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Fig. 1.

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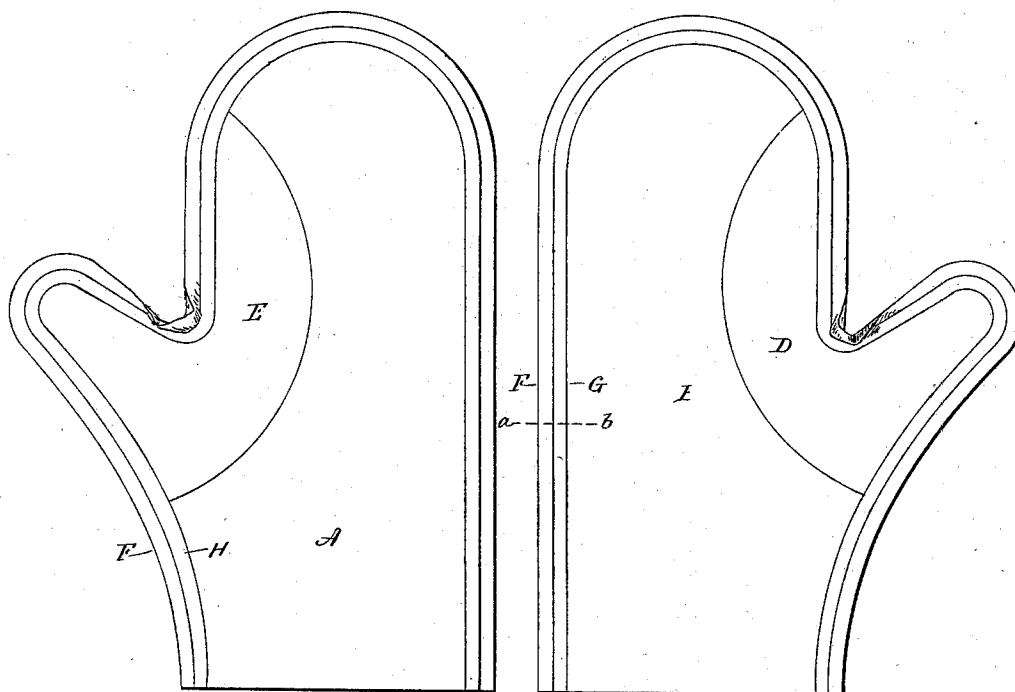
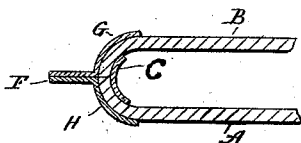


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES E. LONGDEN, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Rubber Mittens; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a plan view of a mitten embodying my invention; Fig. 2, a reverse side of the same; Fig. 3, a sectional view on line *a b* of Fig. 2.

This invention relates to an improvement in rubber mittens such as are used by motormen, masons, wood-choppers, and others in wet weather or in handling rough or wet articles.

In many cases—as, for instance, with motormen—as the thing handled becomes dry it will stick to the rubber and twist or tear it. To prevent this sticking and thereby lengthen the life of the mittens, they have been inserted into a supplemental mitten of wool or other fabric.

The object of this invention is to provide the rubber mitten with a projecting edge, to which pieces of fabric, leather, or other suitable material may be firmly attached and which when worn may be readily removed and replaced; and the invention consists in a rubber mitten having a projecting edge, as hereinafter described, and particularly recited in the claim.

Mittens of this class are usually made with both sides alike, so that they may be used on either hand, and preferably consist of a front A and back B, the edges of which are

abutted and held by a strip C, extending around the inner edge, the two parts forming the hand and thumb. Preferably, also, the thumb and adjacent surface of the hand will be reinforced by section D E, secured to the outer surface of the respective sections.

Around the mitten, including the thumb, is a projecting flange F, preferably formed from two strips G H, of fabric, cemented to the edges of the sections and to each other, so as to form a strong edge, although one strip may be employed, if desired. To this projecting flange pieces of fabric of proper shape may be readily attached by sewing, so as to cover one or both sides; and this covering when worn may be easily removed and replaced. As the rubber is practically indestructible, it will be seen that by thus covering the mittens they may be used indefinitely.

I am aware that ball-catchers' gloves have been constructed with pads extending over the hand portion and secured at the edges to the gloves, and therefore do not wish to be understood as claiming, broadly, such as my invention.

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

A rubber mitten comprising a mitten proper and an outwardly-projecting fabric flange extending around its edge, and to which an auxiliary covering may be attached, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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