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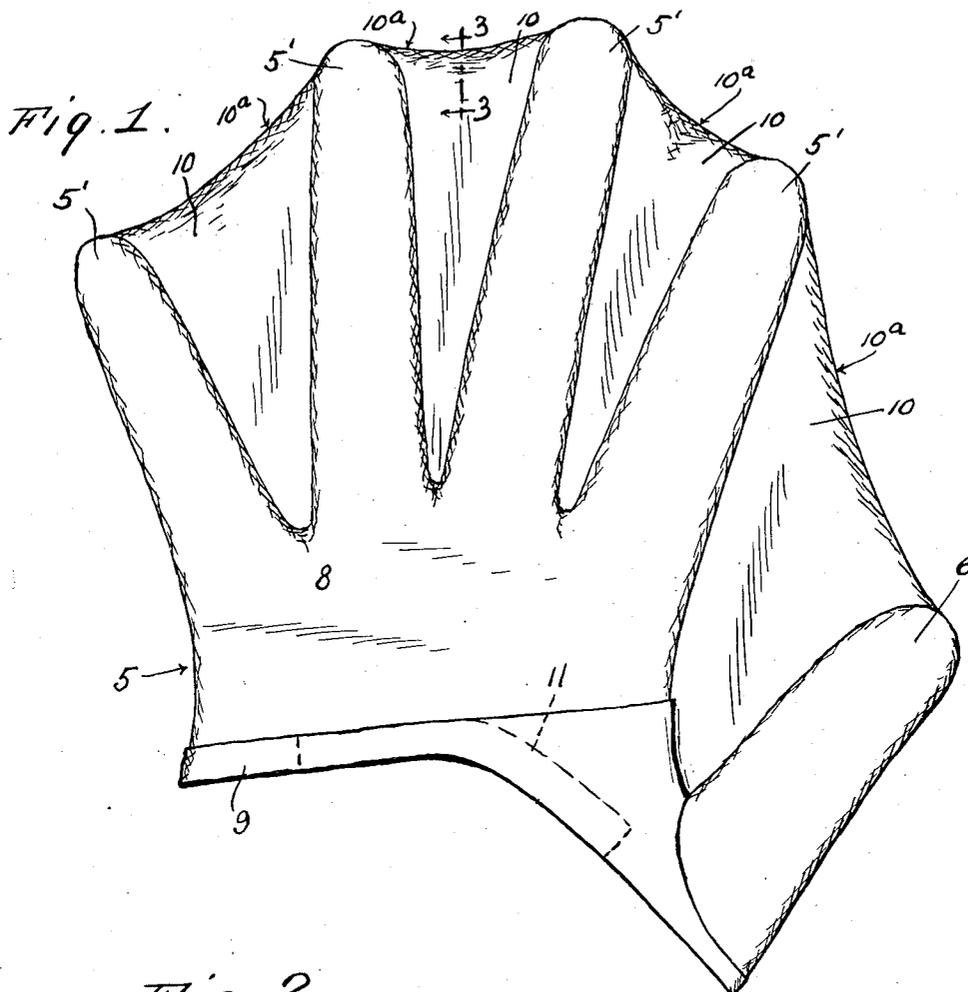


Fig. 2.

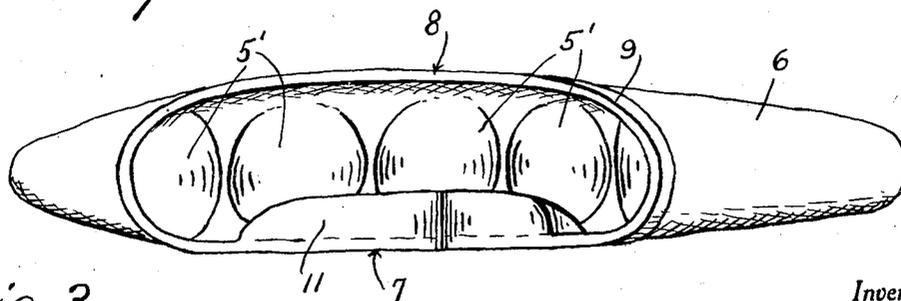
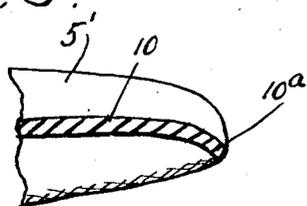


Fig. 3.



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My invention relates to a swimming glove, and has for its principal object the provision of a glove of this type characterized by economy of construction.

5 An object of the invention is to provide a glove of this character with efficient means adjacent the open end of the glove that will fit into the hollow of the hand adjacent the heel of the hand and prevent inflow and outflow of water relative
10 to the glove.

The invention, together with its advantages and objects will be best understood from a study of the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing wherein:

15 Figure 1 is a back view of the glove.

Figure 2 is an end view of the glove from the open end thereof and

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken substantially on the line 3—3 of Figure 2.

20 Referring to the drawing by reference numerals it will be seen that the glove indicated generally by the reference numeral 5 may be formed of any suitable material and includes the fingers 5, thumb 6, palm portion 7 and back 8. At the
25 open end thereof, the edge of the glove is reinforced by an extra thickness of rubber or an elastic band as indicated generally at 9.

30 Between the fingers, and between the latter and the thumb 6 are provided the webs 10, and at the edges thereof the webs 10 are turned downwardly in the direction of the palm side of the glove as at 10a and as clearly shown in Figure 3 so as to give a cup effect to the web and thus add
35 to the purchase obtainable as the hand with the glove thereon is moved through the water toward the body and in a manner well known in the art of swimming.

40 On the palm side of the glove there is provided internally of the glove, and immediately adjacent the open end thereof what may be termed a stopper 11. The stopper 11 may be formed of rubber or any other suitable material and is of any suitable length and thickness so as to completely fill the hollow of the palm of the hand immediately
45 adjacent the heel of the hand in such a manner as

to prevent water from rushing in and out of the glove, it being understood that the glove fits the hand so as to cover the back and palm thereof with the open end of the glove terminating adjacent to the heel of the hand, leaving the major
5 portion of the heel of the hand and the wrist exposed.

It will be found that in actual practice a swimming glove embodying the features of the present invention will tend to greatly simplify the
10 art of swimming, will enable a beginner to learn to swim more easily and quickly, will enable a person versed in swimming to perform with less exertion; while floating, treading water and the like will be greatly simplified, all of which tends
15 to add to the pleasure of swimming.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is:

1. A swimming glove having finger and thumb receiving portions and webs between said finger
20 and thumb receiving portions, said glove also including palm and back sections terminating substantially immediately to the rear of the thumb portion of the glove and also immediately at
25 about the heel portion of the hand so as to leave the heel portion of the hand at the palm and back thereof exposed, and a filler secured to the palm section of the glove and adapted to fit into the hollow of the hand immediately adjacent the heel
30 of the hand to act as a stopper against the entrance of water into the glove.

2. A swimming glove having finger and thumb receiving portions, webs between said finger and thumb receiving portions, and palm and back sections, the said palm and back sections of the
35 glove terminating a short distance rearwardly from the finger portion and immediately to the rear of the thumb portion of the glove so as to leave the heel portion of the hand of the wearer exposed, said palm section of the glove being
40 provided on its inner side with a resilient member of suitable length and thickness to fit into the hollow of the hand immediately adjacent the heel of the hand as and for the purpose specified.

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