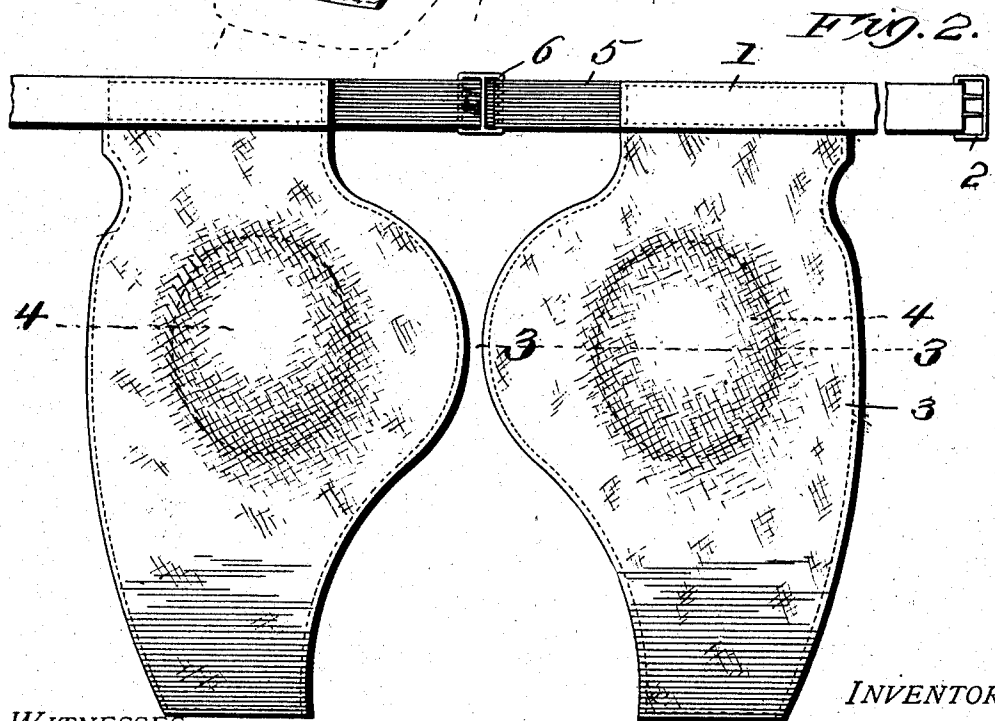
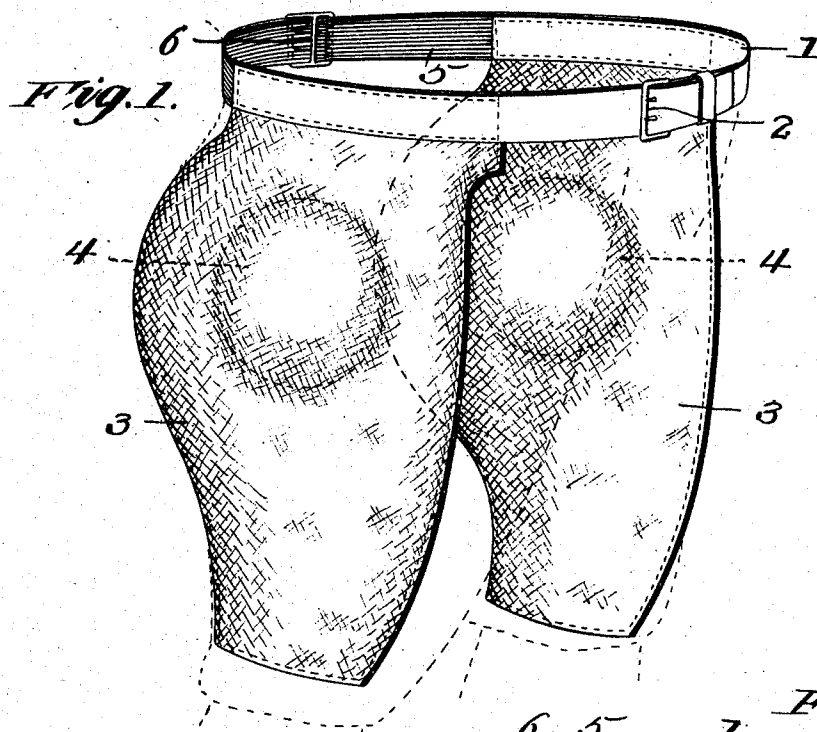


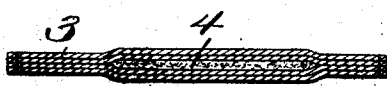
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELMER FLICK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bedford, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Base-Ball-Players' Pads, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a pad, and more particularly to a hip-pad used in playing base ball when sliding to a base, and has for its object to provide a durable inexpensive device that will reduce to a minimum the possibility of an injury to a player's hips. I also provide a very light pad, all superfluous material being omitted, the pad being only where it is needed, and thereby being of as little interference to the wearer as possible.

A further object is to provide a pad so constructed that its layers will slide one upon the other in such a way as to prevent the abrasion of the skin of the wearer and in use will crumple up, thereby lessening the friction.

Another object is to provide a construction that will dry out rapidly.

Another object is to provide a pad that can be adjusted to fit any size player.

This pad is so easily removed and applied that a wearer may use it only in running bases.

This and other objects and advantages will appear from the following description and claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view in perspective of the device in the position it assumes when being worn. Fig. 2 is an elevation of the device, showing the inner side of one pad and the outer side of the other pad. Fig. 3 is a section on line 3 3 of Fig. 2.

Referring now to the drawings, in which similar numerals indicate like parts in the several views, 1 indicates a belt long enough to encircle the waist of a player and having a buckle 2 in front. Secured to the belt 1 are pads 3 3, so arranged as to hang over the hips down to about the knees on each side of the wearer. These pads are cut to conform to the figure of the thigh and in the construction shown are made in four layers of felt with inner pads 4 4, of hair or sea-moss placed between the inner layers about the center, or located to rest over the hip-bone. The inner pads 4 4 are used to take the shock from the point of the hip-bone.

The belt 1, as shown, is of tape or any other inelastic material, with the exception of the portion 5 between the rear edges of the pads 3 3 or the portion which extends across the back of the wearer, which is of an elastic material and is provided with a buckle 6 for adjustment to bring the pads to the proper position and still give perfect freedom of action to the wearer.

In use the belt is buckled around the waist, the pads falling to each side covering the hips. When running at great speed the wearer throws himself toward the base the first shock of striking on the hip-bone is taken on the inner pad 4, thus protecting the point of the hip-bone, and as the player slides along the several layers of the pad 3 crumple or slip upon each other, and thus prevent injury to the player which would otherwise occur while sliding if a pad was not worn.

The construction of pad shown and described is of four layers of felt, but there may be only two layers of felt used. This and other minor changes in the form and construction may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention.

What I claim is—

1. A hip-pad for base-ball players comprising a plurality of layers of suitable material, secured together so they will have a sliding movement on each other, a belt of tape and elastic webbing secured to the upper end of the pad, a buckle in the front and one in the rear of the belt for adjusting the belt and pad to the player, substantially as shown and described.

2. A hip-pad for base-ball players comprising a plurality of layers of felt and a pad of hair or sea-moss interposed between said layers, all secured together so they will have a sliding movement on each other, a belt of tape and elastic webbing secured to the upper end of the pad, a buckle in the front and one in the rear of the belt for adjusting the belt and pad to the wearer, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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