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CATCHER'S MITTEN.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ADOLF SLOMKA, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Catchers' Mittens, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to the class of hand-coverings known as "catchers' mittens" used by catchers on the left hand in the game of base ball; and the object of the invention is in part to cheapen the construction of the mitten and in part to provide it with a stiffening flange about the margin, adapted to keep the mitten in shape and thus add to its durability and to form a stiff protecting rim or flange about its edge.

In the accompanying drawings in which an embodiment of my invention is illustrated—Figure 1 is a rear elevation of the mitten and Fig. 2 a longitudinal section of the same on the line x^2, x^2 , in Fig. 1. Figs. 3 and 4 are fragmentary views on a somewhat larger scale, illustrating the manner of forming the stiff closing flange about the mitten.

Before proceeding to describe my invention I will say that it has been the practice heretofore to make a catcher's mitten by preparing the front, padded portion and the back or glove portion, separately, and then uniting them together in a detachable manner by lacing cords. It is an advantage to make the parts separately, in the above manner, but when joined detachably by a flexible lacing cord the mitten is lacking in stiffness about its margin and a flexure of the same opens the closure at the lacing.

According to my invention I construct the front and back separately, binding their margins all around, then bring the parts together and form a rigid closing flange by riveting the two bound margins together with eyelets. After the riveting, the flange is further stiff-

ened by means of a double wire, wound in a spiral manner about the edge of the flange, the wire passing through the eyelets therein.

In the drawings—1 represents the front of the mitten, which is stuffed with wool, 2, or the like, to form a cushion.

3 is the back of the mitten, provided as usual with a retaining glove, 4.

The parts 1 and 3 of the mitten have the like contours and dimensions and are finished all around their margins with bindings, preferably of leather. These margins are then brought together and applied one on the other and riveted together by means of eyelets, 5, so as to form a stiff, projecting flange, 6. Two strands of wire, 7, are then rove through the eyelets, preferably in the spiral manner shown, to further close and stiffen the margins forming the flange.

Where the inner margin of the thumb, 8, lies close to the main part or body of the mitten, the flanges are firmly united by the wires at 7^x, to tie them rigidly and firmly together.

The lacing-string, 9, of the mitten is passed about lacing-hooks, 10, and secured by a spring-clip, 11.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

A catcher's mitten having a permanently closed joint about its margin forming a stiff, projecting flange, with apertures therein at intervals, and having wire rove through said apertures in spiral form over and about said flange, said wire serving as a permanent reinforce for the flange, as set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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