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Fig. 1.

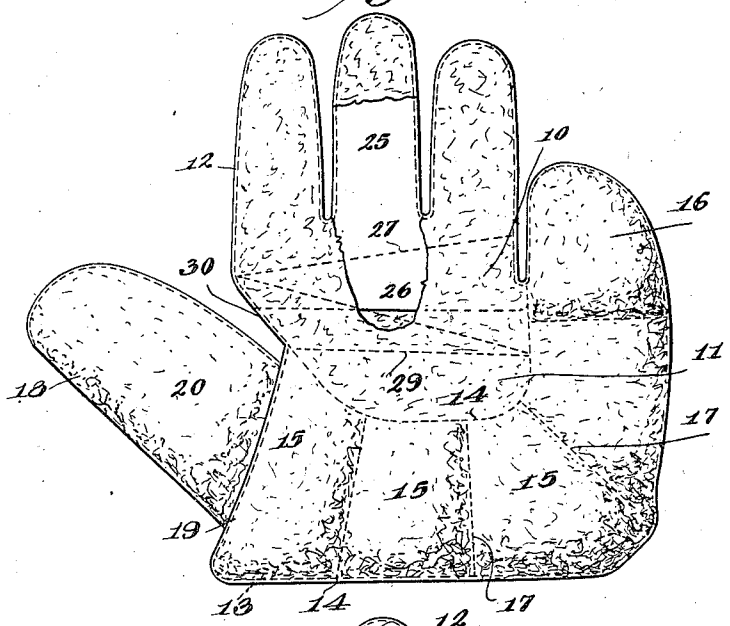


Fig. 2.

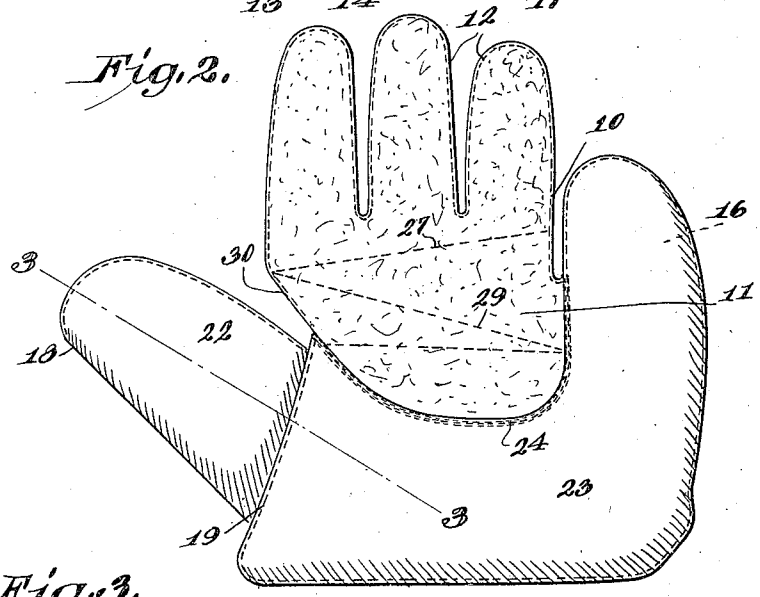
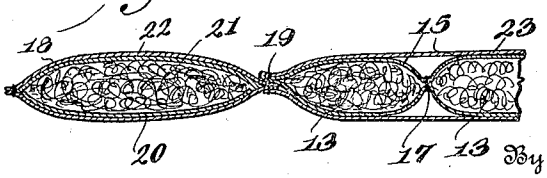


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, REUBEN RAYMOND, citizen of the United States, residing at Napa, in the county of Napa and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Baseball-Glove Pads, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a baseball glove pad and particularly to a construction adapted for removable application between the inner and outer glove members as disclosed in my Patent No. 1,421,308, dated June 27, 1922.

The invention has for an object to present a novel and improved construction in which the packing of the pad is formed in sections extending across the base of the palm and longitudinally of the fourth finger and the attachment of a separate thumb member, whereby the pad is adapted to readily cup or fold into contact with a ball and the packing securely held against displacement through impact with a swiftly moving ball.

A further object of the invention is to form the pad from two layers of material with an intermediate layer of leather at the finger portions to stiffen and protect the same, and a protecting leather covering over the packing disposed between the pad layers at the base of the palm.

Other and further objects and advantages of the invention will be hereinafter set forth and the novel features thereof defined by the appended claims.

In the drawing—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the pad body, with portion broken away;

Figure 2 is a similar view of the complete pad; and

Figure 3 is a section on line 3—3 of Figure 2.

Like numerals of reference refer to like parts in the several figures of the drawing.

The numeral 10 designates the body of the pad composed of two layers of any desired material, preferably fabric, which provide the palm portion 11 and the four fingers 12 of the pad. At the base of this palm portion a packing 13 is inserted between the layers of material and secured by stitching 14 at the upper and lower edges thereof. This packing is divided into a series of sections 15 extending across the base of the palm and a section 16 extending longitudinally of the fourth finger. These sections are produced by transverse lines of stitching 17 which effect definite lines of fold so that the pad may be readily cupped or bent when engaging a ball and also prevent any displacement of the packing under the impact of such engagement. When the packing is continuous, as in the prior art, such pressure forces the same toward opposite sides thus compacting the packing into a hard mass and thinning out the same at the point of direct contact with the ball so that the desired protection is destroyed. Furthermore a continuous packing cannot be easily cupped or folded to grasp the ball as the mass thereof stiffens the pad at this point, but by the arrangement of the sections each has a pivotal relation to the other so that the impact of the ball practically automatically causes the sections to engage and retain the ball.

