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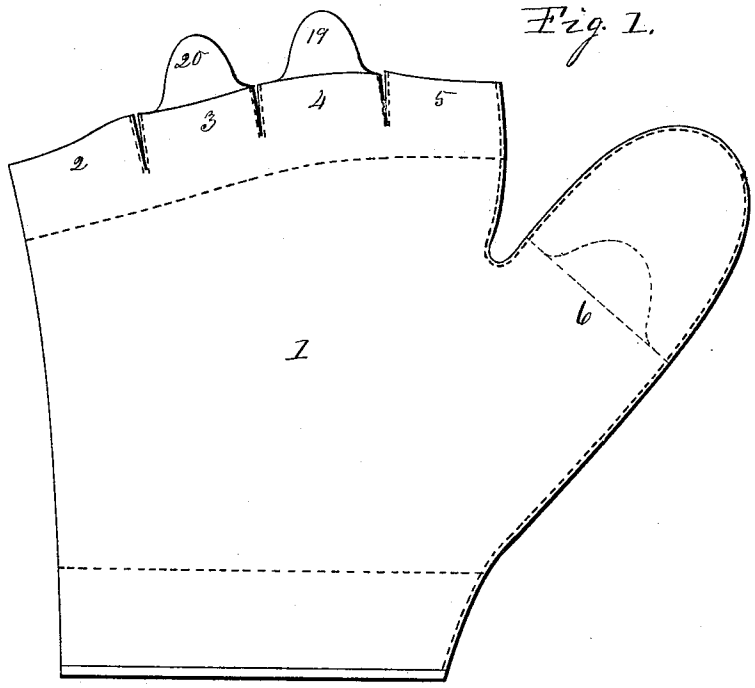
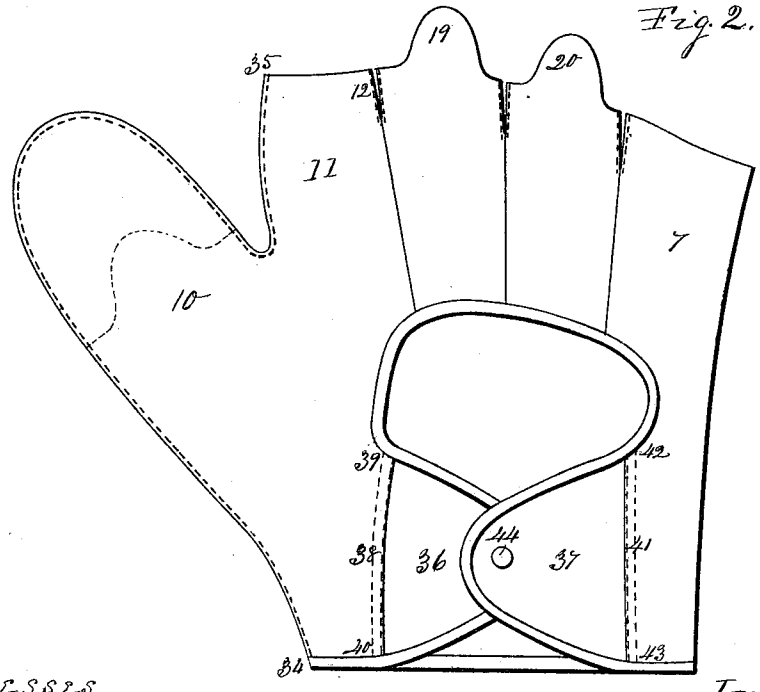


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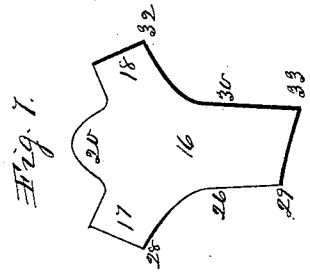


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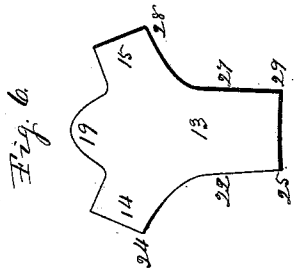


