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HANDBAND OR PROTECTOR FOR BASEBALL PLAYERS

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Fig. 1.

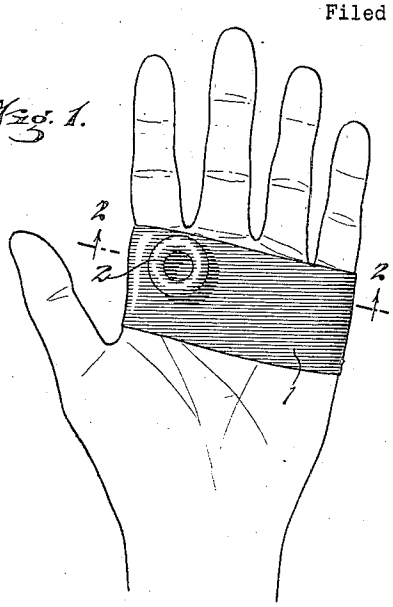


Fig. 2.

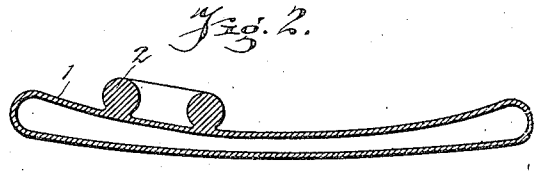


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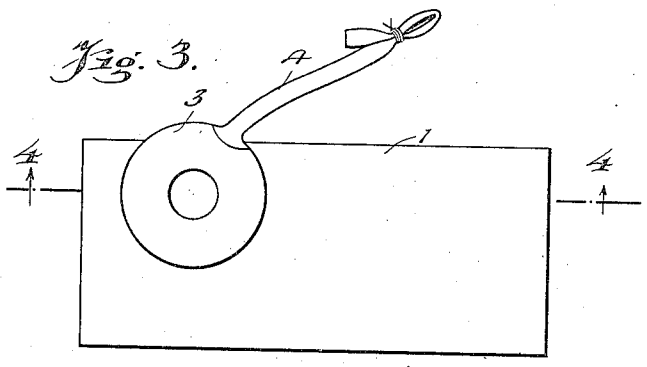
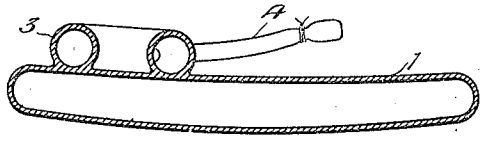


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD KOBBE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Handband or Protector for Baseball Players, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to a band or protector for the hands of a person playing a game, such as base ball, and has for an object the provision of a simple and efficient device whereby the hands of the player, especially the portion of the hands over the bone joints, are protected from the impact of such an object as a base ball.

Another object resides in the provision of a band which can be very economically constructed and which is very easy to slip on the hand.

A further object resides in the particular construction and arrangement of parts which are hereinafter described and claimed and shown in the accompanying drawings.

The invention is illustrated in the drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a front view of a hand with the device applied thereto.

Fig. 2 is a section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a front view of a modified form of band.

Fig. 4 is a section taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

The forms of the invention shown in the drawings are preferred forms, although it is understood that modifications in the construction and arrangement of the parts and in the character of the materials used may be adopted without departing from the spirit of the invention.

The form of band shown in Figs. 1 and 2 comprises a band 1, preferably of resilient material, to be wrapped or disposed around the hand, particularly over the joints between the fingers and the palm. This band is preferably provided at one or more points or portions of its surface with a resilient or flexible cushion such as 2. This may be in the form of an annular ring of material, as shown in the figure, somewhat like a life preserver in shape, which is molded integrally with or otherwise connected to the surface of the band 1, and is preferably, when the band is in use, disposed over the joint between the first finger and the body of the hand, against which joint an impact device, such as a base ball, generally first makes contact. It is found by experience that in catching base balls the portion of the hand which is most and first affected is the joint between the first finger and the main bone of the hand. The shape and disposition of this cushion 2 is immaterial. There may be, in fact, more than one cushion.

In the modification shown in Figs. 3 and 4 this annular ring or flexible cushion is in the form of a hollow annular tube 3 to which a tube 4 is connected. This may be blown up by air pressure to any desired extent so that the degree of the cushioning of this ring may be determined.

Of course, it is understood that this band and cushioning means may be used to protect other portions of the hand or limbs of the wearer, the idea being that a protective band is placed over a portion of a person's body and that this band carries a cushioning or impact-resisting portion or portions over certain parts of the body which might otherwise be more affected by impact than others.

What I claim is:

1. A protective band for the hands of ball players, which comprises a band of flexible material disposed over the joints between the palm of the hand and the fingers, and a hollow cushioning means of rubber disposed on the band over one of said joints.

2. A protective band for the hands of ball players, which comprises a band of flexible material disposed over the joints between the palm of the hand and the fingers, a hollow cushioning means of rubber disposed on the band over one of said joints, and means whereby this hollow cushion may be inflated.

3. A protective band for the hands of ball players, which comprises a band of flexible material disposed over the joints between the palm of the hand and the fingers, and a ringlike cushioning means of resilient material disposed on the band over one of said joints.

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