To further effect this result, the thumb member 18 is formed separately from the pad and attached thereto by stitching 19 which produces a pivotal connection permitting free movement of the thumb member. This member is formed of two layers of material 20 and an intermediate packing 21 which extends from the end of the sectional packing beneath the forefinger. The material of the thumb member may be provided with a leather covering 22 and a similar covering 23 may be secured over the sectional packing before described. These covers are preferably separate layers upon opposite faces of the pad and stitched at their edges directly therethrough, while a plurality of rows of stitching 24 may be provided at the edge of the cover across the palm to resist the strain at that point. The covers protect the fabric material of the pad and also prevent the ripping out of the securing stitches in the violent use to which such a glove is often submitted.

In order to stiffen the first three finger members to facilitate their insertion between the inner and outer gloves and also to provide a protection at this point, a layer of leather 25 is inserted between the fabric layers of the pad body, and these inserts extend beyond the base of the fingers, as at 26, and are there secured by a cross stitching 27. The stitching about the edges of the finger members also secures the body and inserts together. To prevent slipping or wrinkling of the pad layers at the palm where no packing is used, a stitching 29 is

provided at that point. The pad body has also an inwardly extending offset 30 at the base of the forefinger to retain the pad in position within the glove as disclosed in my Patent No. 1,421,308, before mentioned.

The resultant pad has the palm portion of only the thickness of the pad material, while the fingers are reinforced by the inserts and the foldable sections of packing extend across the base and sides of the palm, with the thumb separately attached and freely movable relative to the body of the pad. By enclosing the packing sections with a leather casing they are rendered very strong and durable and capable of resisting a large amount of pounding without damage to their contour or resiliency. Such casing also supports the stitching which retains the packing in position and prevents its being torn from the fabric body. The sectional arrangement of the packing permits the same to automatically cup or fold inward without material resistance under impact from a ball and thus relieves the catcher of the finger strain necessary to bend the ordinary stiff glove packing into position to retain the ball.

The invention presents a simple, efficient and economically manufactured glove pad and while the details thereof have been specifically shown and described, still the invention is not confined thereto as recited in the following claims.

What I claim is:—

1. A glove pad having a packing extending across the base of the palm and longitudinally of the fourth finger and comprising sections separated by definite transverse lines of fold.

2. A glove pad having a packing extending across the base of the palm and longitudinally of the fourth finger and comprising sections separated by definite transverse lines of fold, and a separate thumb pad attached to said glove pad and freely foldable relative thereto.

3. A glove pad having a packing extending across the base of the palm and longitudinally of the fourth finger and comprising sections separated by transverse stitching to effect definite lines of fold, and a packed thumb member attached at one end of said packing.

4. A glove pad formed of two layers of padding material having an intermediate layer of stiffer reinforcing material at the finger portions, and a packing disposed between said padding layers at the base of the palm.

5. A glove pad formed of two layers of fabric material having an intermediate layer of leather at the finger portions extending at the base thereof to connect said portions, and a packing disposed between said layers at the base of the palm.

6. A glove pad formed of two layers of padding material having an intermediate layer of stiffer reinforcing material at the finger portions extending below the base of the fingers, and securing stitching engaging said extended portion of the reinforcing material.

7. A glove pad formed of two layers of material and having a packing disposed between the same and formed in sections extending across the base of the palm and longitudinally of the fourth finger.

8. A glove pad formed of two layers of fabric having a packing disposed between the same at the base of the palm and formed in sections by transverse stitching, a leather covering for said packing, and a thumb member for said pad.

9. A glove pad formed of two layers of fabric having a packing disposed between the same at the base of the palm and formed in sections by transverse stitching, a packed thumb pad stitched to said pad, and a leather covering for said packing having reinforced stitching at the edge thereof next the palm portion.

10. A glove pad formed of two layers of fabric having an intermediate layer of leather at the finger portions, a packing between said layers extending across the base of the palm and longitudinally of the fourth finger and formed in sections by transverse stitching, cross stitching at the unpacked palm portion, and a separate packed thumb member attached at one end of said packing.

11. A glove pad comprising layers of fabric having an intermediate layer of leather at the finger portions and extending below the same, a packing between said layers and formed in transversely bendable sections extending across the base of the palm and longitudinally of the fourth finger, a leather covering for said sections, a stitching engaging the extended portion of the intermediate leather layer, a cross stitching at the unpacked palm portion, and a packed thumb member having a leather covering attached at one end of said packing.

12. A glove pad comprising a body portion, and a series of packing sections thereon foldably connected upon transverse lines and disposed at the base and sides of the palm portion so as to be automatically folded by impact of a moving object therewith.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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