

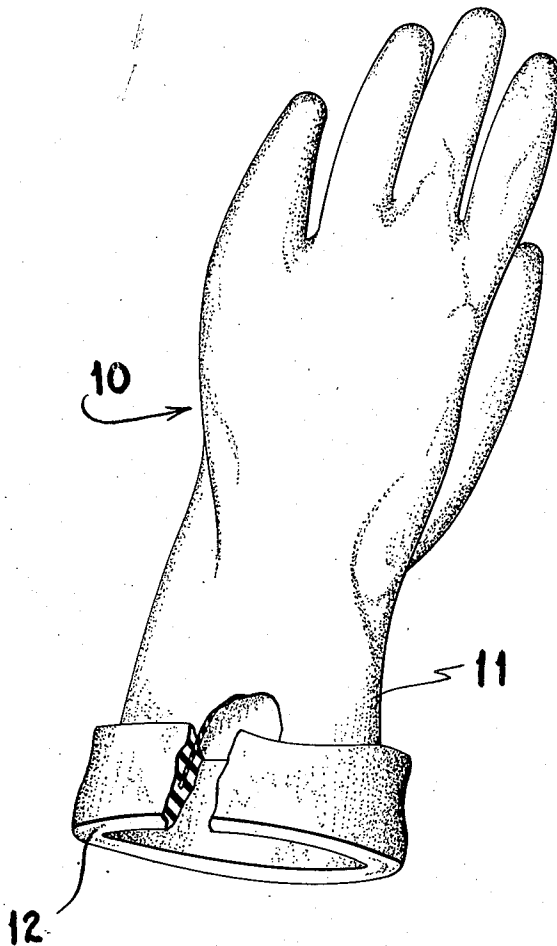
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The present invention relates to rubber gloves and is concerned primarily with a glove which is peculiarly adapted to overhead work, while the user is working with water or other washing fluids.

At the present time housewives and other persons wear rubber gloves for the purpose of protecting their hands while engaging in operations which require their hands being dipped into water or similar washing fluids. Moreover, there are occasions when the very nature of the work being performed requires that the hands be placed in an upraised or overhead position. On such occasions the water or fluid runs down the gloves and onto the wearer's arms resulting in great discomfort.

With the foregoing conditions in mind, the present invention has in view as its foremost objective, the provision of a rubber glove which is provided with a ring or gauntlet of absorbent material at the free edge of the wrist portion of the glove. This absorbent ring will absorb or take up any water which runs down the glove when the latter is upraised.

More in detail the invention has as an object the provision of a rubber glove of the character above indicated in which the ring takes the form of sponge rubber which may be vulcanized or otherwise secured to the glove.

Various other more detailed objects and advantages of the invention such as arise in connection with carrying out the above noted ideas in a practical embodiment will, in part become apparent, and in part be hereinafter stated as the description of the invention proceeds.

The invention, therefore, comprises a rubber glove having a ring of absorbent material such as sponge rubber secured to the free edge thereof.

For a full and more complete understanding of the invention, reference may be had to the following description and accompanying drawing wherein:

The figure is a perspective view of a glove designed in accordance with the precepts of this invention.

Referring now to the drawing, a rubber glove is identified by the reference character 10 and is shown as having a tubular wrist covering portion 11. Secured to this wrist portion 11 at the

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free edge thereof and preferably on both the inner and outer sides is a ring of sponge rubber 12. The anchorage of the ring 12 to the wrist portion 11 may be achieved in any preferred manner such as by using an appropriate adhesive or by vulcanization.

Under normal conditions of uses such as when the hands of the wearer are in a depressed condition the ring 12 does not perform any function other than perhaps providing a good gripping engagement with the wrist of the wearer. However, when the gloves are in an upraised or overhead position any water or other liquid running down the glove will be absorbed by the rubber ring. This ring has a fairly large capacity and after it has become saturated it may be squeezed to remove the contents thereof.

It is evident that this rubber ring definitely prevents any water or liquids running down off of the gloves onto the person of the wearer.

While a preferred specific embodiment of the invention is hereinbefore set forth, it is to be clearly understood that the invention is not to be limited to the exact constructions, materials, and designs illustrated and described because various modifications of these details may be provided in putting the invention into practice within the purview of the appended claim.

What is claimed is:

A rubber glove having a tubular wrist portion terminating in a free edge, and a ring of sponge rubber overlying said free edge and covering the inner and outer surfaces of said wrist portion adjacent to said free edge.

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