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BASEBALL GLOVE

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Fig. 1

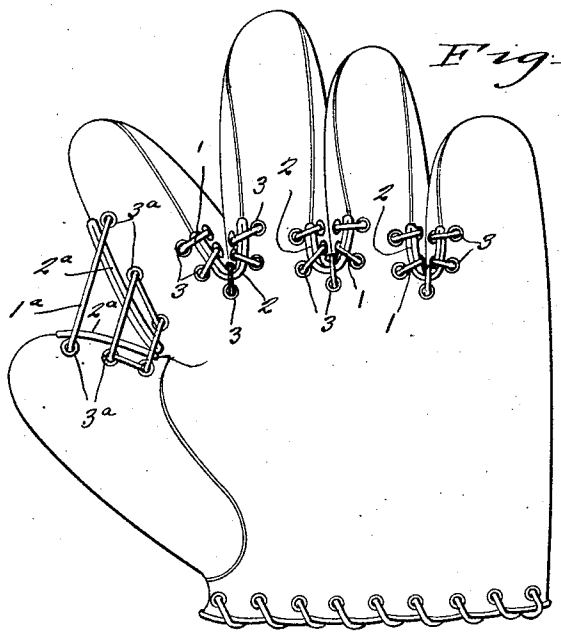


Fig. 3

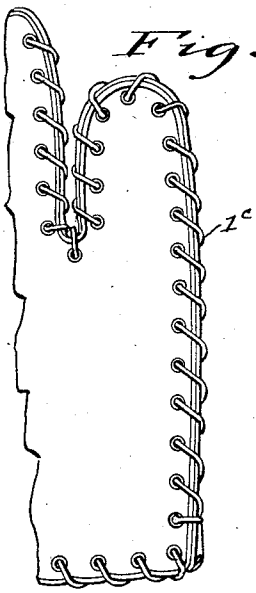


Fig. 2

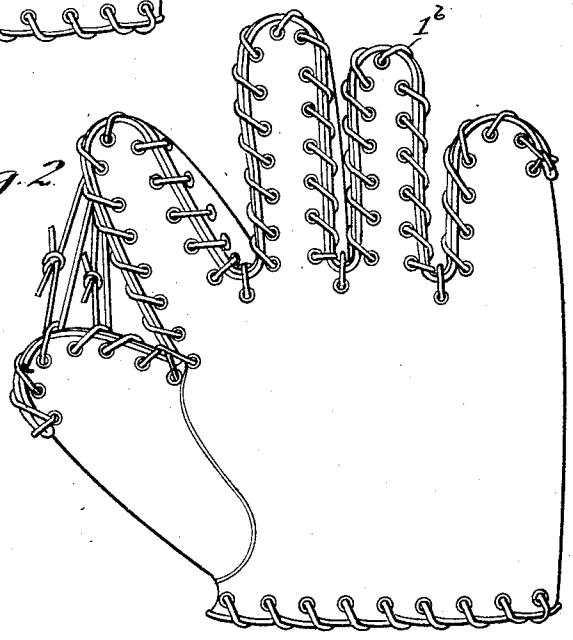
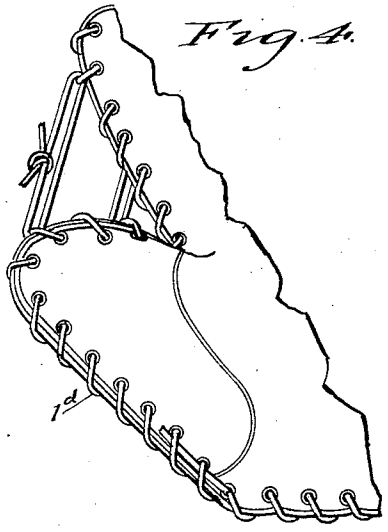


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM BARRETT, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Baseball Gloves, of which the following is a specification.

My present invention relates to improvements in base ball gloves of the type usually known as a fielder's glove, and aims to provide a glove which will be of greatly increased strength at the crotches of the fingers, and in which the padding will be easily accessible for purposes of adjustment.

With these and other objects in view, the invention includes the novel features of construction hereinafter described, and defined by the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a glove embodying my invention.

Fig. 2 is a view of a modification.

Figs. 3 and 4 are fragmentary views of further modification.

Referring by reference characters to these drawings, and first to the embodiment shown in Fig. 1, it will be observed that instead of having the layers forming the front and back of the outer covering of the glove united by the sewed seams at the crotches of the fingers, as has been heretofore customary, I connect the edges by lacing thongs 1, conveniently of buckskin or the like. Preferably the edges are bound or reinforced as indicated at 2 and provided with eyelets 3 back of the binding through which the lacing is passed.

Similarly the adjoining edges of the thumb and forefinger are left separate for the desired distance and provided with bindings 2^a and eyelets 3^a for the lacing thong 1^a which, in addition to connecting said eyeletted edges to each other, is passed back and forth between the adjacent edges of the thumb and forefinger to form a cradle to prevent the slipping through of the ball.

It is obvious that the lacing may be extended to any desired degree, and if desired may extend completely around the three middle fingers and across the end of the thumb and little finger, as shown at 1^b in Fig. 2.

Further, if desired, the lacing may be extended down the little finger side of the glove, as shown at 1^c in Fig. 3, or down the thumb side of the glove, as shown at 1^d in Fig. 4, or both. By making the glove in this manner, the crotches of the fingers are made so strong that rupture thereof is impossible, additional weight is imparted to the glove, which is desirable, and the padding is rendered accessible.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:—

1. A base ball glove having the finger forming portions of the outer covering provided with eyelets adjacent the edges in the crotches thereof, and lacing passing through said eyelets uniting said edges.

2. A base ball glove having the finger forming portions of the outer covering provided with eyelets adjacent the edges in the crotches thereof, and lacing passing through said eyelets uniting said edges, said edges having reinforcing bindings.

3. A base ball glove having the finger forming portions provided with separated edges adjacent the crotches thereof, said edges having lacing openings, and lacings passing through said openings, and holding said edges in juxtaposition.

4. A base ball glove according to claim 3, in which the lacing is extended from the crotches up the sides and across the ends of the fingers.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature.

WILLIAM BARRETT.