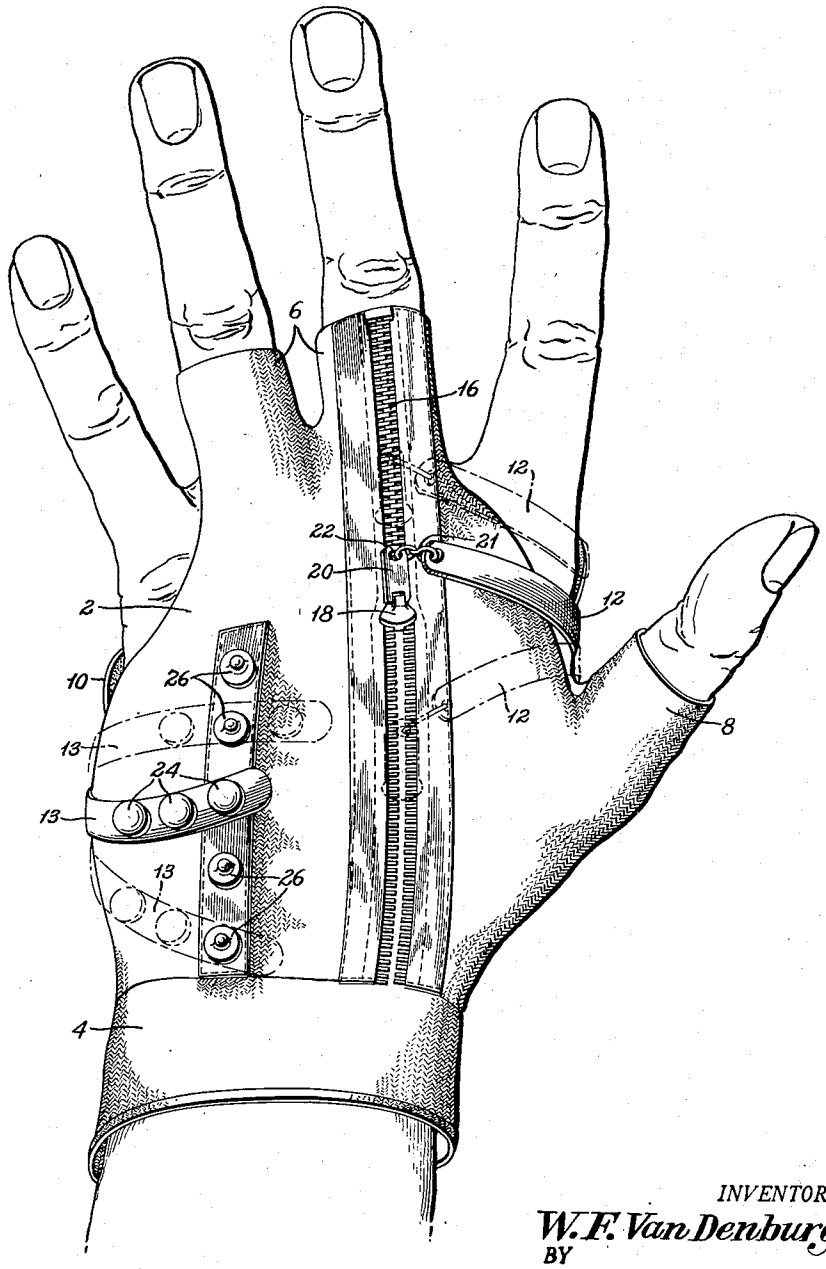
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Fig. 1.



