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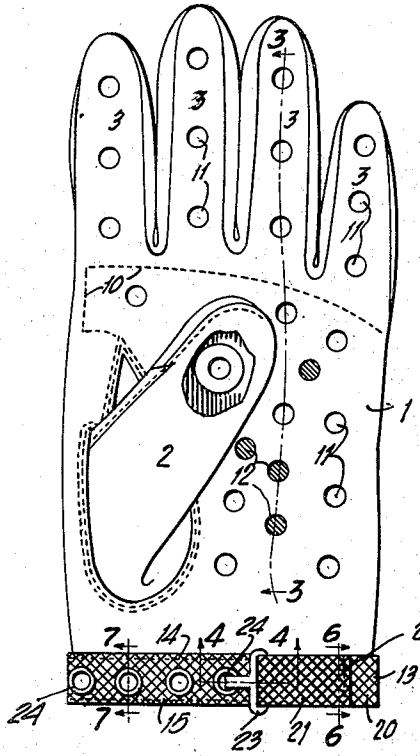


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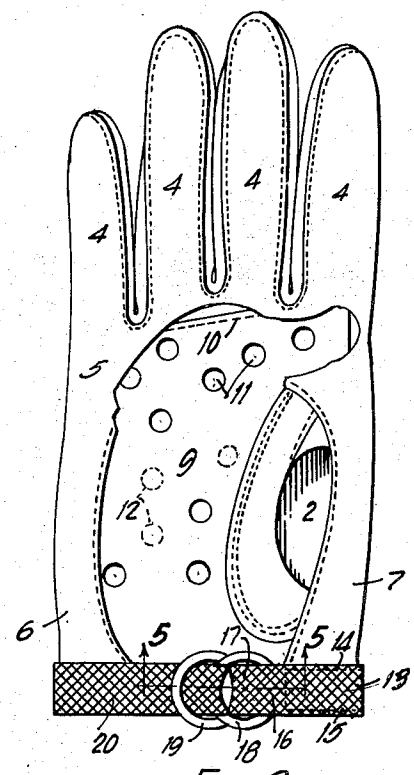


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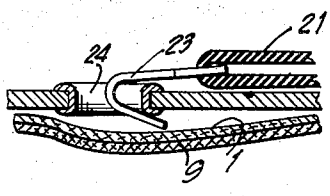


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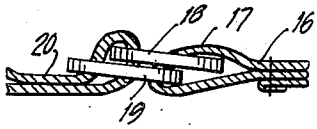


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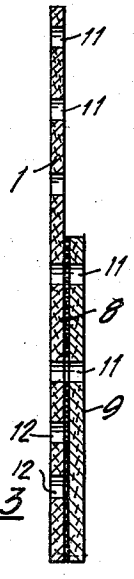


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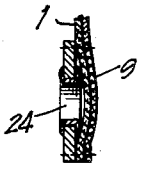


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My invention relates to golf gloves and particularly to improvements in gloves of the type disclosed in my copending application Serial No. 4,899, filed January 28, 1948.

In gloves of this character it is very important to have the glove, and especially the palm thereof, stretched tightly and smoothly over the hand. In order to insure that the glove will fit in this way, it is made comparatively short and is provided at the wrist or the top thereof with a circumferentially extending band or strap of non-stretchable material, such as a closely woven tape, which is secured to the glove by means of stitching. In order to draw the band tightly around the wrist of the wearer and releasably to hold it when so drawn, I have provided two, separate metal rings which are secured in a loop formed in one end of the tape in superimposed relation. The free end of the tape is passed through both rings, then over the top ring and again through the lower ring, and is automatically and frictionally engaged thereby so that it is held tight. The free end of the tape is provided with one element of a snap fastener, and after it has been passed through the rings and drawn tight, it is secured by means of the other fastener element which is attached to the tape.

Due to the fact that wrists vary substantially in size and it is necessary to make the tape long enough to accommodate the largest wrist, when the glove is worn by a person with a comparatively small wrist, the tape between the snap fastener and the rings is slack and generally projects outwardly in a loop which is quite objectionable.

The principal object of my invention is to provide a means for securing the end of the tape or strap so that, irrespective of the size of the wrist of the wearer, it will always lie taut and flat.

I accomplish this object by means of the novel elements and the combinations and arrangements thereof described below and illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which—

Fig. 1 is an elevation view of the palm of my glove with a portion broken away;

Fig. 2 is an elevation view of the back of the glove with portions broken away;

Fig. 3 is an enlarged section of Fig. 1 in the plane 3—3;

Fig. 4 is an enlarged section of Fig. 1 in the plane 4—4;

Fig. 5 is an enlarged section of Fig. 2 in the plane 5—5;

Fig. 6 is an enlarged section of Fig. 1 in the plane 6—6; and

Fig. 7 is an enlarged section of Fig. 1 in the plane 7—7.

