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BOXING GLOVE.

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Fig. 1.

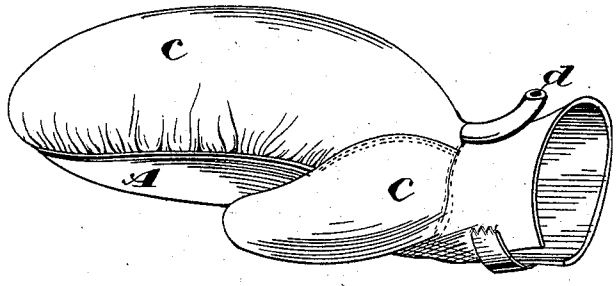


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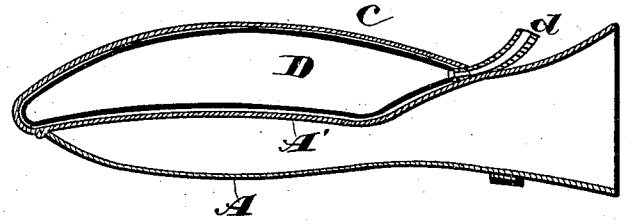
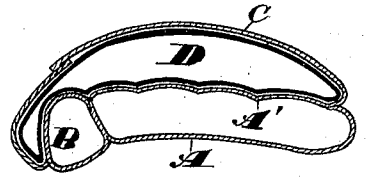


Fig. 3.



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BOXING-GLOVE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT R. RUMSY, of Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Boxing-Gloves; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to improvements in boxing-gloves, the object being to provide an elastic air-bag for filling the glove, by means of which a heavy blow given will result in no injury to the person receiving it.

A further object is to provide a boxing-glove that may be collapsed, so as to occupy but little more space than an ordinary glove.

With these objects in view my invention consists in certain features of construction and in combination of parts hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claim.

Boxing with gloves should be a pleasant and healthy exercise; but with the gloves in common use it has degenerated into a brutish and demoralizing pastime. Persons of sedentary habits, professional men, and invalids—those that would be most benefited by such exercise—are generally prevented from engaging or benefiting themselves thereby from fear of the hard knocks and injuries they may receive. I have therefore invented a glove provided with an elastic inflated bag for a cushion, by means of which hard blows may be received without injury or disagreeable effects.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view in perspective of my improved boxing-glove. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section. Fig. 3 is a transverse section.

The glove is constructed to cover the hand in the usual manner, having the parts A and A′ and a part, B, for the thumb.

Over the back of the glove, including the thumb, is an outer covering, C, of kid, buckskin, or other suitable soft material, and between the glove proper and the part C is inclosed an elastic air-bag, D, preferably of rubber, and provided with the small flexible tube *d* or equivalent device, by means of which the bag may be inflated. The tube *d* rests on the outside of the wristband of the glove, and hence does not interfere with the free introduction of the hand into the glove, and does not come in contact with the wrist of the wearer. As shown in Fig. 3, this air-bag extends over the thumb, so that all parts of the glove that are likely to come in contact with a person who receives a blow are protected by this elastic air-bag.

The air-bag is of such size and shape that when distended it fills the space between the inclosed parts A′ and C, and distends the latter, as shown in Fig. 1.

The air-bag is so soft and elastic that no injury will be sustained when a person receives a full blow from it in the face.

The tube *d* may be closed with a valve, or by compression, such as tying a knot in it, or tying a string around it, or in any convenient manner.

By expelling the air and collapsing the bag the glove may be carried in the pocket without inconvenience, occupying but little more space than ordinary gloves.

The introduction of these gloves into general use would do much toward abolishing the brutal encounters so frequent in sporting circles.

What I claim is—

As a new article of manufacture, a boxing-glove consisting, essentially, of a glove having a thumb-stall, an outer covering secured at its edges to the back of the glove, an outer side of the thumb-stall, a flexible air-bag interposed between the back of the glove and back and outer side of the thumb-stall and the outer covering, and a tube for inflating the bag, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I sign this specification, in the presence of two witnesses, this 15th day of February, 1884.

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