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FIG. 1.

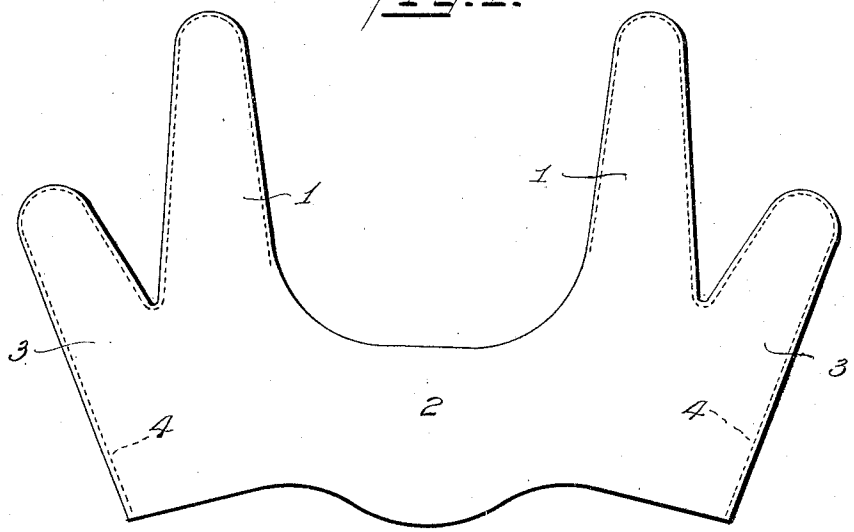


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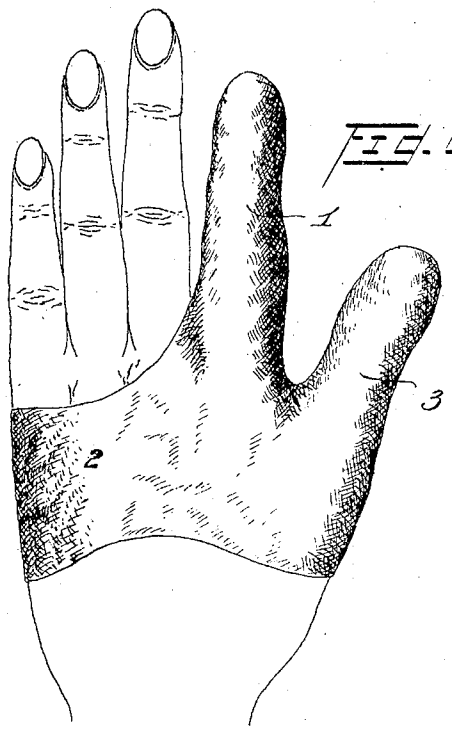
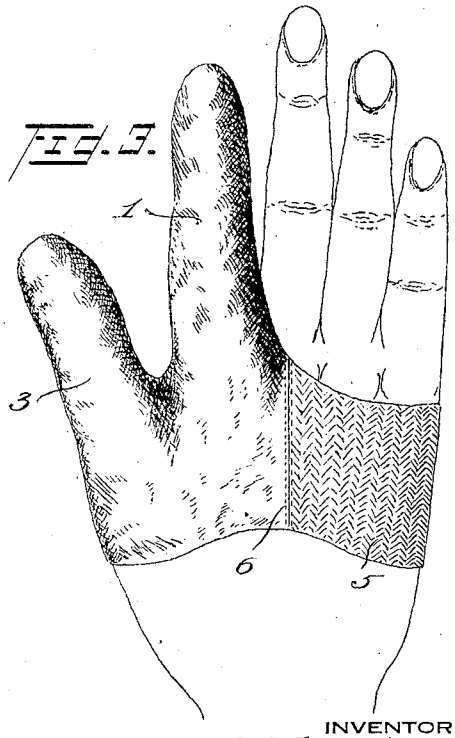


FIG. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANTHONY G. ANAST, a citizen of the United States, residing at Sandusky, in the county of Erie and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Glove for Pool-Players, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to finger stalls for pool and billiard players.

The object is to provide a glove-like covering for certain of the fingers of the hand of a player which will permit of the free and easy sliding movement of the cue therethrough, as in the ordinary manner of supporting and guiding the said cue, and to prevent the same from contacting with the skin which generally retards the action of the cue due to perspiration.