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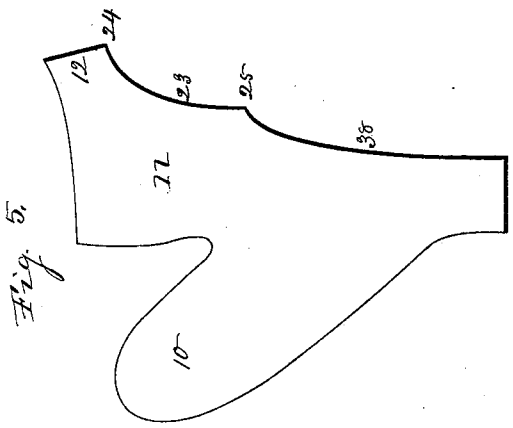


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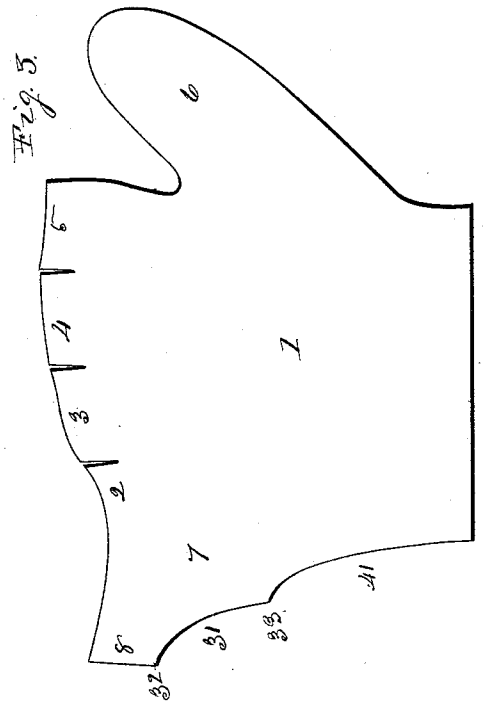
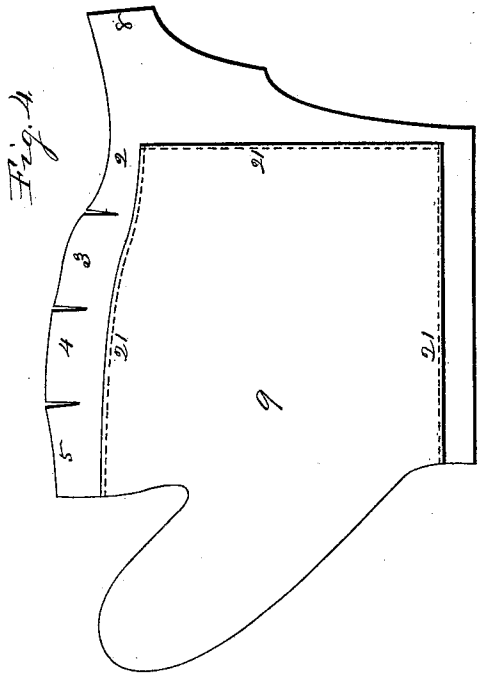


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN BLOMSTROM, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of Rockford, in the county of Winnebago and State of Illinois, have invented new and useful Improvements in Gloves, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a class of gloves used by the catcher in the game known as "base-ball." Its object is to produce a glove with the fewest seams possible on its palm, and in which the palm is padded, and means for removing the glove from the hand of the user.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a palm view of a glove embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a view of the back of my improved glove. Fig. 3 is an outer face representation of the palm, thumb palm and back, and fourchettes of the fourth finger in one piece as cut from the material of which the glove is made. Fig. 4 represents the inner face or opposite side of the palm to that shown in Fig. 3, with a lining to hold the padding in place stitched thereon. Fig. 5 represents the back of the thumb and back and fourchettes of the first finger as cut from the material. Fig. 6 represents the back and fourchettes of the second finger. Fig. 7 represents the back and fourchettes of the third finger.

