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 BASE BALL MITT.
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Fig. 1.

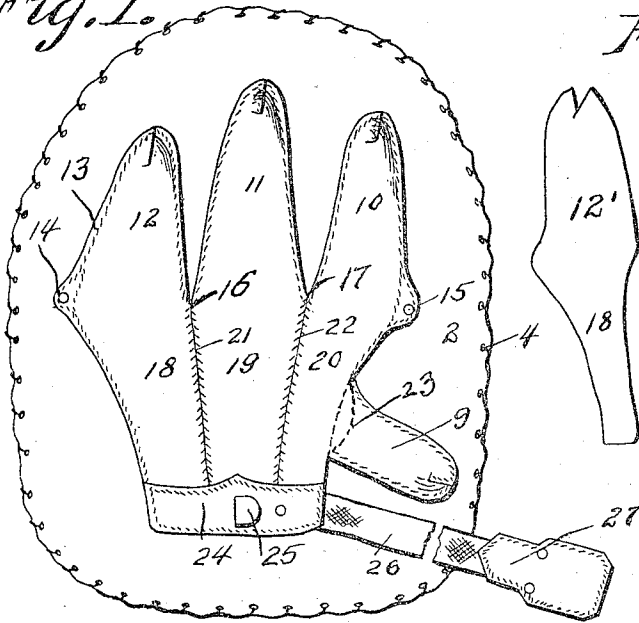


Fig. 4.

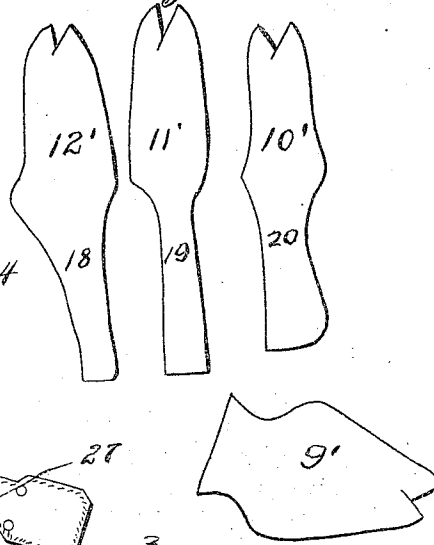


Fig. 3.

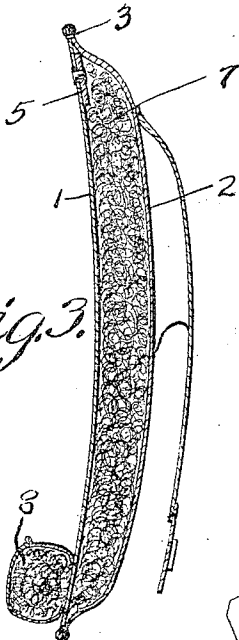
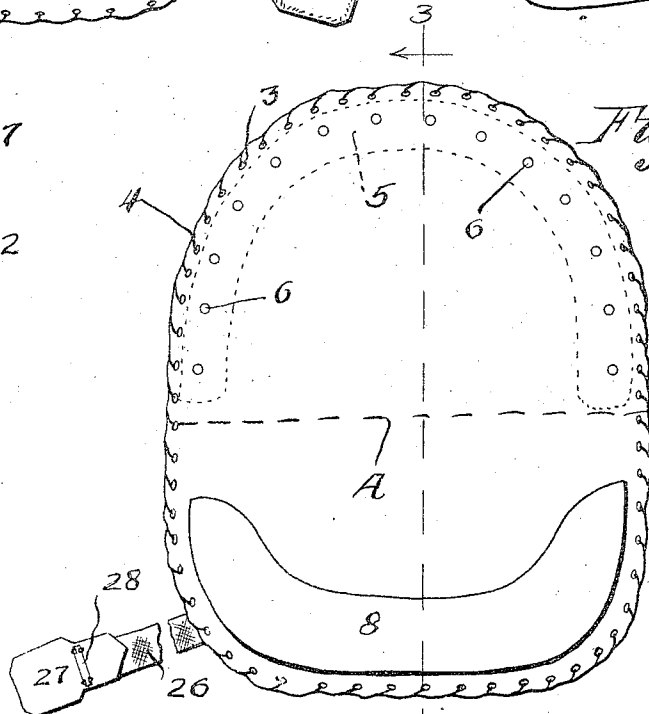


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL F. WARING, citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Base-Ball Mitts, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in base-ball mitts, and has for its object to produce an article of this type which will enable the player to more readily and easily catch the ball, which will afford ample protection to the hand of the player and which may be more easily manipulated by the player by allowing more freedom of movement of the hand.

A further object of the invention is to increase the strength, durability and general efficiency of the mitt.

Further and other objects will be later herein set forth and referred to.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a rear elevation of the improvement, Fig. 2 is a front elevation, Fig. 3 is a section on line 3—3 of Fig. 2, and Fig. 4 is a plan view of the blanks, from which the fingers are formed.