Another object is to provide a stall for the thumb and forefinger of the hand, which may be equipped with elastic material so as to snugly fit different sized hands without slipping thereon, and which may be worn upon either the right or the left hand as desired.

A full and complete understanding of the invention may be obtained from a consideration of the following detailed description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification, with the understanding, however, that the invention is not confined to any strict conformity therewith, but may be changed and modified so long as such changes and modifications mark no material departure from the salient features of the invention as expressed in the appended claims.

In the drawing, in which similar reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several figures—

Figure 1 is a plan view of the blank for forming the stall, before the same has been sewed into shape.

Fig. 2 is a view of the completed stall applied to the left hand of the user;

Fig. 3 is a similar view of a slightly modified form of the device and applied to the right hand.

In using a cue while playing pool or billiards, it is a common practice to rub chalk upon that portion of the same which traverses the crotch between the thumb and forefinger, which are used as a bridge to support and guide the cue in striking the ball. Either this practice, or that of powdering the hand with chalk, is resorted to in order to take care of the perspiration on the hand which tends to retard the movement of the cue and often results in a misdirected movement. For this reason, and also to protect the skin of the hand where repeated or continuous playing is indulged in, the device of the present invention is designed to be used, it having been found to be admirably adapted for the purpose. The present device gives full freedom to the fingers and thumb whereby the accurate guiding of the cue may be felt, an advantageous feature which is not present in any of the various mechanical devices for similar purposes which have been patented. The device has been designed to be as freely applied to and used upon either the right or the left hand, and is adapted to fit either in a manner to prevent its slipping or accidental removal therefrom.

Referring to the drawing there is illustrated in Fig. 1 a plan view of the blank from which the stall is formed, the same being cut from some suitable cloth having the required amount of elasticity due to the manner of weaving the same, such as jersey cloth or similar material. The blank comprises spaced finger stall portions or members 1 each constituting one-half the covering for the finger, as in the usual manner of constructing gloves. The portions 1 are the full length of the forefinger and are joined at their bases by a body portion 2 which is adapted to surround the outer side of the hand adjacent to the little finger, as shown in Fig. 2. The thumb stall portions or members 3 extend outwardly at an angle, in the usual manner, from the base of each finger portion, and the blank is adapted to be doubled upon itself, along the vertical median line as viewed in Fig. 1. The blank is sewed together along the indicated dotted line 4, which as shown, extends from the lower outer corner of each thumb portion, up and around the same and around the finger portions to the lower end of the inner opposed edges of the latter. This stitching is done in a well-known manner to conceal the raw edges of the material, the same being located upon the inside of the finished thumb and finger stall portions. It will be seen that the device, being composed of two identical faces, is equally well adapted to be worn upon either hand and to properly conform to the shape thereof, the portion 2 serving,

through its inherent elasticity, to hold the finger and thumb stalls 1 and 3 respectively, securely in place without interfering whatsoever with the free movement of the same, as will be readily seen.

In Fig. 3 the device is composed of three members, the two halves comprising the finger and thumb stalls 1 and 3 respectively, which are sewed together in the same manner as the first described form of the invention, the connecting body portion 2, however, being omitted and a separate piece of some elastic material 5 having rubber interwoven therein, is interposed between the aforementioned finger and thumb stalls, and is adapted to surround the hand in the same manner as the portion 2 of Figs. 1 and 2, the said elastic material 5 being sewed to the stall members along a line substantially in alinement with the inner end of the finger stall member 1, as indicated at 6.

Each form of the device is adapted to be used in the same manner and is so formed as to snugly fit the hand and to remain thereon without slipping or becoming accidentally displaced, the free use of the thumb and forefinger being permitted to guide or direct the cue in the usual manner, thus eliminating the necessity for chalking the cue or of powdering the hand, to overcome the handicap of perspiring hands interfering with the proper use of the cue.

What is claimed is:

1. A thumb and finger stall for pool and billiard players, said stall being composed of one piece of material and having a flexible hand-surrounding portion for holding the stall in position on the thumb and forefinger of the player, and permitting its use on either hand.

2. A device of the class described, formed of a blank comprising a pair of spaced finger portions or halves for the forefinger and two inclined thumb portions or halves in angular relation thereto, all parts being in one piece, an elongated hand-engaging band formed of elastic material connecting the thumb and finger halves respectively, and adapted, when the said pairs of halves are sewed together to form stalls, to pass around the outside of the palm of the hand, below the other fingers and hold the device in position.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature.

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