

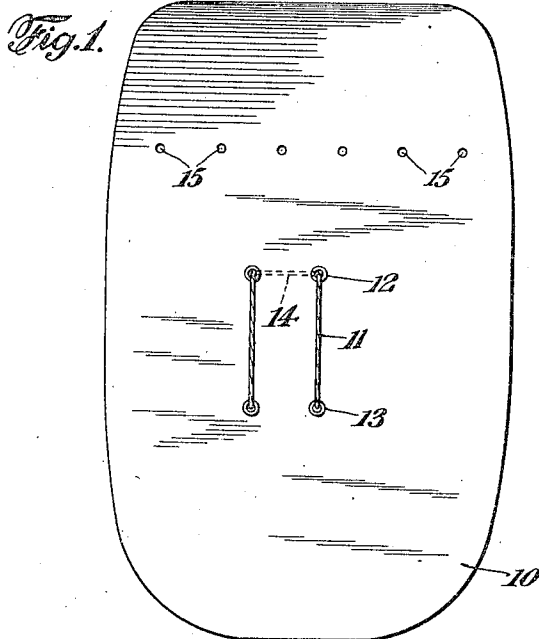
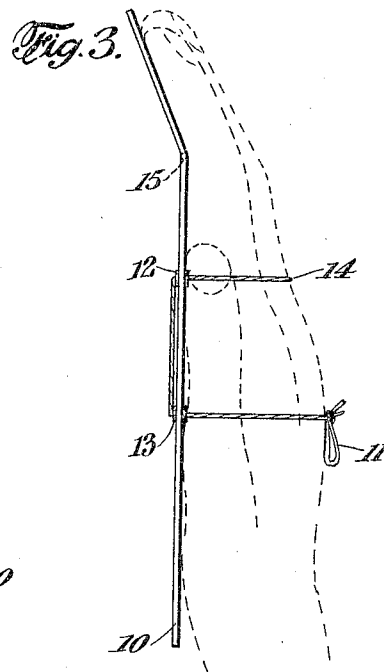
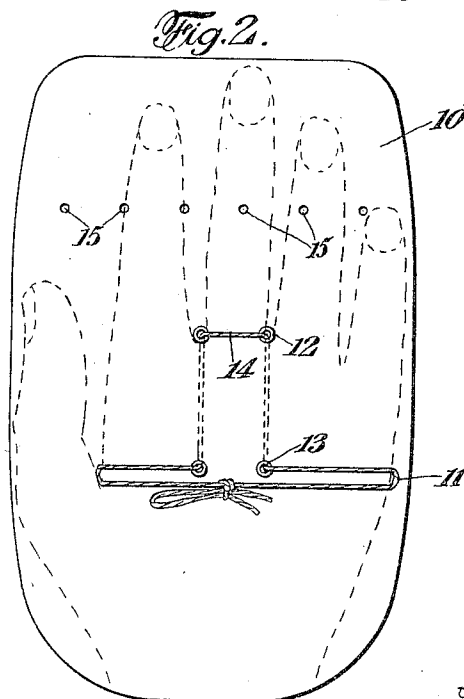
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN M. ABRAMS and JOHN P. MAHER, citizens of the United States, and residents of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ball Batters, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in game devices such as a ball batter for rubber balls or the like, said batter being provided with means for attaching same to a person's hand.

It has for its object a novel construction of batter which will permit, thru movement of the tips of the fingers, of flexing the upper portion thereof to obtain a better hold on the ball in placing same. A further object of the invention consists in an arrangement for facilitating the attachment of the batter to the hand, and whereby the batter may be held in full conformity with the hollow of the palm of the hand and thus be reinforced by substantially the entire hand of a person.

The nature of the invention, however, will best be understood when described in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which—

Fig. 1 is a front view of the improved batter.

Fig. 2 is a rear view, and Fig. 3 is a side view thereof.

Similar characters of reference designate corresponding parts thruout the several views.

Referring to the drawings, 10 designates a board or sheet of more or less stiff leather, papier mâché, paper or even metal, and of a contour shape substantially that of a person's hand. The shape is such, moreover, that the board covers substantially the entire hand including the thumb, the latter and all the fingers being shown as lying behind same.