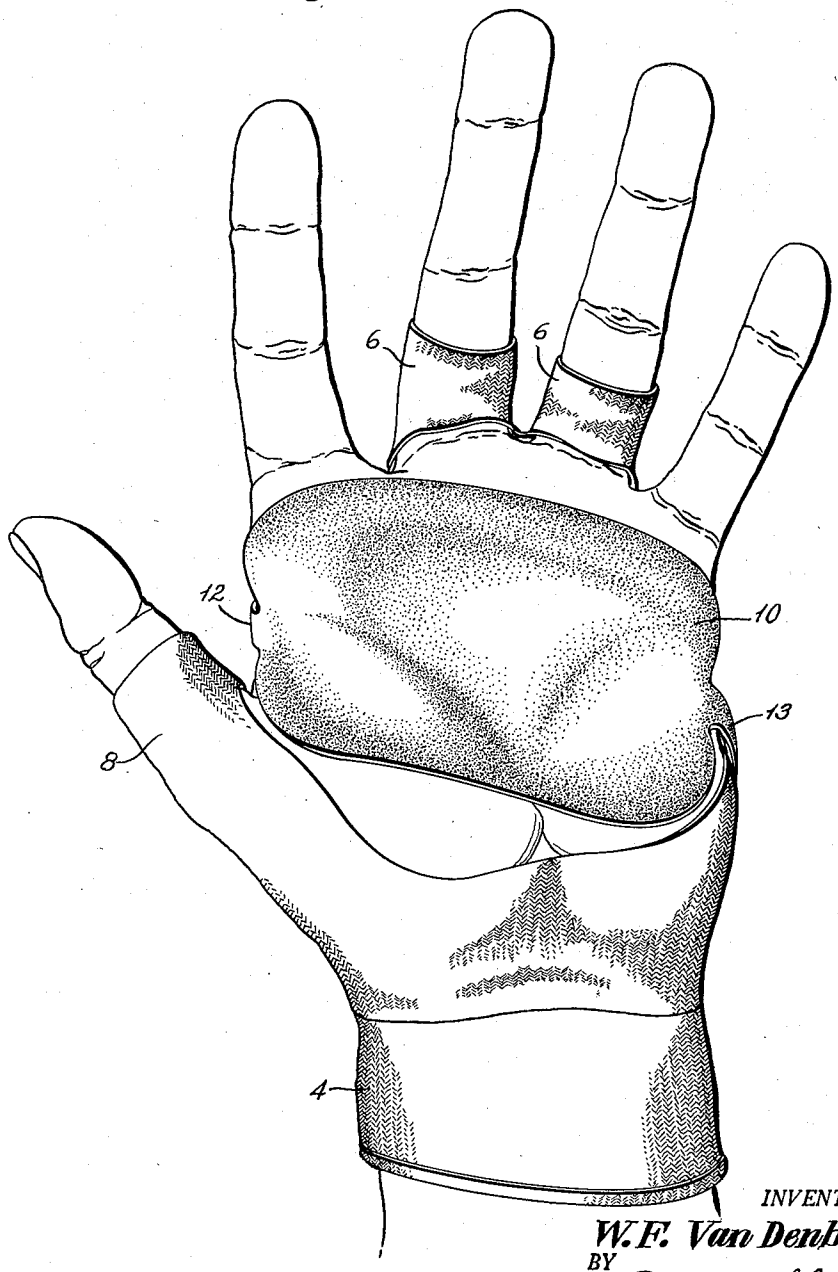
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Fig. 2.



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This invention relates to gloves or club gripping accessories for use particularly by golfers.

The invention consists principally in a gripping member adapted to receive and properly position a golf club handle in the user's hand. The gripping is adjustable on a glove to lie at any desired angle across the wearer's palm and in any selected position toward or from the fingers.

It is therefore an object of this invention to provide an adjustable golfer's glove whereby the club engaging portion may be set in a desired position to insure a uniform grip on the club at all times.

A further object of the invention is to provide an adjustable golf glove adapted to properly position the golf club in the wearer's hand to insure the most satisfactory grip for the particular wearer.

Another object of the invention is to provide a novel golf glove of simple construction, yet inexpensive and economical to produce.

Further and additional objects and advantages will appear to those skilled in the art as the description proceeds in connection with the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Fig. 1 is an elevational view of the back of the glove of the present invention shown in position on a wearer's hand; and

Fig. 2 is a view of the palm portion of the glove and hand shown in Fig. 1.

The adjustable golf glove of the present invention consists of a back portion or panel **2** (Fig. 1) having a wrist encircling loop portion **4**, finger encircling loops **6**, and a thumb encircling portion **8** attached to the edges of the panel **2**. As shown in Fig. 1, only two finger loops **6** are shown but it is to be understood that three or four may be provided, or the glove may even be made with a single finger encircling loop, if desired.

As shown in Fig. 2, the palm portion of the glove is completely cut away to expose the bare palm of the wearer. The finger, thumb and wrist encircling portions serve the function of holding the back portion or panel **2** in relatively fixed position on the back of the wearer's hand.

A palm piece or gripping member **10** (Fig. 2) is provided and is of somewhat elongated shape to extend transversely across the palm of the hand. The palm piece or gripping member **10** may be of any desirable material but is preferably of a relatively stiff material capable of being readily bent about the handle of a golf club but sufficiently stiff to at least partially retain the bend to define a concave groove extending lengthwise of the palm piece and generally across the palm of the hand. Such curved configuration of the palm piece **10** defines a transverse concave groove adapted to receive and properly position a golf club in the user's hand. The palm piece **10** may be made of leather, reinforced or impregnated fabric, or a suitable plastic material.

Integral elongated extensions or straps **12** and **13** extend from the ends of the palm piece **10** and extend around to the back of the glove as shown in Fig. 1. The extensions or straps **12** and **13** constitute holding means to hold the palm piece **10** in relatively fixed position on the glove.

