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Fig. 1.

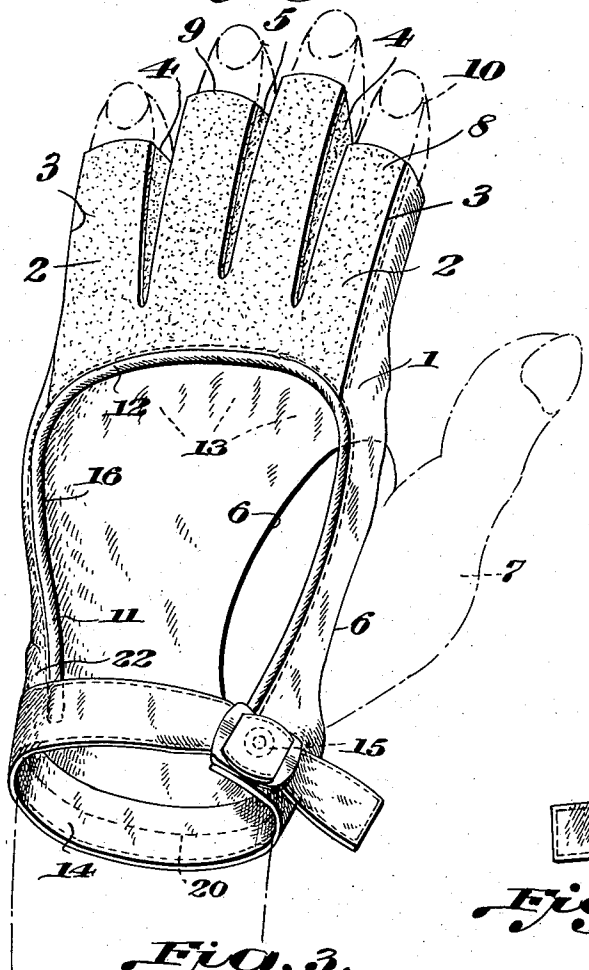



Fig. 2.

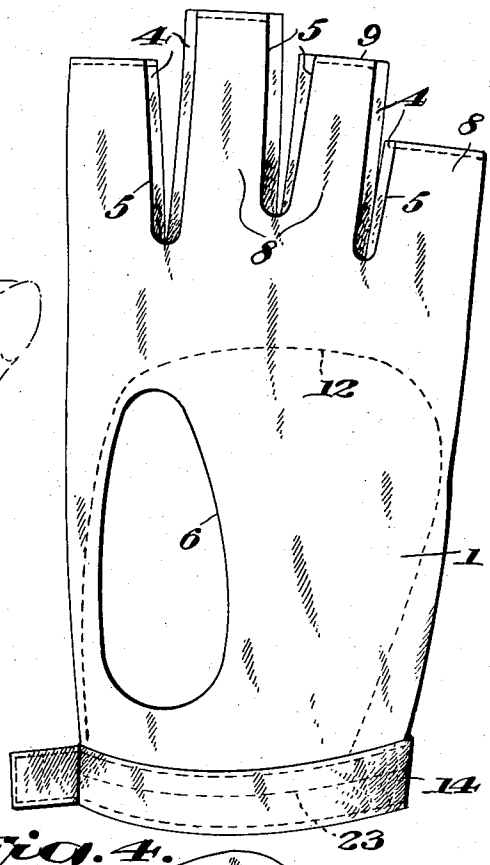



Fig. 3.

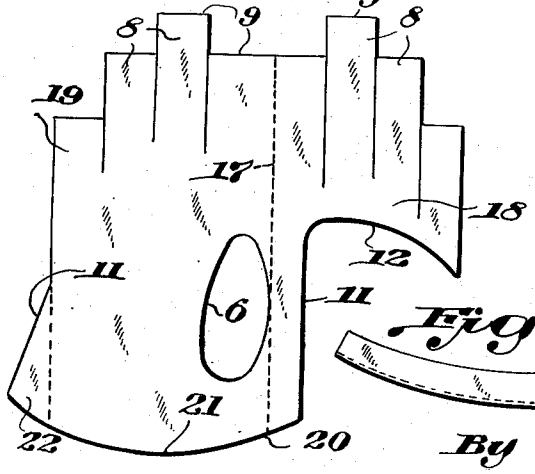



Fig. 4.

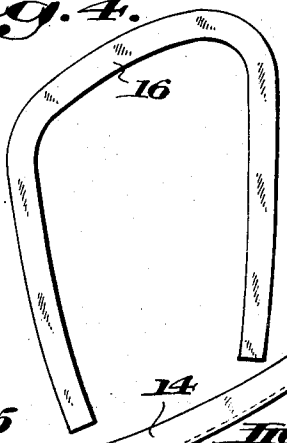



Fig. 5

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The present invention relates to an improved glove and more particularly to a protective glove to be used by golfers, tennis and polo players, automobile drivers, etc.

