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Fig. 1.

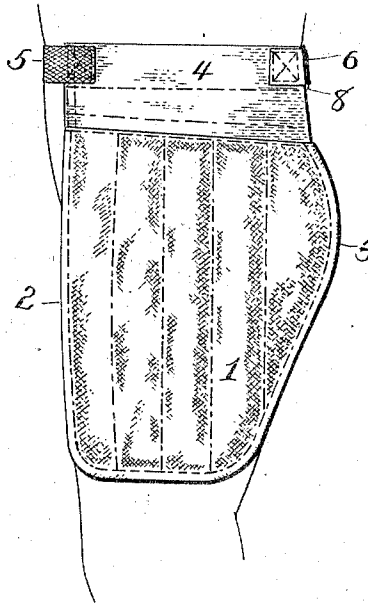
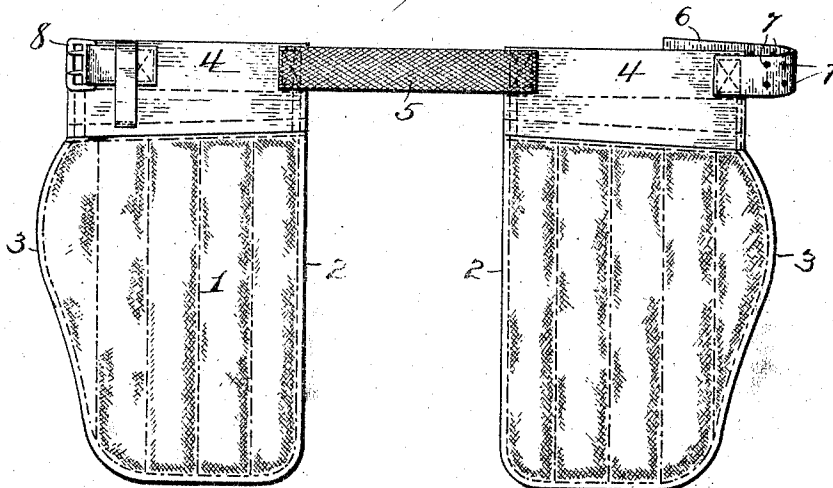


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. FOX, of Lincoln, in the county of Lancaster and State of Nebraska, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pads; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to improvements in pads and more particularly to hip pads for use of base-ball players,—one object of the invention being to construct the device in such manner that a smooth fit shall be insured around the hips in the region of the waist band of the trousers.

A further object is to avoid the use of a buckle or other connecting means at the front portion of the device where the same extends over or near the abdomen of the wearer.

A further object is to construct the hip pads in such manner that the same may be forced around to the rear of the hips and thus insure the protection of the latter in case the player should turn during the act of sliding to a base.

A further object is to construct and connect hip pads for use of base-ball players, in such manner that the same shall be comfortable to the wearer, fit him neatly and provide effectual means for his protection when sliding to a base.

With these objects in view the invention consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations of parts as hereinafter more fully described and pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating an embodiment of my invention, and Fig. 2 is an elevation of the device laid flat.

1, 1, represent two pads, each comprising a suitable envelop containing padding material. The front edge 2 of each pad is made practically straight so that when the device is laid out flat the front edges of the respective pads will be substantially parallel with each other, while the rear edges of the

pads are made curved as indicated at 3 so as to properly conform said pads to the contour of the hips of the user.

Each pad 1 is provided at its upper end with a waist band member 4 of considerable depth, the back portion of each of said waist band members being made of greater depth than the front portions thereof as clearly illustrated in Fig. 2, for a purpose which will be hereinafter explained. The front ends of the two waist band members are connected by means of an elastic strap 5, the ends of which latter are secured to the ends of said waist band members. A strap 6 is secured to the rear end of one of the waist band members and provided with a series of eyelets 7 to receive the tongue of a buckle 8 attached to the other waist band member in proximity to the rear end of the latter.

When the pads are applied to the player, the sole fastening (consisting of the strap 6 and buckle 8) will be located at the back while the elastic connection will extend across the front portion of the player's body,—thus avoiding the use of any device in proximity to the abdomen which could cause injury when the player slides to a base. By suspending the pads from waist band members having considerable width or depth, said waist band members will be caused to fit neatly over the hips of the player and thus avoid the presence of bulky padding under or over the belt employed by the player for sustaining his trousers. Again by making the waist band members wider or deeper at their back portions than at their front portions, the pad will be forced well around to the rear of the hip and thus insure positive protection for the same in case the player turns while sliding.

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

As a new article of manufacture, a hip pad comprising a flexible waist band made in sections, two of the sections being inelastic and of substantial width, and one section elastic, the elastic section being directly secured at its ends to the inelastic sections, a hip pad secured at its upper edge

to the lower edge only of each inelastic section of the band, the said inelastic sections of the band being of less thickness than the pads whereby they may readily conform to the waist of the wearer, and a buckle for
5 connecting said inelastic sections.
In testimony whereof, I have signed this

specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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