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BASBALL GLOVE

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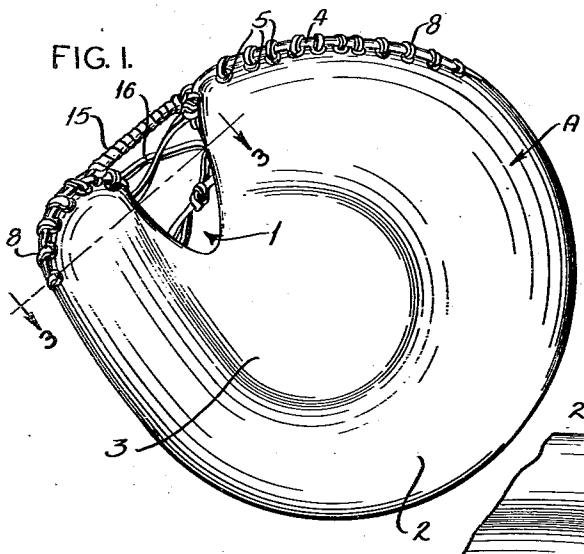


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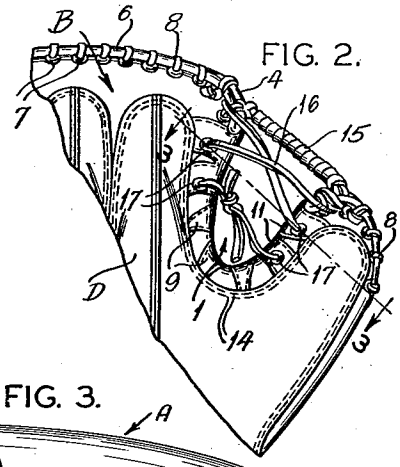


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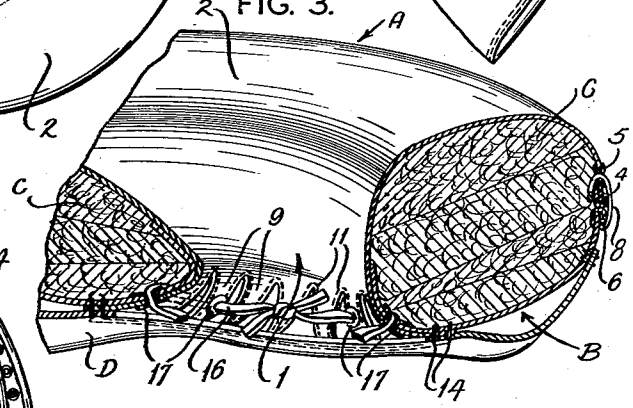


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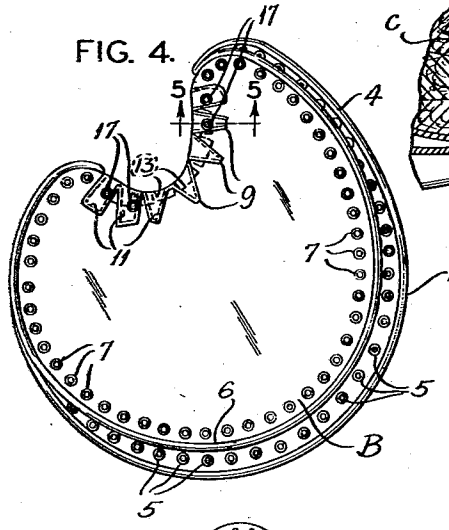


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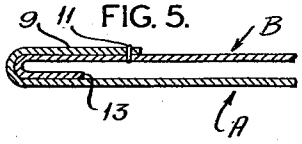


