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Fig. 1.

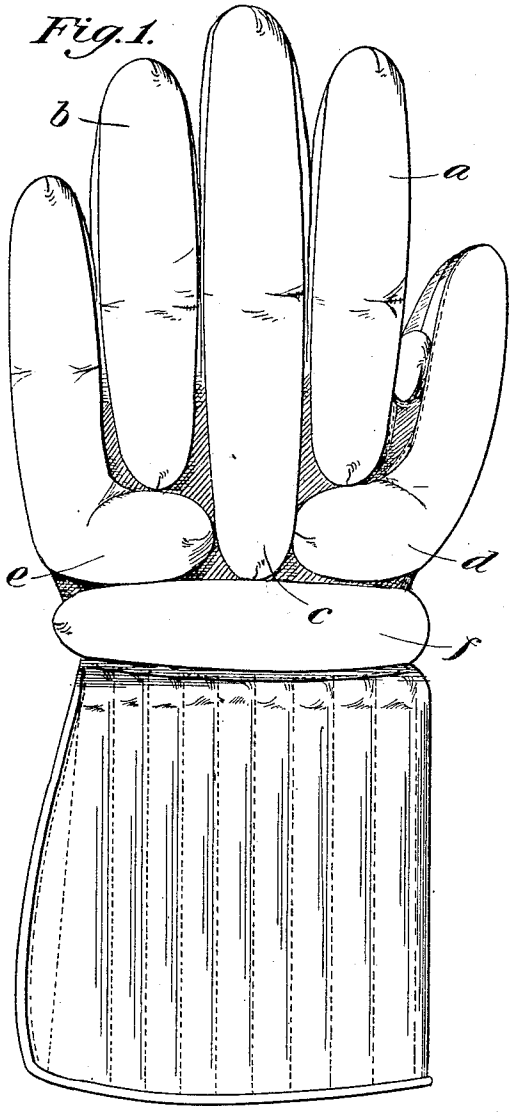
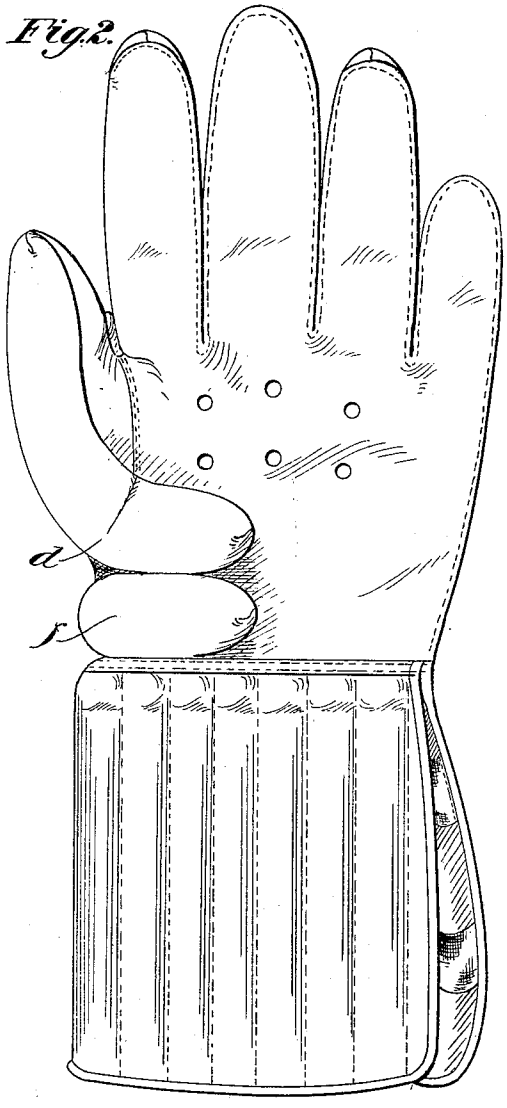


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN GAMBLE, citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hockey-Gloves, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in gloves as now made, for use in playing the game of hockey or lacrosse in the open field, and similar games where it is necessary to protect the hands from the blows from the sticks used. It is customary to protect the front and back of such gloves with ridges stuffed with some soft material and serving to protect the fingers and backs of the hands and wrists from the blows. As at present made the backs of the fingers are all protected by such ridges and there is a cross ridge connecting the ridge of the thumb and little finger, and below this ridge another paralleling and extending from the side of the glove on the back and around and across the front. The ridges of the first, second and third fingers terminate on the same line, which leaves a depression practically unprotected where a blow of the stick might cause injury to the back of the hand or knuckles if it should strike squarely across the depression in the glove, and it is the object of the present invention to remedy this defect in existing gloves.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 shows a back view of my improved glove, and Fig. 2 a front view.

Generally speaking the glove shown is very similar to the gloves now made for use in hockey and lacrosse.

It is necessary to very thoroughly protect the hand from the blows of the stick used and I aim to so improve the glove as to prevent any chance blows from penetrating any part of the glove where it will not meet with a protecting padded ridge. It is usual to provide pads for the fingers at the back and to have ridges extending below the finger pads across the glove, but instead of, as heretofore, having the finger pads terminate on one line, I pad the first and third fingers substantially as usual, and as shown at *a* and *b*, but the pad for the middle finger I extend beyond the terminals of the pads *a*, *b*, as shown at *c*, so that I thus interrupt the usual line of break in gloves of this type, as at present made, and in this way I avoid leaving an unbroken thin line to which the sticks used may have access. In other words, a stick striking a blow across the back of the hand below the ends of the pads *a*, *b*, would find resistance in the extension of the pad *c*. The pads of the thumb and little finger are bent at their lower base ends to extend partially over the back of the glove as shown at *d* and *e*, meeting in the center the extension of the pad *c*. The end of the pad *c* overhangs a wrist pad *f*, which extends from the side of the glove around to the front. The glove in other respects may correspond to the glove as now made.

What I claim is:—

1. In a glove for use in hockey or lacrosse, an elongated pad for the middle finger, shorter pads for the adjacent fingers and pads for the thumb and little finger having their base ends bent inwardly, substantially as described.

2. In a glove for use in hockey or lacrosse, pads for the thumb and little finger, having their base ends bent inwardly with a space between said ends, and a central finger pad extending into said space, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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