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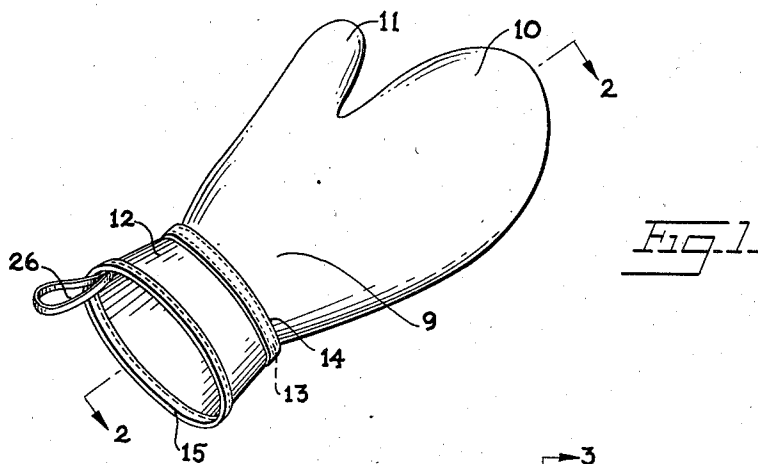


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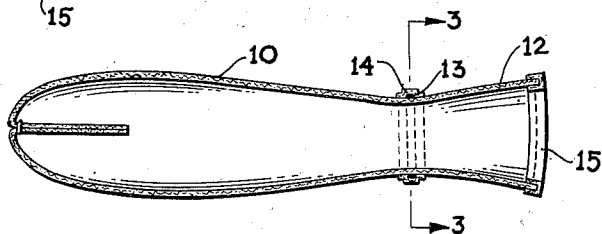


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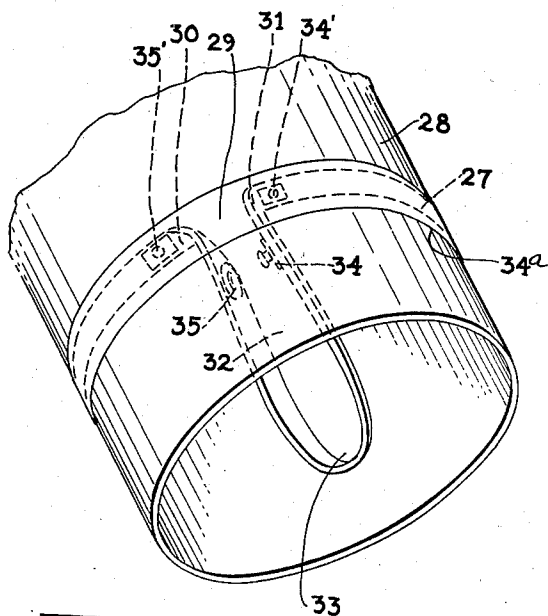


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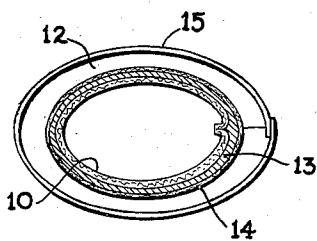


Fig. 4.

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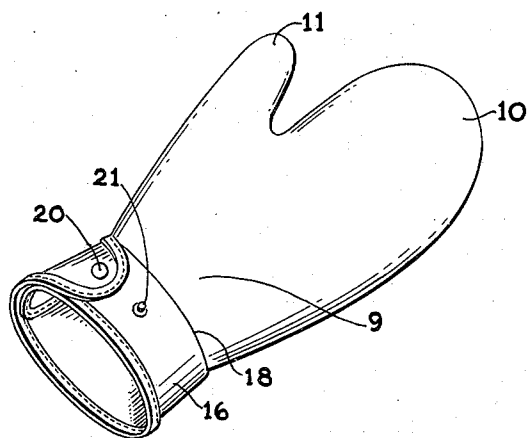


