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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A glove for sporting and industrial use and of which the palm side is at least partly comprised of the skin (a) of a snake of the sub-family Acrochordinae within the Colubridae, or (b) of a file snake of the genus Colubridae Mehelya or (c) of the Rosette or Lixia shark, the skin having a finished thickness not exceeding one millimeter. A specific example would be a golfer's glove, it being a characteristic feature of the invention that the glove as specified affords a firm grip to be maintained in both wet and dry conditions.

4 Claims, No Drawings

GLOVES

This invention relates to gloves intended for use firstly where there is a requirement for a firm grip to be maintained upon an article in both wet and dry conditions, and secondly where there is a requirement for sensitivity of touch to be retained although a glove is being worn. The first requirement is inherent in many sporting activities, including water sports, whilst the second requirement is manifest in certain manufacturing and service industries.

In accordance with the present invention there is provided a glove of which the palm side is at least partly comprised of the skin (a) of a snake of the sub-family Acrochordinae, within the Colubridae, or (b) of a file snake of the genus Colubridae Mehelya, or (c) of the Rosette or Lixia shark, the skin having a finished thickness not exceeding 1 millimetre.

The skin may be such as to cover the whole or a part of the palm of a hand and/or some or all of the fingers, including the thumb, as may be desired. The skin may be cut to the shape of the palm side of the hand or be applied in the form of strips or otherwise shaped pieces to local areas of the palm side of the glove.

A snake skin which is particularly suitable for the purpose is that of Acrochordus Javanicus otherwise known as the Karung or Elephants Trunk Snake.

One particular embodiment of the invention which is at present contemplated is a golfer's glove having the whole of its palm side comprised of the skin of Acrochordus Javanicus as aforesaid, the remainder of the glove being comprised of a cellular stretchable material, such as knitted cotton or nylon and having an elasticated cuff.

A further particular embodiment of the invention, for instance a motorist's glove could be made of leather or other material to which, on the palm side, the aforesaid skin as defined, or pieces thereof, would be attached.

A glove in accordance with the invention could also be used in many industrial and technological processes where the hand and/or the material being handled needs protection but where it is essential that there should be no loss of digital dexterity and/or of the gripping faculty. An industrial glove could for example be made of cotton and have palm and/or finger patches made of the aforesaid snake or shark skin secured thereto.

I claim:

1. A glove affording high sensitivity to touch and having effective gripping characteristics even under wet conditions, said glove including a palm side and a back side, said palm side having at least portions thereof comprised of the skin of the snake of the sub-family Acrochordinae of the Colubridae, said skin having a finished thickness not exceeding one millimeter, and wherein said at least portions of said palm side are formed completely of said skin.

2. A glove as claimed in claim 1 in which the skin is that of Acrochordus Javanicus.

3. A glove as claimed in claim 1 in which the skin is cut to the shape of the palm side of a hand.

4. A glove as claimed in claim 1 in which the skin is in the form of one or more strips forming part or parts of the said palm side.

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