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BASEBALL GLOVE

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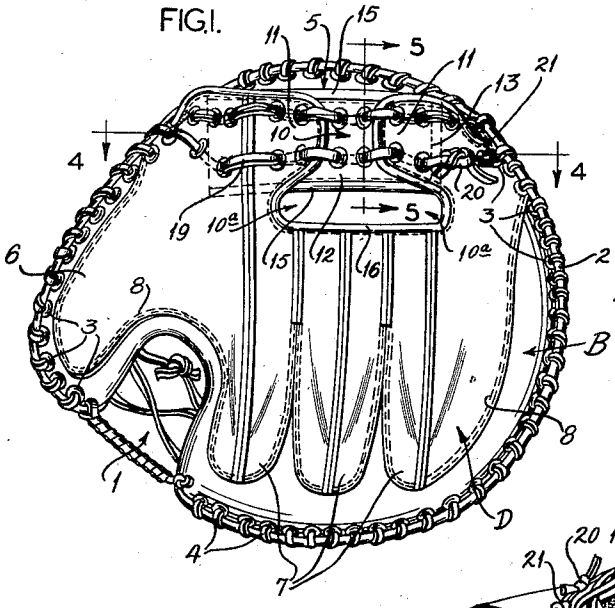


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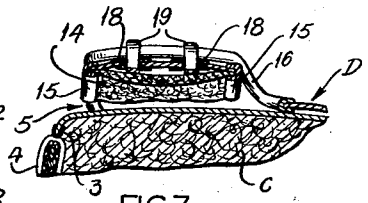


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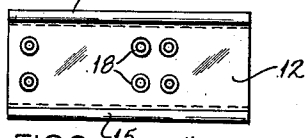


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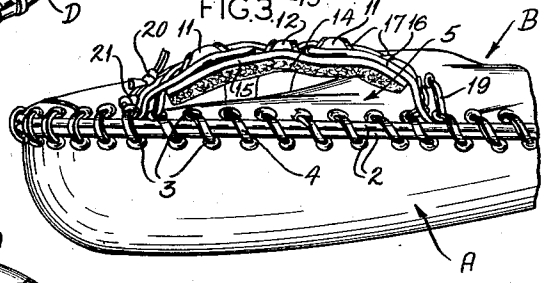


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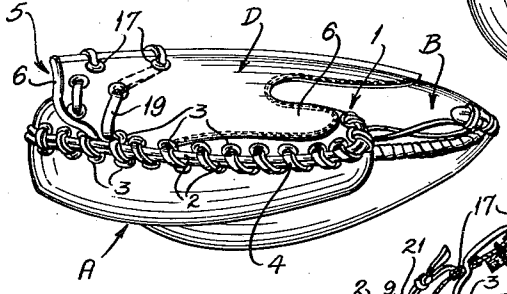


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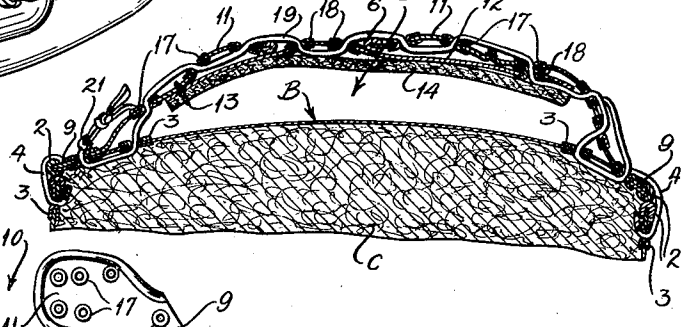
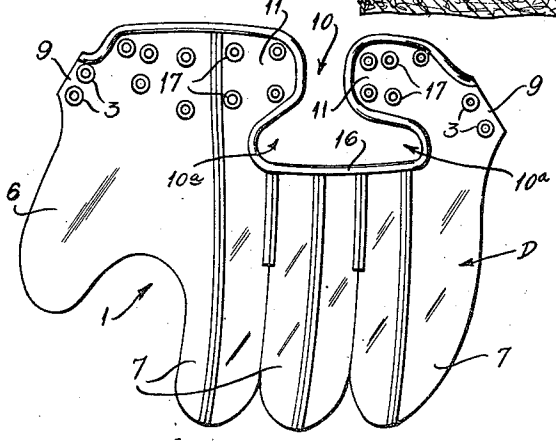


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## BASEBALL GLOVE

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This invention relates to baseball gloves, particularly catchers' mitts of the type having a wrist structure and a lacing for adjusting the size thereof. The object of the invention is to devise a simple and economical, easily adjustable wrist structure of the above type that will prevent tearing of said structure where it joins the main body portion of the glove to form the wrist opening. The invention consists in utilizing the adjusting lacing of the wrist structure for relieving the tearing strains thereon; and it also consists in the baseball glove or mitt and in the parts and combinations and arrangements of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawing, which forms part of this specification, and wherein like symbols refer to like parts wherever they occur,

Fig. 1 is a view looking at the back side of a catcher's mitt embodying my invention,

Fig. 2 is an edge elevational view of said mitt looking at the thumb side thereof,

Fig. 3 is an edge elevational view of said mitt looking at the wrist opening side thereof,

Fig. 4 is an enlarged fragmentary cross-sectional view through the wrist structure of the mitt on the line 4—4 in Fig. 1,

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary cross-sectional view on the line 5—5 in Fig. 1,

Fig. 6 is a plan view of the hand cover blank; and

Fig. 7 is a plan view of the wrist strap.

