To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN A. PEACH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Gloversville, county of Fulton, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Base-Ball Gloves, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to such improvements and consists of the novel construction and combination of parts hereinafter described and subsequently claimed.

Reference may be had to the accompanying drawings, and the reference characters marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Similar characters refer to similar parts in the several figures therein.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a plan view of the back of a base-ball catcher's glove, showing my reinforce applied to the corners of the hand-receiving pocket. Fig. 2 is a view on an enlarged scale of a broken-away portion-of the glove at the lower right corner of the pocket, as shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a similar view of a broken-away part of the glove at the lower left corner of the pocket, as shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a view of the bifurcated patch detached. Fig. 5 is a vertical cross-section taken on the broken line 5—5 in Fig. 3. Fig. 6 is a similar view before the patch is applied. Fig. 1 is drawn on a smaller scale than the other figures.

The principal object of the invention is to stay or reinforce the corners of the hand-receiving pocket on the back of a base-ball glove, such as a catcher's glove. The usual means for reinforcing the corners of such pockets has been by means of a rivet inserted through the back of the glove and the corner-portions of the pocket, but in such a construction the strain is not well distributed, and the corner of the pocket soon tears itself free under the great strain to which such a device is subjected in use.

In carrying out my invention, I reinforce the corner of the pocket on such a glove by means of a bifurcated patch, one member of which is stitched directly to the back of the glove on the outer side of the corner-portion of the pocket which is flatly disposed between said member and the glove-back.

Referring to the drawings wherein the invention is shown in preferred form, 1 represents a base-ball glove such as is commonly worn by catchers, having on the back a pocket, 2, adapted to receive the thumb and several fingers of the wearer's hand, the open end of the pocket being provided with a strap, 3, for partly closing the same about the wrist of the wearer. The piece of leather or other material forming the pocket, 2, lies along its outer edge flatly upon the back of the body of the glove, and is secured by one or more rows of stitching, 6, inserted through said flat-lying edge and the leather or fabric forming the back of the glove. The reinforce for the corners of the pocket is formed by a bifurcated patch, 4, the bifurcation, 5, of which is adapted to receive the wall of the pocket, the body of the patch and one of its arms being adapted to lie flatly upon the back of the glove, while its other arm lies substantially flat upon the back of the glove and the flat out turned edge of the pocket as shown in Fig. 3. As so placed, the patch is securely attached by means of one or more rows of stitching 7. The out turned edge of the pocket is thus held flatly between the back of the glove and the patch, and is doubly stitched to the back of the glove as well as stitched to the patch, as shown in Fig. 5. The corner of the pocket is thus heavily reinforced and well adapted to withstand the strains which tend to tear it loose in the use of the glove. The patch is stitched along its entire edge to the back of the glove, tending to reinforce and stiffen not only the corner of the pocket but the back portion of the glove in the vicinity thereof.

What I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

A glove having a superimposed attached pocket, the edge-portion of which lies flat upon the glove, stitching inserted through said flat edge-portion of the pocket and the body of the glove, and a bifurcated patch.
embracing the wall of the pocket at a corner thereof, one member of said patch being stitched directly to the glove within the pocket, and the other member of the patch being superimposed upon the flat edge-portion of the pocket, and having additional stitching inserted through said superimposed member of the patch, the body of the glove and the interposed flat edge-portion of the pocket.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 3rd day of November, 1910.

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