The glove represented in the drawings is designed to be produced from sheet material of the varieties usually employed in the manufacture of gloves of this class. The main portion consists of the palm 1, finger-palms 2, 3, 4, and 5. Palm 6 of the thumb, and back 7, fourchette 8 of the fourth finger are cut in one piece, as shown in Fig. 3. The padding of the palm and thumb-palm consists of a single layer or a number of layers of felt, batting, or other suitable material, placed between the inner face of the palm 1, thumb-palm 6, and palm and thumb-palm lining 9, and is held in place by stitching the lining 9 to the palm portions. The back 10 of the thumb-back 11 and fourchette 12 of the first finger are cut in one piece. The back 13 and fourchettes 14 and 15 of the second finger are cut in one piece. The back 16 and fourchettes 17 and 18 of the third finger are cut in one piece. The back portions of the second and third fingers extend beyond or forward of their palm portions and form the tabs 19 and 20, by means of which the glove may be drawn from the hand. The laps 36 and 37 are cut as shown in Fig. 2.

In constructing my improved glove the padding is placed in position on the inside of the palm and thumb-palm, and the lining 9, placed over it, is stitched thereto on three sides by the seam-stitching, as represented at 21. The lap 36 is seam-stitched to the edge of the wrist portion 38, between the points 39 and 40 of the thumb-back, as in Fig. 2. The lap 37 is seam-stitched to the edge 41, between the points 42 and 43 of the wrist portion of the fourth-finger back, as in Fig. 2. The back of the second finger, Fig. 6, is laid on the back of the first finger, so that the edge 22 of the second finger coincides with the edge 23 of the first finger, and are then stitched between the points 24 and 25. The edge 26 of the third finger, Fig. 7, is in like manner seam-stitched to the edge 27 of the second finger from the point 28 to 29 thereon. The edge 30 of the third finger is in like manner seam-stitched to the edge 31 of the fourth finger from the point 32 to 33 thereon. The glove is then folded so that the back and palm portions, including the palm-lining, overlap each other in a manner to cause the upper cut edges of the glove, thumb and first finger, to coincide, which are then seam-stitched together on their upper edges from the point 34 to 35, as in Fig. 2. The edges of the fourchettes of the finger portion are then joined by seam-stitching to their respective palm portions of the fingers. The wrist portion and the edges of the laps 36 and 37 and the opening on the back of the glove are then bound with suitable material, as shown in Fig. 2, which, in connection with a wrist-fastening, 44, of any suitable variety, completes the glove.

In use the padding in the palm of the hand and thumb portions will be found a great protection to the hands of the user.

The glove represented in the drawings is provided with short or truncated fingers, which give freedom to the fingers of the user not attainable in a full-fingered glove. In this class of gloves it is found difficult to remove them from the hands. To obviate this difficulty I have employed the tabs 19 and 20, formed on

the back portions of the finger portions, which forms a ready means of removing the glove from the hand.

In my construction of gloves, in which the palm and thumb-palm are cut in one piece and the thumb-back and first-finger back cut in one piece, I avoid the seam at the base of the thumb, which is a desirable feature in this class of gloves, as the seam at the base of the thumb would injure the hands of the user, and under the severe strain to which the gloves are subjected in use are liable to separate.

In this instance I have produced my improved glove with full thumb; but I also produce them with truncated thumbs, as shown in dotted lines in Figs. 1 and 2, in which instance I prefer to produce the back of the thumb in tab form, as shown in the dotted lines in Fig. 2. I also produce my improved gloves in pairs, or in single right or left hand gloves, which may be used in connection with a full-fingered glove on one hand, leaving full freedom of the fingers of the hand from which the ball is thrown.

My improvement in producing the palm and thumb-palm in one piece, also in producing the back and thumb-back in one piece, is capable of use in other forms of gloves than the catcher's glove shown, and hereinbefore described.

I claim as my invention—

1. The herein-described glove, consisting, essentially, of the palm and thumb-palm portion cut in a single seamless piece and united with the back portion by a seam extending along the edge of the thumb toward the body and along the edge of the thumb toward the first finger, and by the other seams, substantially as shown, and a continuous seamless pad extending beneath the palm and thumb-palm portions and secured thereto, the whole being constructed in the manner and for the purpose substantially as specified.

2. The herein-described glove having truncated fingers and finger-backs projecting beyond the palm portions of one or more of the truncated fingers, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. The herein-described glove having truncated fingers and tabs projecting from the back portion of one or more of the truncated fingers, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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