In the accompanying drawing, my invention is shown embodied in a glove or catcher's mitt having a padded body of generally circular shape comprising a palm cover A, a back cover B and a pad C interposed between said covers, said covers and pad being notched to provide a peripheral thumb forming crotch 1 in said body. The palm and back covers A and B are made of leather or other flexible material; and the pad C is made of felt or other cushioning material. The palm and back covers A and B are provided with a peripheral binding 2 and a marginal row of eyelets 3; and said covers are secured together around the margin of the padding C by means of a lacing 4 which extends through the marginal eyelets 3 of the two covers.

The back cover B has a hand cover D mounted on the outer or top face thereof and shaped to form therewith a wrist opening 5, a thumb sheath 6 and finger sheaths 7. The hand cover D is sewed or otherwise permanently secured, as at 8, to the back cover B from opposite sides of the wrist opening 5 around the thumb and finger sheaths 6 and 7. The hand cover D terminates

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short of the marginal row of eyelets 3 in the back cover except on opposite sides of the wrist opening 5 where it is formed with marginal extensions or projections 9 that extend into the marginal binding 2 of said back cover and have some of said eyelets located therein.

Formed in the margin of the hand cover D midway between the sides of the wrist opening 5 is a notch 10 which is widened, as at 10a, at its inner end and forms a pair of wrist cover flaps 11 that extend towards each other from opposite sides of said wrist opening and are spaced apart at their free opposing ends. A separate wrist cover strap 12 extends across the spaced ends of the wrist flaps 11 and beneath the latter and is sewed or otherwise permanently secured, as at 13, at one end to the underside of the wrist flap located thereabove. The wrist strap 12 is provided on its underside with a soft lining 14 and along its longitudinal edges with bindings 15. An edge binding 16 also extends around the notch 10 and the wrist flaps 11 defined thereby and terminates at opposite sides of the wrist opening 5.

The wrist flaps 11 of the hand cover D are provided between the free ends thereof and the sides of the wrist opening 5 with eyelets 17 that are arranged in two rows that extend crosswise of said opening. The wrist strap 12 is also provided with two similarly spaced longitudinal rows of eyelets 18, one eyelet of each row being located adjacent to the free covered end of said strap and the remaining eyelets being located between the spaced free ends of the wrist flaps 11. The eyelets 17 and 18 are adapted to receive a lacing 19 for adjusting the size of the wrist opening 5. The lacing 19 extends inwardly through one of the eyelets 3 located in the extended marginal portion 9 of the hand cover D at one side of the wrist opening 5, thence beneath the back cover B and thence outwardly through an adjacent eyelet 3 located just inside said wrist opening on said side thereof. The wrist lacing 19 is then laced through the outer row of eyelets 17 and 18 to the opposite side of the wrist opening 5 where it extends inwardly through an adjacent eyelet 3 just inside of said wrist opening, thence outwardly through an eyelet 3 located just outside of said opening in the adjacent marginal extension 9 of the hand cover D and is thence laced back through the inner row of eyelets 17 and 18 to the first mentioned side of said wrist opening. The two exposed ends of the facing 19 are then tied together, as at 20, on the first mentioned side of the wrist opening 5.

the end that extends through the back cover eyelet just outside of said opening being provided with a knot 21 to prevent said end from being pulled through said eyelet. The portions of the eyelets 18 and the wrist lacing 19 on the inner face of the wrist strap 11 are crossed by the lining 14 thereof.

By the arrangement described, the size of the wrist opening 5 may be regulated by tightening or loosening the wrist lacing 19. When tightened, the lacing 19 operates to draw the wrist flaps 11 toward each other to reduce the size of the wrist opening 5 and said lacing when loosened permits said wrist flaps to spread apart to increase the size of said opening. The wrist lacing 19 also serves to strengthen the mitt around the wrist opening 5, particularly at the sides thereof where said lacing serves to relieve the hand cover D of tearing strains where the marginal projections 9 thereof are sewed to the back cover B. The soft lining 14 of the wrist strap 12 serves to prevent rubbing of the eyelets 17 thereof and the wrist lacing 19 on the back of the user's wrist.

Obviously, the hereinbefore described baseball glove construction admits of considerable modification without departing from the invention. Therefore, I do not wish to be limited to the precise construction shown and described.

I claim:

1. A baseball glove comprising a body, a hand cover secured to the back of said body and forming therewith a wrist opening, and a lacing passing through said hand cover from side to side of said opening and having portions joining said hand cover to said body inside of said opening adjacent to opposite sides thereof for relieving said hand cover of tearing strains at said opposite sides of said wrist opening.

