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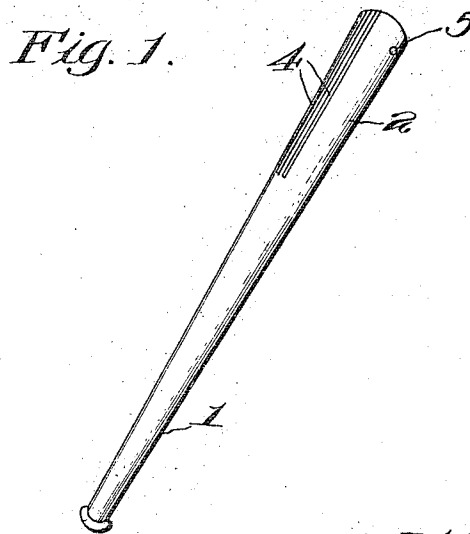


Fig. 2.

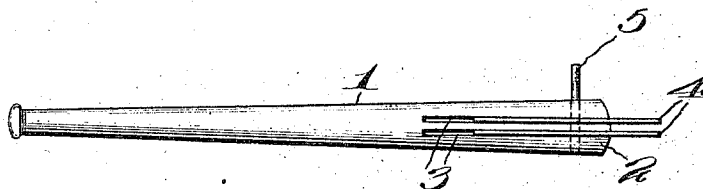
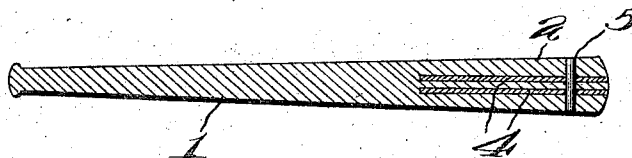


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE J. BLAHOS, a citizen of the United States, serving on board U. S. S. *Mississippi*, stationed at Fortress Monroe, Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Base-Ball Bats; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The present invention relates to baseball bats, and has for its purpose to provide a bat having, in addition to its usual qualities, a means particularly adapting the same to bunting; and wherein the bat is in no manner made inferior to the ordinary baseball bat.

The invention has for its further purpose to devise a means whereby any ordinary baseball bat may be equipped with the proposed improvement; and wherein such improvement will not increase the cost of the piece to any appreciable amount.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in the novel details of construction and combinations of parts more fully hereinafter disclosed and particularly pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification in which like numerals designate like parts in all the views:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of a baseball bat embodying the present invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal elevational view thereof, showing the manner of attaching the non-resilient element, and Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view, showing the non-resilient element in position.

Referring to the construction in detail, 1 designates an ordinary baseball bat; having the striking portion 2 thereof provided with a plurality of slots 3 that extend entirely through said portion 2, and are disposed lengthwise thereof. The slots 3 are formed by sawing the striking portion 2 of the bat from the heavier end toward the gripping portion, as will be readily understood. A plurality of non-resilient strips 4 are inserted in the slots 3 for the full dimensions of the latter, and the exposed edges thereof are then trimmed to the contour of the ball striking portion 2. The strips 4 are then secured in position through the medium of a peg or pin 5, which is driven through a suitable aperture, in the manner indicated in

Figs. 2 and 3. The non-resilient strips 4 may be made of any suitable material, such, for instance, as closely compressed fibrous sheets.

A baseball bat constructed as above described, and employing cardboard as the non-resilient medium, has been through actual use found to be highly satisfactory. In using the same with the plane of the non-resilient element presented to strike the ball, the resultant reaction will be considerably deadened, thus particularly adapting a bat of this type for bunting; and when the ball is struck while the resilient strips are presented edgewise thereto, the resultant reaction is substantially the same as that obtained with an ordinary bat.

It is obvious that those skilled in the art may vary the details of construction and arrangement of parts without departing from the spirit of my invention, and therefore I do not wish to be limited to such features except as may be required by the claims.

What is claimed is:—

1. The combination with a bat having a slot in the striking portion thereof, of a non-resilient element located therein, for the purpose set forth.

2. The combination with a bat having a slot in the striking portion thereof, of a strip of non-resilient material located therein, for the purpose set forth.

3. The combination with a bat having a slot in the striking portion thereof, of a strip of non-resilient material located therein and disposed transversely and lengthwise thereof, for the purpose set forth.

4. The combination with a bat having a slot, of a strip of non-resilient material located therein, said strip embodied in the striking portion of the bat and co-extensive in width and lengthwise thereof, for the purpose set forth.

5. The combination with a bat having a plurality of slots in the striking portion thereof, of strips of non-resilient material located therein and disposed transversely and lengthwise thereof, for the purpose set forth.

6. The combination with a bat, of a strip of non-resilient material embodied therein, said strip disposed transversely and lengthwise of the bat striking portion; and a pin securing said strip in position, substantially as described.

7. The combination with a bat provided

with a plurality of slots disposed transversely and lengthwise of the striking portion thereof; strips of non-resilient material tightly fitting within said slots; and a pin
5 securing said strips in position, substantially as described.

8. The combination with a bat provided with a plurality of parallel slots disposed transversely and lengthwise of the striking
10 portion thereof; strips of fibrous material

tightly fitting within said slots; and a pin passing through the bat and securing said strips in position, substantially as described.

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

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