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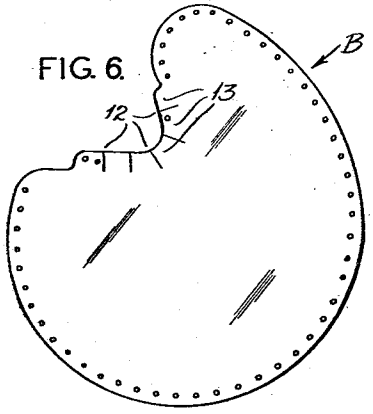
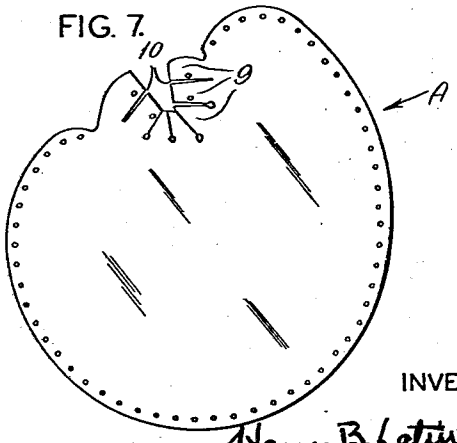


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This invention relates to baseball gloves, particularly catchers' mitts of the kind comprising flexible palm and back covers having their margins laced together around a padding interposed therebetween. Such mitts are made of generally circular form with a substantially U-shaped thumb forming notch or crotch which opens into a ball receiving pocket in the palm surface of the mitt; and the margins of the palm and back covers are provided with edge bindings and rows of eyelets for the lacing that extend continuously around the mitt and the thumb forming crotch therein. This manner of securing the palm and back covers together around the thumb forming crotch of the mitt is objectionable because of the additional lacing, binding and eyelets required and the additional lacing, binding and eyelets required and the additional cost involved. Other objections are reduced flexibility of the mitt around the crotch, the tendency for lacing to wear and break on the palm side of the mitt and to cause discomfort to the hand used in pounding the ball receiving pocket, the tendency for the eyelets to tear, the reduction in the size of the crotch due to the additional space required around the margin thereof for the binding, eyelets and lacing.

The principal object of the present invention is to provide a mitt of the above type in which the palm and back covers of the mitt are connected together around the crotch thereof in a manner which will overcome all of the objections above noted. The invention consists in providing the crotch of the palm cover of the mitt with a row or series of marginal flaps that are folded over the marginal portion of the crotch of the back cover and are sewed or otherwise permanently secured thereto. The invention also consists in providing the crotch of the back cover with a similar row or series of doubled-under free marginal flaps that are disposed beneath the spaces between the marginal flaps of the crotch of the palm cover. The invention 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 palm side of a catcher's mitt embodying my invention,

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary view looking at the back side of the mitt in the region of the crotch portion thereof,

Fig. 3 is an enlarged fragmentary cross-section

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across the crotch portion of the mitt on the line 3—3 in Fig. 1,

Fig. 4 is a plan view of the palm and back covers of the mitt, showing the connection around the crotch thereof,

Fig. 5 is an enlarged fragmentary cross-section on the line 5—5 in Fig. 4,

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

Fig. 7 is a similar view of the palm cover blank.

In the accompanying drawing, my invention is shown embodied in a padded glove or catcher's mitt comprising a palm cover A, a back cover B and a pad interposed between said covers, all notched to provide a thumb forming crotch 1 in said mitt. The covers are made of leather or other flexible material; and the pad C is made of felt or other cushioning material and has a built-up marginal portion 2 that extends around said pad from opposite sides of the thumb forming crotch 1 of the mitt to define a relatively deep ball receiving pocket 3 in the palm surface of the mitt, said crotch opening into said pocket.

The palm cover A is provided with a peripheral binding 4 and a marginal row of eyelets 5, said binding and row of eyelets extending around the margin of said palm cover and terminating on opposite sides of the crotch 1 at the outer corners thereof. The back cover B is provided with a similar peripheral binding 6 and a marginal row of eyelets 7 which also terminate at the outer corners of the crotch 1. The palm and back covers A and B are secured together around the edge of the padding C interposed therebetween from one outer corner of the crotch 1 to the other outer corner thereof by means of a lacing 8 which extends through the marginal eyelets 5 and 7 in the palm and back covers A and B, respectively.