A flexible attaching means 11, such as a cord or band, is adapted to be brought over the back of the hand and the middle finger, as indicated in the drawings, to securely hold the batter to the hand. For this purpose, two pairs of eyelets 12 and 13 are provided thru the batter and are so disposed therein that the former will lie above the latter and in a position substantially such as would be occupied by the middle finger.

One end of the cord 11 is then brought thru one of the lower eyelets 13 from the back, then upwardly over the front and thru the corresponding eyelet 12, then transversely over the back to the other of the pair of eyelets 12 and thru same to the front, being then directed downwardly to the other of the pair of eyelets 13 and thru same to the back. This provides for a loop 14 on the back to receive the middle finger which will be securely held to the board by drawing up the two ends passing thru the eyelets 13, these ends then being drawn taut and tied over the back of hand, opposite palm, and pulling the board toward the hollow of the hand to conform same fully thereto.

To obtain a better hold on the ball, thru bending over of the upper portion of the board, the latter is provided near its upper edge and substantially at the upper joints of the three middle fingers with a series of perforations 15 arranged transversely over the board substantially at right angles to fingers. This will provide a weakened portion or hinge near the upper part of the board and allow of flexing this portion of the board, thru movement of the fingers correspondingly, to thereby permit of a better hold on the ball and enable the player to have the best aid for placing the ball.

The batter hereinbefore described may be very readily and inexpensively manufactured, all of the perforations and eyelets, as well as the cutting out of the batter itself, being capable of being performed by a single operation. The adjustable attaching cord may also be quickly inserted and is particularly inexpensive itself. In operation, the action of the batter will be found superior to the types heretofore disclosed, especially in the provision of the upper movable portion and thru the reinforcing action of substantially the entire hand.

We claim:—

1. A ball batter, comprising a board to be secured to the hand of a person and weakened transversely near its outer edge and at right angles to the fingers to enable the batter to be flexed at the outer portion by means of the tips of the fingers.

2. A ball batter, comprising a board adapted to cover substantially the hand of a person and to be secured thereto, said board having a series of perforations extending transversely of the batter near its

outer edge and at right angles to the fingers to enable the batter to be flexed at the outer portion in bending the tips of the fingers.

3. A ball batter, comprising a board to
5 be secured to the hand of a person and weakened transversely near its outer edge and at right angles to the fingers to enable the batter to be flexed at the outer portion by means of the tips of the fingers,
10 and adjustable means passing over the middle finger and hand of a person to secure the batter thereto.

4. A ball batter, comprising a board adapted to cover substantially the hand of
15 a person and having a portion adapted to be bent by the fingers, said board being also provided with two pairs of eyelets, and a cord passing thru same to provide a loop on the back for receiving the middle finger
20 and the ends of the cord being adapted to be tied about the back of hand.

5. A ball batter, comprising a board adapted to cover substantially the hand of a person and having a portion adapted to
25 be bent by the fingers, said board being provided with an upper and a lower pair of eyelets, and a cord brought from the back thru one of the lower eyelets, over the front and thru an upper eyelet, then across
30 the back and thru the other eyelet of the upper pair, and over the front of the board

and back thru the remaining eyelet of the lower pair, forming a loop over the back at the upper eyelets for receiving the middle finger, and the ends at the lower pair of
35 eyelets being adapted to be tied over the back of hand.

6. A ball batter, comprising a board adapted to cover substantially the hand of a person and having a series of perforations
40 extending transversely of the batter near its upper edge and at right angles to the fingers to enable the upper portion of the batter to be flexed in bending the fingers, said board being also provided with an
45 upper and a lower pair of eyelets, and a cord brought from the back thru one of the lower eyelets, over the front and thru an upper eyelet, then across the back and thru the other eyelet of the upper pair and
50 over the front of the board and back thru the remaining eyelet of the lower pair, forming a loop over the back at the upper eyelets for receiving the middle finger, and the ends at the lower pair of eyelets being
55 adapted to be tied over the back of hand.

Signed at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, this 15th day of June, A. D. 1922.

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