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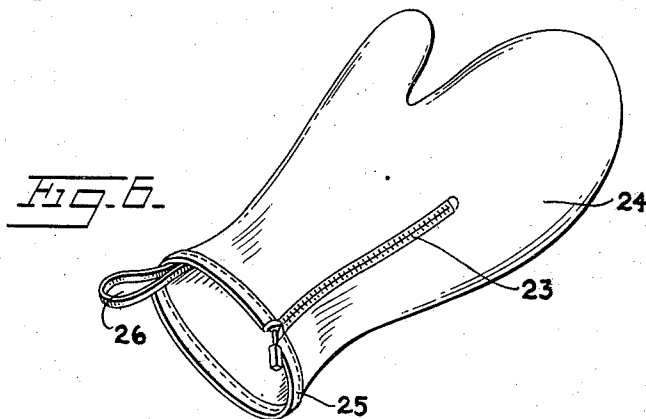


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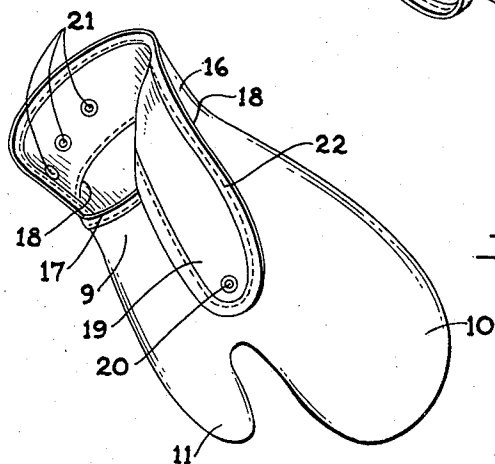


Fig. 5.

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This invention relates to gloves and, more particularly to mittens for use in washing, bathing, showering and for other household tasks.

One of the objects of the invention is to provide a bath mitten of the type described in which the hand may be readily inserted and which will remain firmly on the hand while in use. An allied object is to provide a bath mitten which will have means at its wrist portion which will hold the mitten securely in place while in use. In one form of the invention this means takes the form of an elastic element; in another form of the invention, the fastening means is a ribbon or string which may be pulled tight to hold the mitten in place; in another form of the invention, the wrist portion is provided with a plurality of spaced fastening elements such as snap fasteners by which the wrist portion of the mitten may be adjusted to the required tightness about the wrist; in still another form of the invention, a slide fastener is provided along the back of the glove so that when the slide fastener is pulled closed, the mitten will be held tightly on the hand.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawings forming a material part of this disclosure:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the form of the improved bath mitten having an elastic element in the wrist portion thereof.

Fig. 2 is a section taken longitudinally through the mitten of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a cross section taken on the line 3-3 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a perspective of another form in which the wrist portion includes a strap having fastening elements.

Fig. 5 is another perspective view of the mitten of Fig. 4 shown from a different angle, with the said strap opened.

Fig. 6 is a perspective view showing the back of another form of mitten having a slide fastener thereon.

Fig. 7 is a perspective view of the wrist portion of another form of the improved mitten in which the tightening means is a cord element or ribbon which may be pulled tight at the wrist portion of the mitten.

Referring to the form of the invention, shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, the improved mitten, which

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in this and the other forms of the invention is made of Turkish toweling material comprising tuft or pile fabric and also sometimes referred to as "terry cloth," has a body portion 9, a finger portion 10, a thumb portion 11 and a wrist portion 12. Encircling the juncture between the wrist portion 12 and the body portion 9 of the mitten is an elastic band 13 which is completely covered and concealed by a strip of binding material 14, the parallel edges of which are sewed to the mitten material in a manner to give full play to the elastic band 13 and at the same time holding it in the stated position on the mitten. Elastic band 13 is somewhat less than the circumferential length encircling the wrist portion of the mitten so that it imposes a resilient restrictiveness about the wrist portion which will hold the mitten on the hand. A binding 15 may be sewed along the outer edge of the mitten.