The palm and back covers A and B are permanently secured together around the sides and bottom of the crotch 1 of the mitt without any binding, eyelets or lacing. This securing arrangement comprises a continuous row or series of tabs or flaps 9 formed around the sides and bottom of the crotch in the palm cover A by means of a series of slits 10 in the margin of the crotch forming portion of said palm cover. The flaps 9 are folded over the margin of the crotch forming portion of the back cover B and have their margins sewed or otherwise permanently secured, as at 11, to the outer face of said back cover.

The margin of the crotch forming portion of the back cover B is doubled or folded therebeneath preferably without being secured thereto

or to the palm cover A; and said margin is preferably slit, as at 12, to form a series of marginal tabs or flaps 13 that are located opposite the spaces between the marginal flaps 9 of the crotch portion of the palm cover A so as to prevent the escape of the padding C. As shown in the drawing, the back cover B has a hand receiving cover D secured thereto and forming therewith separate sheaths for the thumb and fingers. The margin of the thumb forming crotch of the hand cover D overlaps and is sewed or otherwise permanently secured, as at 14, to the outer end portions of the secured marginal flaps 9 of the crotch forming portion of the palm cover A.

A flexible cord 15 connects the opposite sides of the crotch 1 of the mitt at the outer ends of the crotch, and a flexible lacing or webbing 16 spans the crotch from side to side thereof inwardly of said cord. The cord 15 and lacing 16 enable the ball to be caught in the crotch 1 of the mitt; and the lacing 16 is adjustable to vary the width of the crotch and extends through eyelets 17 provided therefor in the marginal flaps 9 of the palm section A and the portion of the back section B overlapped by said flaps.

The hereinbefore described glove construction has numerous and important advantages. It dispenses with and saves the cost of the binding, eyelets and lacing heretofore employed around the crotch of the mitt and permits the forming of a wider and deeper crotch. It also prevents tearing of the palm and back covers around the crotch; it also increases the flexibility of the mitt around the crotch; and it also provides a smooth surface around the crotch on the palm surface of the mitt and thus prevents the user from hurting the hand used in pounding the ball receiving pocket into shape.

Obviously, the hereinbefore described baseball glove construction admits of considerable modification. Therefore, I do not wish to be limited to the precise construction shown and described.

What I claim is:

1. A baseball glove comprising a palm cover and a back cover and padding interposed therebetween, said covers and padding being shaped to provide a ball receiving pocket in said palm cover and a marginal thumb forming crotch in said glove opening into said pocket, and means connecting said covers around the margin of said padding, said means including a series of flaps formed around the marginal crotch forming portion of one of said covers and folded over and permanently secured to the outer face of the other of said covers around the marginal crotch forming portion thereof.

2. A baseball glove comprising a palm cover and a back cover with padding interposed therebetween, said covers and padding being shaped to provide a thumb forming crotch in said glove, and means for connecting said covers together around the margin of said padding, said means including a series of flaps formed integral with the marginal crotch forming portion of said palm cover and folded over and secured to the other of said covers around the marginal crotch forming portion thereof.

3. A baseball glove comprising a palm cover and a back cover with padding interposed therebetween, said covers and padding being shaped to provide a thumb forming crotch in said glove, and means for connecting said covers together around the margin of said padding, said means including a series of flaps formed around the marginal crotch forming portion of said palm cover and folded over and permanently secured to the outer face of said back cover around the crotch forming portion thereof.

4. A baseball glove comprising a palm cover and a back cover with padding interposed therebetween, said covers and padding being shaped to provide a thumb forming crotch in said glove, and means for connecting said covers together around the margin of said padding, said means including a series of flaps formed around the marginal crotch forming portion of said palm cover and folded over and permanently secured to the outer face of said back cover around the crotch forming portion thereof, said crotch forming margin of said back cover being folded therebeneath.