Provision is made for adjusting the position of the palm piece **10** and to this end a slide fastener **16** is attached to the back panel **2** to extend longitudinally of the glove from the wrist encircling band **4** to and along one of the finger encircling bands **6**. The slide fastener **16** is provided with the usual slider **18** having a finger piece **20** adapted to be pivoted on the slider **18** to a releasing position or to a slider locking position. In the locking position the finger piece **20** locks the slider **18** against longitudinal movement along the fastener **16**. The slide fastener **16** with its slider **18** performs no closing function but merely constitutes a convenient longitudinally extending trackway along which a slider **18** may be adjusted and fixed in selected position. The holding means or strap **12** is provided with a clasp **20** of any suitable form engageable in an opening **22** in the slider **18**. It will be apparent that by proper manipulation the end of strap **12** may be fixed in any selected position along the fastener **16**. Two such additional positions are indicated by dotted line in Fig. 1. Such longitudinal adjustment of the end of strap **12** results in a longitudinal adjustment of the corresponding end of palm piece **10**.

The strap or holding means **13** extending from the other end of the palm piece **10** is provided with a plurality of snap fastener elements **24** spaced along the strap **13**. A plurality of snap fastener elements **26** is arranged with the elements in longitudinally spaced relation along the back panel **2**. Each of the snap fastener elements **24** is complementary to each of the elements **26** whereby any one of the elements **24** may be engaged with any one of the elements **26**, in a well-known manner, to anchor the end of strap **13** in selected position on the back panel **2** of the glove.

Having determined the proper position for the slider **18**, the wearer may select an appropriate fastener element **26** to set the palm piece **10** at any desired angle across the palm of his hand. Since different angular adjustments of the palm piece **10** result in a change in the distance between the anchor points at the ends of straps **12** and **13**, a proper fastener element **24** may be selected to maintain the straps taut for any selected angle of adjustment.

It will be obvious that other adjustable anchoring means for the straps **12** and **13** may be provided as the equivalents of those illustrated herein. For example, the slide fastener **16** and the slider **18** may be replaced by a series of snap fasteners like those shown at **24** and **26** or may be replaced by any other suitable slide and guide arrangement. Likewise, the snap fasteners **24** on the strap **13** and the fastener elements **26** on the back panel **2** may be replaced by a suitable guideway and slider such as shown at **16** and **18**. In the latter case the strap **13** may be connected to the slider by means of an adjustable buckle whereby the length of the strap **13** may be adjusted.

While a single specific embodiment of the invention has been illustrated and described herein, it is to be understood that other modifications may be resorted to without departing from the invention as defined in the appended claims.

I claim:

1. An adjustable golf glove comprising, a back portion, means holding said back portion in relatively fixed position on the hand of a wearer, a movable palm piece adapted to lie against the palm of a wearer's hand, elongated extensions at opposite sides of said palm piece, fastening means adapted to secure said extensions to said back portion at selected longitudinally spaced points whereby the angular and longitudinal position of said palm piece may be adjusted.

2. A golf glove as defined in claim 1, wherein said palm piece is bendable to at least partially encircle and grip a handle but sufficiently stiff to at least partially retain the bend imparted thereto.

3. A golf glove as defined in claim 1, wherein said palm piece is curved to present an outwardly concave groove extending across the palm of the wearer's hand.

4. An adjustable golf glove comprising, a flexible back panel, a wrist encircling portion, at least one finger encircling portion, and a thumb encircling portion, all of said encircling portions being fixed to said back panel and adapted to hold said back panel in a relatively fixed position against the back of a wearer's hand, a palm piece adapted to extend across and lie against the palm of a wearer's hand, elongated flexible holding means secured to the ends of said palm piece, and fastening means adapted to selectively secure each of said flexible holding means to said back panel at any of a plurality of longi-

tudinally spaced points whereby the angular and longitudinal position of said palm piece may be adjusted.

5. A golf glove as defined in claim 4, wherein said palm piece is bendable to at least partially encircle and grip a handle but sufficiently stiff to at least partially retain the bend imparted thereto.

6. A golf glove as defined in claim 4, wherein said fastening means includes guide means extending longitudinally of and fixed to said back panel, a slider movable along said guide means, means for securing said slider to said guide means at any selected position therealong, and means securing an end of one of said holding means to said slider.

7. A golf glove as defined in claim 4, wherein said fastening means includes a plurality of fastener elements fixed to said back panel in longitudinally spaced relation and a plurality of fastener elements on one of said holding means arranged in spaced relation therealong, any one of the fastening elements on said holding means being engageable with any one of the fastening elements on said back panel to secure said holding means thereto.

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