2. A baseball glove comprising a body, a hand cover secured to the back of said body and forming therewith a wrist opening, and a lacing passing through said hand cover from side to side of said opening and having portions connecting said hand cover to said body inside and outside of said opening and adjacent to opposite sides thereof.

3. A baseball glove comprising a body, a hand cover secured to the back of said body and forming therewith a wrist opening, and a lacing passing through said hand cover from side to side of said opening and having portions connecting said hand cover to said body inside and outside of said opening and adjacent to opposite sides thereof, said lacing having its end portions exposed and connected together at one of said sides of said opening.

4. A baseball glove comprising a body, a hand cover secured to the back of said body, and a lacing extending back and forth through said hand cover from one side of said opening to the other side thereof and thence back to the first mentioned side and connecting said hand cover to said body inside of said opening adjacent to opposite sides thereof.

5. A baseball glove comprising a body including a back cover, a hand cover secured to the back cover and forming therewith a wrist opening, and a lacing passing inwardly through said back cover and hand cover just outside of one side of said opening, thence outwardly through said back cover just inside of said side of said opening, thence through said hand cover from said side of said opening to the other side thereof, thence inwardly through said hand cover and back cover just inside of said other side of said opening, thence outwardly through said back



cover and hand cover just outside of said other side of said opening, and thence through said hand cover to said first mentioned side of said opening where the two ends of said lacing are tied together exteriorly of said hand cover.

6. A baseball glove comprising a body including a back cover, a palm cover and padding interposed therebetween, marginal rows of eyelets in said back and palm covers, lacing extending through the eyelets of said back and palm covers for securing them together around the margin of said padding, a hand cover mounted on said back cover and forming therewith a wrist opening, said hand cover having marginal portions thereof permanently secured to said back cover on opposite sides of said opening and containing the back cover eyelets located just outside of said opposite sides of said opening, and a wrist lacing extending through the back cover eyelet just outside of one side of said opening, thence through the back cover eyelet located just inside of said side of said opening, thence through said hand cover to the other side of said opening, thence through the back cover eyelet located just inside of said other side of said opening, thence through the back cover eyelet located just outside of said other side of said opening, and thence through said hand cover to said first mentioned side of said opening where the ends of said wrist lacing are secured together exteriorly of said hand cover.

7. A baseball glove comprising a body, a hand cover secured to the back of said body and forming therewith a wrist opening, said hand cover having a pair of wrist flaps that extend towards one another from opposite sides of said opening, a wrist strap disposed beneath said pair of wrist flaps and permanently secured to one of them, and a lacing passing through said flaps and strap from side to side of said opening and having portions joining said flaps to said body inside of said opening adjacent to said opposite sides thereof.

8. A baseball glove comprising a body, a hand cover secured to the back of said body and forming therewith a wrist opening, said hand cover having a pair of wrist flaps that extend towards one another from opposite sides of said opening, a wrist strap disposed beneath said pair of wrist flaps and permanently secured to one of them, and a lacing passing through said flaps and strap from one side of said opening to the other side thereof and thence back to the first mentioned side and connecting said hand cover to said body just inside of said opening adjacent to said opposite sides thereof.

9. A baseball glove comprising a body, a hand cover secured to the back of said body and forming therewith a wrist opening, said hand cover having a pair of wrist flaps that extend towards one another from opposite sides of said opening, a wrist strap disposed beneath said pair of wrist flaps and permanently secured to one of them, and a lacing passing inwardly through said back cover into said body just outside of one side of said opening, thence outwardly from said body just inside of said side of said opening, thence through said flaps and strap from said side of said opening to the other side thereof, thence into said body just inside of said other side of said opening, thence out of said body and through said hand cover just outside of said other side of said opening, and thence through said flaps and straps to said first mentioned side of said opening where the two ends of said lacing are secured together exteriorly of said hand cover.

10. A baseball glove comprising a body including a back cover, a palm cover and padding interposed therebetween, marginal rows of eyelets in said back and palm covers, lacing extending through the eyelets of said back and palm covers for securing them together around the margin of said padding, a hand cover mounted on said back cover and forming therewith a wrist opening, said hand cover having marginal extensions sewed to said back cover on opposite sides of said opening and containing the back cover eyelets located just outside of said opposite sides of said opening, said hand cover having a pair of wrist flaps that extend towards one another from said opposite sides of said opening, a wrist strap disposed beneath said pair of wrist flaps and sewed to one of them, and a wrist lacing passing through the back cover eyelet just outside of one side of said opening, thence through the back cover eyelet located just



inside of said opening, thence through said flaps and strap from said side of said opening to the other side thereof, thence through the back cover eyelet located just inside of said other side of said opening, thence through the back cover eyelet located just outside of said other side of said opening, and thence through said flaps and strap to said first mentioned side of said opening where the exposed ends of said wrist lacing are secured together.

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