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FIG. 1.

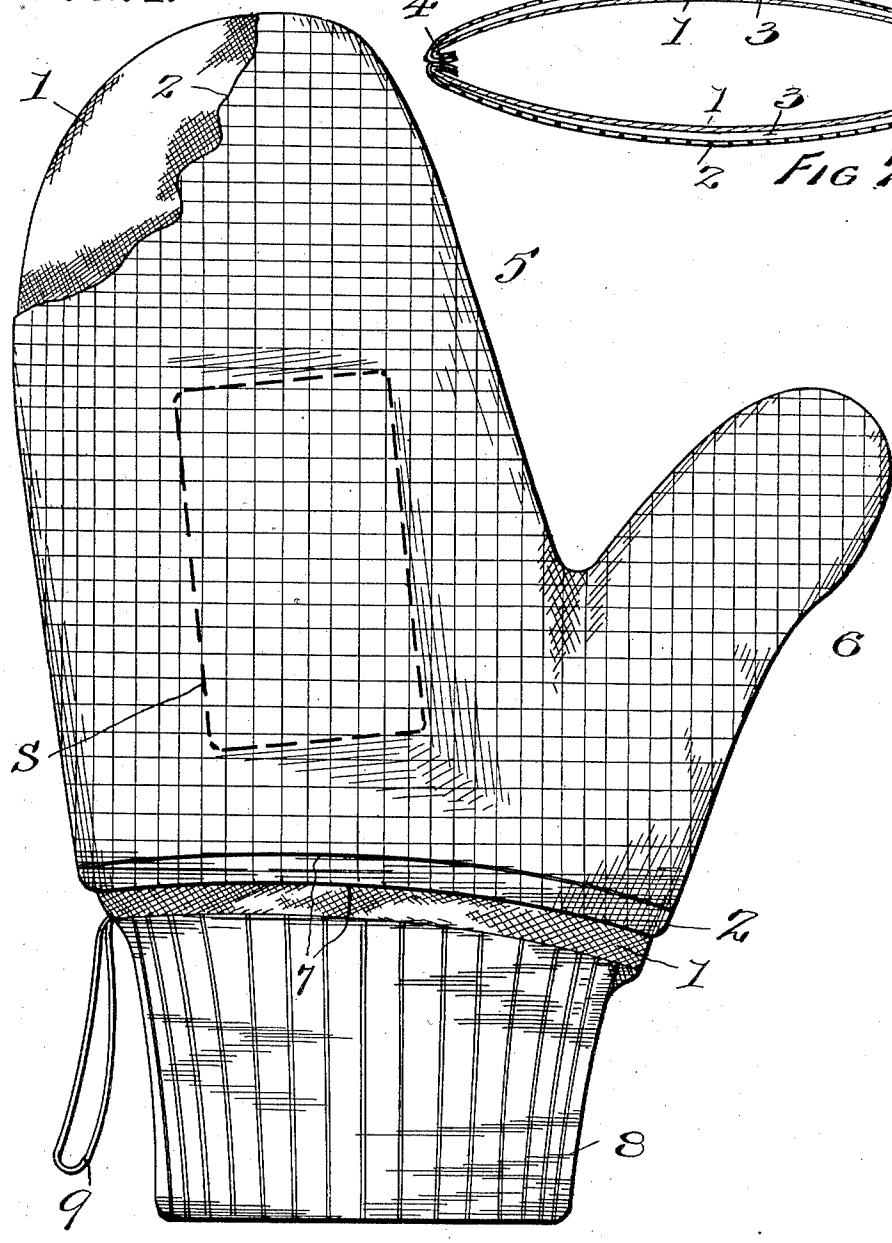






FIG 2.

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My present invention relates to an improved wash mitten which may be used in bath rooms, kitchens, hospitals or other places. The primary object of the invention is the provision of a hand covering which may be used upon either hand and in which soap in the form of a cake, or in flakes, or sometimes in small scraps, may be placed in a pocket provided therefor and the wash mitten then used in lieu of a wash rag or dish rag. The mitten contemplates the use of an inner hand covering which is of course flexible and may be made of rubber, cloth, waterproof material, and in some instances it may be reticulated, and in combination with the inner hand covering, I employ an outer hand covering which is reticulated or perforated in order that the water and lather or suds may have free access through the outer covering for bathing or washing purposes.

The invention consists in certain novel combinations and arrangements of parts in the wash mitten as will hereinafter be more fully set forth and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, I have illustrated one complete example of the physical embodiment of my invention wherein the parts are combined and arranged according to the best mode I have so far devised for the practical application of the principles of my invention.

Figure 1 is a plan view of a mitten partly broken away for convenience of illustration, which mitten may be used upon either the right or the left hand; and

Fig. 2 is a cross sectional view through the hand portion of the mitten.

In carrying out my invention, I utilize an inner hand covering 1 which in some instances may be of rubber or waterproof material, or as here illustrated this inner covering may be of fabric such as cotton or linen. An outer covering 2 is provided and fashioned from reticulated or perforated material such as gauze, this material being adapted for free passage of water, suds, or lather therethrough. Between the inner and outer coverings, spaces or pockets 3 are provided at both sides of the mitten, and these pockets are designed to receive a cake of soap as S, or flakes of soap may be retained therein, or in some instances small pieces of soap may be utilized in the pocket. Of course, the mitten is soaked in water to create a lather or suds and the wash mitten is used in the same manner as a wash rag or dish cloth.

The outer and inner coverings are preferably made up of two pieces of material each and these pieces are stitched around the edges as indicated at 4, and of course the stitched edges and the seam are turned inside of the mitten. The hand or palm portion of the mitten is indicated at 5 and the thumb portion is indicated at 6, and it will be understood that the stitches 4 extend from the wrist portion of the mitten around the edges of the thumb and the hand portion leaving the hemmed edge 7 of the outer covering 2 free. This free edge or hem 7 extends across both sides of the mitten from one stitched edge to the other stitched edge, and the hem provides the openings for the two pockets 3, 3 at opposite sides of the mitten.

The mitten is provided with a wrist band or cuff 8 here indicated as formed of ribbed material so that it will be elastic, and this wrist band is stitched to the inner covering 1. A loop 9 is also stitched to the inner covering 1 by means of which the wash mitten may be suspended or hung up when not in use.

When used as a bath mitten, the inner hand covering 1 may be fashioned from cotton or linen fabric, and the outer covering 2 may be of open work material having a knitted or netted texture which is sufficiently durable to retain the cake of soap, yet provided with numerous apertures to insure free ingress and egress of the suds or lather.

When used in the kitchen, the inner hand covering 1 may be fashioned of rubber or waterproof material if desired, but the cotton or linen fabric is also adapted for kitchen use.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

A reversible wash mitten comprising an inner hand covering having a thumb portion and an elastic wrist band, a reticulated outer covering for the body of the mitten, said inner hand covering and outer covering each being fashioned of two pieces of material stitched at their edges, except across the wristband, to form pockets between the inner and outer coverings.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature.

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