It is an object of the invention to provide a glove of improved construction which will render full protection to the fingers and the palm of the hand, eliminating at the same time any stress across the knuckles of the hand of the wearer, but allowing a full and free grip. It is also an object of the invention to have an opening in the back of the glove so that the back of the hand will be cool and unobstructed.

Another object of the invention resides in the wrist end of the glove of which the front or palm side is cut longer at the approximate center and has a gradual taper from this point to both sides, which results in a firm fit of the glove on the hand.

Further objects will be apparent from the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, in which

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the glove according to the invention, with the back side forward as applied on a hand;

Fig. 2 is a front plan view of the glove showing the palm side forward;

Fig. 3 is a plan view of a blank of material from which a modified glove is formed;

Fig. 4 is a plan view of the binding of the glove; and

Fig. 5 is a plan view of the strap of the glove.

The glove of Figs. 1 and 2 is made in two main parts, a palm or front portion 1 and a back portion 2. These two portions are secured together to form the glove by means of the first and little finger seams 3 and the fourchettes 4 between the fingers seamed at 5 to the portions 1 and 2. The glove as illustrated has no thumb portion since a cut-out portion or section 6 in the palm portion 1 will permit the thumb 7 to be completely free and exposed.

The finger portions 8 are cut off at 9 just slightly above the first joints with reference to the hand so that the ends 10 of the fingers will project out of the glove.

The back portion 2 of the glove has a cut-out portion or section 11 starting at the wrist and extending around about half way between the knuckles and the finger webs of the hand, as particularly illustrated in Fig. 1, in which the somewhat arched curve 12 extends just above or beyond the knuckles 13 of the hand.

A wrist band or strap 14 is seamed along the bottom or wrist edge 20 of the glove and is provided with a suitable securing means such as an adjustable snap fastener 15. This band 14 not only secures the glove on the hand of the wearer but also draws the two wrist ends of the cut-out portion toward each other since it will be observed that the fastening means for the glove is not on the palm side of the glove, but on the back side thereof. The band or strap 14 is cut out on a curve as illustrated in Fig. 5, the purpose of which will be explained.

It may also be desirable to provide a binding 16 around the edge of the cut-out portion 12 which is formed by cutting a blank as illustrated in Fig. 4 which is doubled over and seamed to the palm and back portions 1 and 2 around the opening 11 and 12.

Instead of making the glove of two parts 1 and 2, these latter can be cut from a single piece of material as illustrated in Fig. 3, it, of course, being necessary or advisable to provide fourchettes between the fingers. The dotted line 17 indicates the approximate limits of the back portion 18 and the palm portion 19. In the blank of Fig. 3, it will be observed that the wrist edge 20 of both portions is cut on a curve which is likewise true of the two part glove of Figs. 1 and 2, of which the curved edge 20 is indicated by the dotted curved line 20 to indicate the edge of the fabric to which is secured the band 14. Thus the wrist end 20, Fig. 3, is cut long at the approximate center 21 of the palm portion and has a gradual taper from this point 21 to both sides thereof, so that when the strap 14 is attached and the glove is placed on the hand with the strap around the wrist it causes the entire glove to be held firmly on the hand, Fig. 1.

The side portion 22, Fig. 3, of the palm part 19 is wider at the wrist end so that when the glove is on the hand, Fig. 1, the strap 14 will form a "semi-balloon" shaped opening 11 which aids in holding all parts of the glove firmly on the hand.

The glove can be made of any suitable material, such as leather, cotton and other suitable materials and it can be made of any combination of materials, such as, for instance, a leather palm portion with a fabric back portion. Also, any suitable fastening means can be used in connection with the strap and the width of the strap, the provision of binding strips and the length of the finger portions are matters of choice which can be changed and altered as may be desired for any specific use or style. The glove illustrated is however of such design and construction that it lends itself to the widest uses to eliminate any stress across the knuckles at the same time al-

lowing a full and free grip and will render full protection to the palm of the hand and the fingers.

It is of course possible to modify the various features of the invention since obviously, the present invention is not restricted to the particular embodiments herein shown and described. Moreover, it is not indispensable that all the features of the invention be used conjointly, since they may be employed advantageously in various combinations and sub-combinations.

I claim as my invention:

A glove for golfers and the like comprising, in combination, front and back sections secured together to provide open-ended finger stalls, the front section extending beyond the palm and partially surrounding the wrist and having a thumb opening; the back section terminating short of the knuckles on the hand of the wearer and having a binding extending across the knuckle portion of the hand between the knuckles and the finger webs, thereby permitting freedom of movement of the knuckle joints; and means to secure the glove on the wrist of the wearer.

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