5. A baseball glove comprising a palm cover and a back cover with padding interposed therebetween, said covers and padding being shaped to provide a thumb forming crotch in said glove, and means for connecting said covers together around the margin of said padding, said means including a series of flaps formed around the marginal crotch forming portion of said palm cover and folded over and permanently secured to the outer face of said back cover around the crotch forming portion thereof, said crotch forming margin of said back cover having a series of turned-under flaps lying between said back cover and padding opposite the spaces between the folded-over flaps of said palm cover.

6. A baseball glove comprising a palm cover and back cover with padding interposed therebetween, said covers and padding being shaped to provide a thumb forming crotch in said glove, means for connecting said covers around the margin of said padding, said means including a series of flaps formed integral with said palm cover around the crotch forming margin thereof and folded around and sewed to the outer face of said back cover around the crotch forming margin thereof, and a hand receiving cover secured to the outer face of said back cover and having a thumb forming crotch, the margin of the thumb forming crotch of said hand receiving cover overlapping and being sewed to said marginal flaps and to the portion of said back cover disposed therebeneath.

7. A baseball glove comprising a palm cover and a back cover and padding interposed therebetween, said covers and padding being shaped to provide a thumb forming crotch in said glove, and means for connecting said covers together around the margin of said padding, said means comprising lacing extending through said covers around the margins thereof and terminating on opposite sides of said crotch and a series of flaps formed in the marginal crotch forming portion of said palm section and folded over and permanently secured to the outside face of said section around the marginal crotch forming portion thereof.

8. A baseball glove comprising a palm cover and a back cover and padding interposed therebetween, said covers and padding being shaped to provide a thumb forming crotch in said glove, means for connecting said covers together around the margin of said padding, said means comprising lacing extending through said covers around the margins thereof and terminating on opposite sides of said crotch and a series of flaps formed around the marginal crotch forming portion of said palm cover and folded over and permanently secured to the outer face of said back section around the marginal crotch forming portion thereof, and a hand receiving cover secured to the outer face of said back cover and having a thumb

forming crotch, the marginal portion of which overlaps and is permanently secured to said flaps and to the portion of the back cover overlapped thereby.

9. A baseball glove comprising a palm cover and a back cover with padding interposed therebetween, said covers and padding being shaped to provide a thumb forming crotch in said glove, said covers being each provided with a peripheral binding and a marginal row of eyelets, said padding and row of eyelets extending around the margin of said cover and terminating on opposite sides of said crotch adjacent to the outer corners thereof, lacing extending through the eyelets of said covers for connecting them together, said palm cover having a series of flaps formed around the crotch forming margin thereof and folded over and secured to the crotch forming margin of said back cover.

10. A baseball glove comprising a palm cover and a back cover with padding interposed therebetween, said covers and padding being shaped to provide a thumb forming crotch in said glove, said covers being each provided with a peripheral binding and a marginal row of eyelets, said binding and row of eyelets extending around the margin of said cover and terminating on opposite sides of said crotch adjacent to the outer corners thereof, a lacing extending through the eyelets of said covers for connecting them together, said palm cover having a series of flaps formed around the

crotch forming margin thereof, said crotch forming margin of said back cover being folded therebeneath.

11. A baseball glove comprising a palm cover and a back cover with padding interposed therebetween, said covers and padding being shaped to provide a thumb forming crotch in said glove, said covers being each provided with a peripheral binding and a marginal row of eyelets, said binding and row of eyelets extending around the margin of said cover and terminating on opposite sides of said crotch adjacent to the outer corners thereof, a lacing extending through the eyelets of said covers for connecting them together, said palm cover having a series of flaps formed around the crotch forming margin thereof, said crotch forming margin of said back cover being folded therebeneath and being slit to provide a series of flaps located opposite the spaces between the marginal flaps of the crotch forming portion of said palm cover.

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