The body of the glove is formed of a front sheet of leather 1 and a similar rear sheet of leather 2, the contiguous edges of the two being in engagement and being formed with eyelets 3, through which lacing 4 is passed to unite the members as seen in the drawing. The front sheet of leather 1 is provided on its rear face at its outer end with an arcuate reinforcing member 5 the latter being preferably formed of leather and being secured to the front sheet 1 by a series of rivets 6 as seen in Figs. 2 and 3. It will be apparent that since the ball very often strikes the outer free end of the front sheet, the latter is strengthened and reinforced at this point, which tends to increase the life and general usefulness of the glove, while yet preserving its shape and form. Padding 7 is interposed between the two sheets as is common in the art. The front sheet 1 is provided at its base or inner end with an arcuate wrist portion 8 which portion is suitably padded as seen in Fig. 3 and projects for a distance beyond the outer face of sheet 1. The arcuate member 8 as seen in Fig. 2 is so located that it affords ample and thorough protection to the wrist while yet presenting an abutment which is well adapted to receive the impact of the ball and which tends by

its shape and disposition to secure the ball immovable in the glove after the former has engaged the latter. As seen in Fig. 2 by the dotted line A, the glove is adapted to be folded along such line, whereby the two halves of the glove move in the space between the ends of members 5 and 8. It will further be observed that the member 5 tends to also form a conformable pocket for the reception of the ball in conjunction with the member 8.

To the back sheet 2 is sewed four finger pockets of which 9 is to receive the thumb, 10, the first finger, 11, the second finger, and 12, the third and fourth fingers. As seen in Fig. 4, 9' denotes the blank from which the thumb pocket is formed, 10' the blank from which the pocket for the first finger is formed, 11' the blank from which the pocket for the second finger is formed, and 12' the blank from which the pocket for the third and fourth fingers is formed. Pocket 12 is stitched as at 13 to sheet 2, and has its line of stitching terminating at the rivet 14, which latter serves as an additional securing means at this point. The stitching for the pocket 10 and 11 likewise terminates at the points 15, 16, and 17, whereby the rear ends of the blanks, which rear ends are designated 18, 19 and 20, are free to move with respect to the sheet 2. The rear ends 18, 19, and 20, are stitched together by the lines of stitching 21 and 22. The thumb pocket 9 is secured to the rear end 20 of pocket 10 by the line of stitching 23. The rear ends 18, 19 and 20, are connected by a transverse piece of leather 24, which latter carries a hook member 25. A piece of elastic 26 is secured to the member 24 and carries at its free end a leather tip 27, which as shown in Fig. 2 is provided with a metal bar 28 adapted to engage under the hook 25.

In use, the thumb is placed in pocket 9, the first finger in pocket 10, the second finger in pocket 11, and the third and fourth fingers in pocket 12, the wrist being disposed between the rear ends 18, 19 and 20 and the outer face of sheet 2. Since the finger pockets are connected to the body at the points 14, 15, 16 and 17, it will be observed that the ends 18, 19 and 20, are thus free to move about these points, which allows free and unrestricted movement of the wrist of the player, the rear ends 18, 19 and 20 being secured to the wrist of the player

by passing the strap 26 around the wrist and engaging the bar 28 with the hook 25.

What I claim is:

1. A baseball glove composed of a body, 5 four finger pockets arranged on the rear of said body, three of the finger pockets having their ends extended to form a wrist engaging part, and a strap secured to said rear ends of the pockets, adapted to be engaged about the wrist so as to retain said 10 rear ends of the pockets in engagement therewith.

2. A baseball glove, composed of a body, a series of finger pockets on the rear thereof, a flexible part formed by extensions of 15 said finger pockets, a hook member on the free end of said flexible part, a leather tip having a bar to engage said hook, and an elastic strap secured at one end, to said leather tip and its opposite end to the free 20 end of said flexible part, said elastic strap being adapted to be passed around the wrist, the flexible part being adapted to seat on the back hand and to engage a part of the wrist.

3. A baseball glove, composed of a body, 25 a plurality of finger pockets arranged on the rear of said body, some of said finger pockets having their free ends extended to form a wrist engaging part, a transverse member 30 secured to each of said extended ends of the finger pockets, and means to secure said ex-

tended ends in engagement with the wrist, said means being affixed at one end to said transverse member and having its major 35 portion passed about the wrist and having its free end removably secured to said transverse member.

4. A baseball glove, composed of a body, a series of finger pockets on the rear of said body, and a flexible part formed by extensions of said finger pockets, said flexible part 40 being adapted to engage the wrist, means to secure said flexible part to the wrist of the player, and a thumb pocket disposed at substantial right angles to said finger pockets, 45 and having its inner end secured thereto.

5. A baseball glove, composed of a body, a pocket on the rear thereof for the thumb, a pocket for the first finger, a pocket for the 50 second finger, and a single pocket for the third and fourth fingers, an extension secured to the pockets, and means to secure said extensions to the wrist, said thumb pocket having its inner end secured to one 55 side of the pocket for the first finger.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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