In the form of the invention, shown in Figs. 4 and 5, the wrist portion 16 extends along the body portion 9 of the mitten for only about three quarters of the circumference, the remaining portion of the circumference at body portion 9 terminating at the edge 17, as shown in Fig. 5. In this form of the invention, the wrist mitten portion 16 is made up of a separate piece of material (which is preferably the same as the rest of the mitten) and is then sewn on at the juncture 18 to the body 9 of the mitten. This added strap which constitutes the wrist portion of the mitten is longer than the circumference of this part of the mitten so that the strap has an extended tongue 19 at that portion of the circumference where the strap is not sewed to the body portion. At the end of the tongue 19 and on the inner side thereof (see Fig. 5) is a snap fastener element 20 which cooperates with a selected one of a plurality of fastener elements 21 which are secured at spaced points to the outer surface (see Fig. 4) of the wrist portion strap 16. The fastener element 20 of the tongue portion 19 may be fastened to any selected one of the plurality of spaced elements 21 depending on the tightness with which the mitten is made to fit around the wrist. Suitable binding indicated by reference character 22 is provided along the edges of the wrist portion or strap 16, tongue 19 and at the edge 17.

In the form of the invention shown in Fig. 6, a slide fastener 23 is provided in the back of the body portion 24 of the mitten, opening at the terminal edge 25 of the mitten. The mitten is so dimensioned that by pulling the slide fastener

closed, the wrist portion of the mitten will fit tightly about the wrist of the hand.

In the forms of the invention shown and described above there may be provided a loop 26 (Figs. 1 and 6) by which the mitten may be conveniently suspended from a hook or the like. In the form of the invention shown in Fig. 7, the hanging loop is associated with the means for tightening the wrist portion of the mitten. A narrow ribbon 27 encircles the wrist portion 28 for almost the complete circle except for the short distance 29 which separates a pair of slits 30 and 31 formed through the material of the wrist portion. The ribbon 27 passes through both slits 30 and 31 to form a loop portion 32 inside the wrist portion of the mitten. The length of the ribbon 27 is such that the end portion 33 of the loop extends beyond the outside edge of the mitten and is available at that point for suspending on a hook or the like.

The strip or ribbon 27 is held in its circumferential position about the wrist portion 28 by a guide comprising a strip of binding material 34^a which is sewed along both edges thereof to the mitten material which forms the wrist portion 28, so as to form a passage in which the ribbon 27 is freely movable. Hence by pulling on the loop 32 the ribbon 27 may be pulled tightly about the wrist portion. A snap fastener having one element such as indicated at 34, is secured to one terminal portion of the ribbon 27 with the other cooperative element 35 secured to the strip at the other side of the loop. The fastener elements 34 and 35 are sewed to the outer surface of the ribbon 27 and are so positioned that they become opposite each other inside the wrist portion of the mitten when the ribbon 27 is pulled to the required tightness about the wrist portion. A plurality of fastener elements may be provided in spaced relationship along the strip such as 34^a and 35^a, so as to enable the wrist portion of the mitten to be given any one of a number of wrist fitting proportions by selecting the proper cooperative fastener elements for securement together.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise constructions herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by United States

Letters Patent is:

1. A bath mit having an envelope portion to receive the body of the hand and a thumb portion to receive the thumb of the hand of the user, said mit also having a wrist portion of flexible tubular construction through which the hand is inserted, a guide, said guide comprising a strip of binding material having its side edges secured to the inner surface of said tubular portion and positioned circumferentially with respect thereto, said strip having a pair of spaced slits formed therein, a continuous ribbon disposed in said guide and having portions thereof projecting through each of said slits to form a handle loop extendable through said tubular portion to permit the user to pull said handle loop to constrict said tubular portion about the wrist of the user.

2. A bath mit as defined in claim 1, and interlocking means positioned on said ribbon adjacent said handle loop, said interlocking means being operable to maintain said tubular portion in constricted position about the wrist of the user.

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