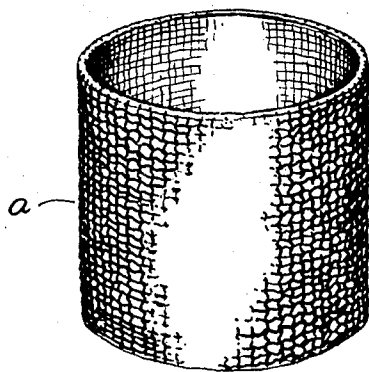


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This invention relates to an article to be worn by players of games of a strenuous character or workers engaged in work where perspiration is likely to be a hindrance.

In playing tennis, badminton or similar games players are often handicapped by the hands becoming drenched with perspiration which causes not only discomfort but is a handicap to the player as it prevents the necessary tight grip being maintained on the handle of the racquet. Further in the case of workers, for example dock labourers, such perspiration may be a handicap. The excessive perspiration does not usually come from the hands themselves but is a result of perspiration from the whole arm running down and collecting in the hands.

It is an object of the present invention to provide means whereby this may be prevented.

According to the present invention an article to be worn on the wrist for absorbing perspiration comprises a portion of readily absorbent textile material having elastic threads inserted therein, the absorbent material being formed as a tube adapted to slip over the wrist and held resiliently and firmly thereon by the tension of the elastic threads. The article accordingly provides a cuff-like member encircling the wrist, and being firmly held in position serves to prevent perspiration which may run down the arm from reaching the hand. The cuff also serves the useful purpose of wiping perspiration off the face of the player or worker by merely drawing the wrist over parts of the face.

The cuff may be formed of any suitable textile material which will readily absorb moisture and the elastic means for holding it on the wrist may comprise threads of rubber threaded or woven into the material so as to tend to cause the tubular cuff to fit snugly to the wrist.

According to one embodiment of the invention as shown in the accompanying drawing a woven fabric is provided in which some or all the warp threads are formed of rubber or like resilient material and the weft threads are formed of "terry towel" yarn. A strip of suitable length and width is cut and the ends secured as by stitching to form the tube *a*. The resilient threads permit the tube to give to enable the hand to be readily inserted through the tube to position the article round the wrist, the resilient threads then serving to contract the tube to embrace the wrist firmly.

Alternatively, a tubular cuff may be formed by machine or hand knitting in which some rub-

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ber threads are knitted into the cuff to provide one or more resilient threads encircling the cuff to enable it to be drawn firmly into engagement with the wrist of the wearer.

It will be understood that the tubular cuffs may be made in various sizes to ensure that they grip the wrist firmly but not too tightly.

It will be understood that the invention is not limited to material having rubber or like threads incorporated therein in the course of the weaving or knitting of the material. If desired, elastic threads may be threaded through ordinary "terry towelling" or like material to provide the necessary elasticity for the cuff.

The cuff is useful for players of lawn tennis, table tennis, badminton, squash, racquets, cricket or other games where racquets or bats are used. The invention is, however, applicable to other games where racquets or bats are not used, such as net-ball or basket-ball, and in these cases the cuff is particularly useful in providing an absorbent cuff for wiping perspiration from the face.

In addition, the cuff may be used by workers engaged in heavy manual work, or even those engaged in relatively light work, where perspiration on the wrist and hands is likely to be a handicap or cause discomfort.

I claim:

1. A tubular wrist band for wiping perspiration from the face, formed from a band of material having warp threads of rubber interwoven with weft threads of loosely twisted readily absorbent cotton yarn, the outer face of the wrist band having a loose pile surface formed by portions of the cotton yarn.

2. A tubular wrist band for wiping perspiration from the face comprising a band of woven material in which all the weft threads are formed of loosely twisted readily absorbent cotton yarn and at least some of the warp threads are of rubber, portions of the said cotton threads on the outer face of the band forming a loose readily absorbent pile surface.

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