement of parts that will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a golf player's glove constructed in accordance with my invention.

Fig. 2 is a cross section taken on the line 2-2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a cross section similar to Fig. 2 and showing a modified form of the pad that is formed on the heel portion of the glove palm.

Referring by numerals to the accompanying drawing which illustrates a preferred embodiment of my invention, 10 designates generally a glove that includes a palm portion 11, a back 12, a thumb 13 and fingers 14.

The thumb and finger portions 13 and 14 of the glove are open at their outer ends and are short so that they cover only those portions of the thumb and fingers that are immediately adjacent the palm of the hand. The entire glove or at least the palm portion thereof is formed from

leather, preferably soft and pliable in order that it will readily conform to the movements of the hand, thumb and fingers. Applied to the face of the palm portion 11 of the glove adjacent the wrist encircling portion thereof, in direct longitudinal alignment with those portions of the glove that receive the third and little fingers, is a pad that overlies the fleshy rear portion of the palm of the hand on the opposite side from the thumb.

This pad or protuberance is substantially oval in shape and disposed so that its major axis, if extended, would pass lengthwise between those finger portions 14 of the glove that receive the third and fourth fingers of the wearer's hand.

As illustrated in Fig. 2, this pad or protuberance may include a substantially oval section 15 of leather or like soft flexible material, the edge of which is secured to the palm portion 11 of the glove by one or more rows of stitching 16 and, disposed between member 15 and the palm portion 11 of the glove is a body 17 of suitable padding, for instance, soft fibrous material, such as kapok, curled hair, or one or more layers of cotton waste.

The forward end 15a of this pad is inclined so that it occupies an angular position of approximately forty-five degrees relative to the major and minor axes of the glove.

Thus the inclined forward end of the pad functions as shoulder against which the shaft of the club is positioned when grasped by the gloved hand of the player and as a result, the correct "lay" or position of the club handle across the player's gloved hand is insured before the hand is closed to grip the club.

As illustrated in Fig. 3, the pad may be formed by pressing a portion of the palm of the glove upwardly as designated by 18 and applying to the inner face of the palm portion 11 a substantially flat piece 19 of leather or analogous material and attaching the edges thereof to the palm member 11 by a row or rows of stitching 20. A filling 21 of soft, flexible material, preferably of fibrous nature, is packed in the chamber between the upwardly pressed palm portion 18 and the flat backing member 19.

In addition to providing the pad with the inclined front portion 15a for the purpose of correctly defining the lay of the club shaft across the palm of the hand, suitable instructive data may be printed on the palm of the glove immediately in front of the inclined front end 15a of said pad and, which data may take the form of one or more lines arranged parallel

with the inclined front end 15a of the pad and with each other, which lines as illustrated in Fig. 1 are straight and extend from the side of the palm portion of the glove diagonally across the palm of the glove to the point where the finger members for the first and second fingers join the palm portion.

These guiding lines are designated by the numeral 22 and if desired, data or instructions to the effect that the shaft of the club must be laid directly over and parallel with said lines and against the inclined forward end of the pad may be printed on the palm surface of the glove between or adjacent said diagonally disposed lines.

When the glove is in use, it is properly positioned upon the left hand and in grasping the club before addressing the ball, the shaft of the club is laid directly over and parallel with the lines 22, thus bringing one side of the club directly against the inclined forward end 15a of the pad.

Thus, the player's left hand is caused to properly grip the shaft of the club and when the hand is closed on the shaft, the pad provides a bearing for said shaft so that the latter is retained in the proper position during address of the ball and during the swing preceding the club stroke. Thus the pad is effective in promoting pronation or the turning of the left hand underneath the shaft during the up swing, with the result that at the end of said up swing the left wrist is bent to the proper degree beneath the shaft and the toe of the club face points toward the ground in accordance with perfect golfing form.

Further, the pad is effective in maintaining the pressure of the grip at the proper place, tends to cause the left arm to maintain a straight position and materially increases the player's form.

The glove herein disclosed has been developed by a professional golf player after years of teaching and playing and after repeated tests and experiments and, in addition to providing a desirable professional utility to enable golf players to attain and retain perfect golfing form, is especially effective in the teaching of golf playing to beginners.

The rear end edge of the body of the glove is gathered and the gathered portion is stitched with latex thread and as a result, the wrist portion of the glove may be readily stretched when the glove is pulled on the hand and the gathered portion will, due to the elastic stitching, fit snugly around the wrist of the player's hand.

Thus it will be seen that I have provided a golf player's glove that is relatively simple in construction, inexpensive of manufacture and very effective in performing the functions for which it is intended.

It will be understood that minor changes in the size, form and construction of the various parts of my improved golf player's glove, may be made and substituted for those herein shown and described, without departing from the spirit of my invention, the scope of which is set forth in the appended claims.

I claim as my invention:

1. A golf player's glove having a palm portion and thumb and finger encircling members and a pad formed on and projecting upwardly from the palm portion of the glove adjacent the wrist encircling end thereof and on the side of the palm portion opposite from the thumb encircling member, which pad is disposed substantially in longitudinal alignment with the finger receiving members that encircle the third and little fingers of the hand to which the glove is applied, which pad is provided at its forward end with a shoulder that is inclined transversely of the glove and also inclined rearwardly with respect to the palm surface of the glove.

2. A golf player's glove having a palm portion, a pad formed on the rear portion of the palm of said glove, which pad projects upwardly from the surface of the palm portion of the glove and having its forward end provided with a shoulder that is inclined transversely with respect to the glove and inclined rearwardly with respect to the surface of the palm portion, and the palm of the glove in front of said pad being provided with diagonally disposed guide markings that are substantially parallel with the transverse inclination of the shoulder at the forward end of said pad.

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