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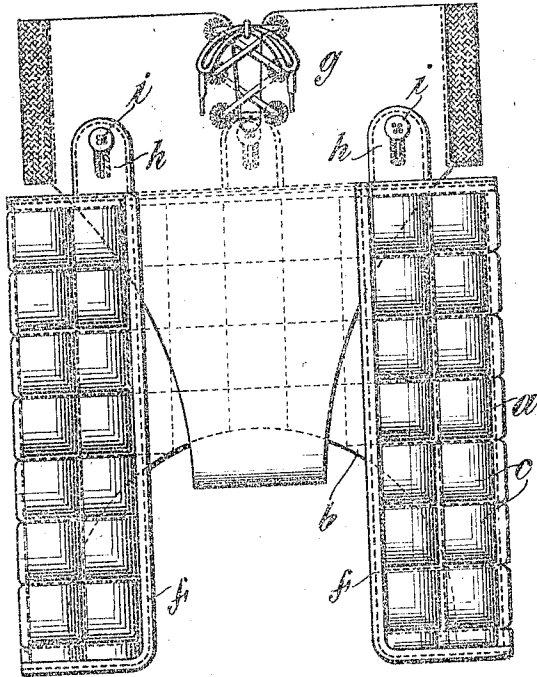


Fig. 1.

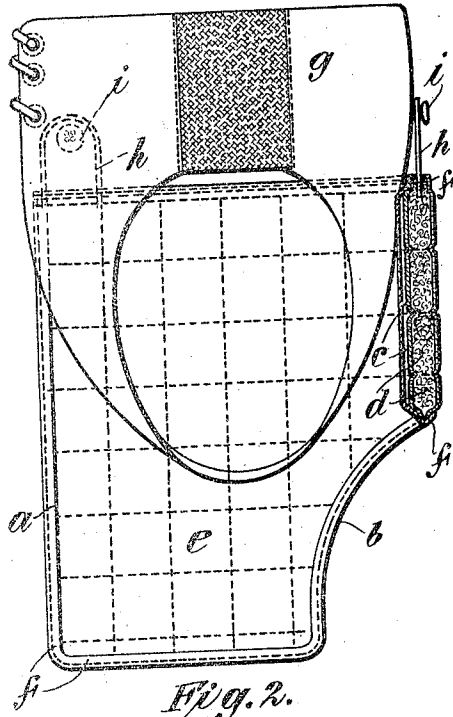


Fig. 2.

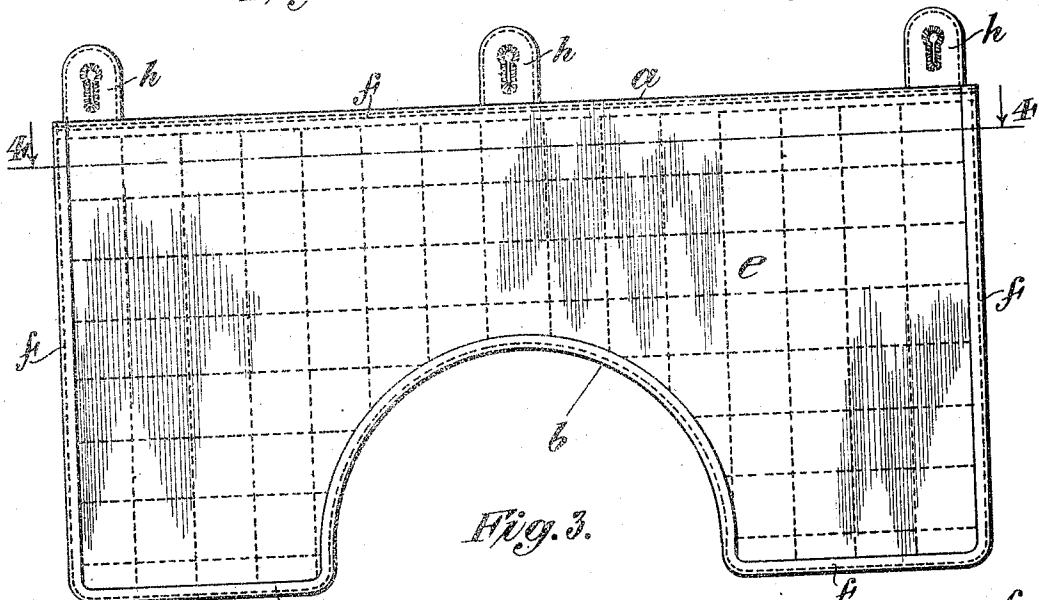


Fig. 3.



Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK C. CLARKE, a citizen of the United States, residing in Winfield, in the State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sliding-Pads for Base-Ball Players, &c., of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part hereof.

For the protection of the thighs of base-ball players in sliding to base it is usual to pad quite heavily the ordinary baseball trousers. This adds to the expense of uniforms because the cost of each pair of trousers is increased by the cost of padding. Furthermore, the padding detracts from the appearance of the trousers, and, again there is sometimes, in the act of sliding, a slipping between the padding and the person of the wearer producing some skin friction and unpleasant sensations.

It is the object of this invention to provide a sliding pad which shall be free from the objections to a pad which forms a part of the trousers and to that end the pad is formed independently of the trousers and of any other garment and is so formed as to avoid the unpleasant skin friction in the act of sliding.

The invention will be more fully explained hereinafter with reference to the accompanying drawing in which it is illustrated and in which—

Figure 1 is a view in front elevation showing the sliding pad as it is worn and the supporter to which it is attached. Fig. 2 is a vertical central section. Fig. 3 is a view in elevation of the pad extended. Fig. 4 is a view in section on the plane indicated by the line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

The pad *a* may be formed of any suitable material and may have any suitable shape. As shown in the drawing it is generally rectangular, cut away in the rear, as at *b*.

It is shown as formed of an ordinary double quilted fabric *c*, padded with any suitable padding material *d*. Preferably, as shown in Fig. 4, it has a loose inner lining *e*, which is free from the quilted pad except at its edges *f* where it may be stitched or otherwise secured to the pad. This loose lining *e* lies nearest the person of the wearer so that in the act of sliding, whatever slip there may be is between the pad and the lining, rather than between the pad and the person of the wearer, whereby the unpleasant burning sensation, which is due to the slipping on the skin of the wearer, is avoided.

The improved pad is preferably formed by itself independently of any other garment, and is preferably arranged to be supported by the usual supporter *g*, or any other similar garment adapted to be secured to the person, preferably having buttonhole tabs *h* to engage buttons *i* secured to the ordinary supporter.

I claim as my invention:

1. The combination with a garment adapted to be secured to the person, of a sliding pad detachably secured to said garment and extending around the greater portion thereof, a loose lining secured only at its edges to said pad, and said pad being generally rectangular in outline.

2. The combination with a garment adapted to be secured to the person of a sliding pad detachably secured to said garment and extending around the greater portion thereof, a loose lining secured only at its edges to said pad, and said pad being generally rectangular in outline, and the lower rear portion thereof being cut away.

This specification signed and witnessed this twenty-second day of May, A. D., 1911.

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