Referring to the drawings—

My glove comprises portions adapted to form

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coverings for the palm 1, the thumb 2, the fronts 3 and the backs 4 of the fingers, and at least some portions 5, 6 and 7, for the back of the hand. The palm portion of the hand is formed of two layers of leather 1 and 9, with the flesh sides thereof in opposed relation and a layer 8 of cement therebetween. By placing the flesh sides of the leather in opposed relation, the inner side as well as the outer side of the palm portion of the glove is made perfectly smooth. To prevent any separation of the two layers of leather forming the double thickness portion of the glove, they are secured together by lines of stitching 10, one of which is adjacent the bases of the finger portions of the glove.

The palm and finger portions of the glove are provided with spaced perforations 11 of substantial size, say about ¼ inch in diameter, which extend through both layers of leather, and the palm is provided with other perforations 12, perferably of somewhat smaller size, which extend through only the outer layer of leather.

The glove is comparatively short; being designed to extend from the finger tips approximately to the wrist joint only of the wearer, or even to a zone somewhat short of the wrist joint. This is a very important feature of my glove as will be later apparent.

At the wrist or top thereof (the bottom of Figs. 1 and 2), the glove is provided with a circumferentially extending band or strap 13 which, except adjacent the free end thereof, is formed of a non-stretchable material, such as a closely woven tape, and which is secured to the glove by means of stitching 14 and 15. The end 16 of the strap 13 (see Figs. 2 and 5) is formed in a loop 17 within which the two metal rings 18 and 19 are secured. The free portion 20 of the strap which extends from the back portion 6 of the glove is of sufficient length to be passed through the rings 18 and 19, as shown in Figs. 2 and 5, and to be doubled back upon itself and carried partially around the front of the glove, as shown in Fig. 1. Adjacent the free end is a loop 21 of elastic tape which is secured to the free end of the non-stretchable tape by stitching 22 (see Fig. 1), and secured in the elastic loop is a hook 23 (see Figs. 1 and 4). The non-stretchable portion of the tape, which extends across and is secured to the front of the glove, is provided with a plurality of spaced, metal eyelets or grommets 24 with which the hook 23 is adapted to engage.

In applying the glove to the hand, it is usually unnecessary to separate the free end of the strap from the rings 18 and 19 because if the grip of the rings on the strap is merely loosened, there is plenty of room to pass the hand into the glove. After the glove has been pulled on the hand, the free end of the strap is pulled through the rings

until it firmly grips the wrist of the wearer and the hook **23** is then engaged with the most convenient of the eyelets **24** which will hold the tape or strap tightly around the wrist. The elastic tape at the extreme free end of the strap should be understood as being stiffly elastic so that while it may be stretched to engage the proper eyelet, it will, nevertheless, maintain the strap tightly about the wrist.

It will thus be apparent that the strap is adapted tightly to engage wrists of different sizes and, when the hook **23** is engaged with one of the eyelets, the strap will lie perfectly flat about the wrist, and there will be no free ends or projecting portions thereof to interfere with the free swinging of a golf club.

Since the band **13** overlies the tapered portion of the hand where it approaches the wrist joint, the glove is stretched tightly and smoothly over the entire hand from the finger tips to the wrist joint. This is very important in order that the perforations in the palm side of the glove may function to the greatest advantage in providing a vacuum grip on a golf club. In other words, the portions of the glove immediately adjacent the perforations must be in smooth contact both with the hand of the player on the inside of the glove and with the handle of the club on the outside of the glove and, in order to attain this end, the front of the glove must be substantially free from wrinkles.

What I claim is:

1. A leather glove adapted for golf players comprising portions forming coverings for the palm, fingers and thumb of the hand; said palm portion being of double thickness and comprising two layers of leather with the flesh sides thereof in opposed relation secured together; and said glove being of a length adapting it to extend from the finger tips approximately to the wrist joint only of the wearer, and being provided at the top thereof with a circumferentially extending band secured to said glove by stitching and having a free portion of substantial length; means, including two rings secured to one end of said band and cooperating with the other end of said band adapting it to be drawn tightly about the wrist of the wearer and releasably to hold said band when so drawn; whereby to stretch said glove tightly and smoothly about the hand; said band being formed of substantially non-stretchable material throughout except for a short section of elastic material adjacent the free end thereof, and being provided in the portion thereof which is secured to said glove with a plurality of circumferentially spaced eyelets; and a hook adapted to engage said eyelets secured to the free end of the elastic section of said band; whereby, the free portion of said band between said holding means and the free end thereof may be tightly secured about the wrist of the wearer by slightly stretching the elastic portion thereof and securing it taut and flat in stretched condition by engaging said hook in one of said eyelets.

2. A leather golf glove of a length adapting it to extend from the finger tips approximately to the wrist joint only of the wearer, and comprising coverings for the palm, fingers and thumb of the hand, and having a substantially open back; the palm covering comprising two layers of leather with the flesh sides thereof in opposed relation secured together; and means for drawing the palm covering of said glove smoothly and tightly over the palm of the hand comprising a tape extending circumferentially around and secured substantially throughout the top of said glove by stitching; a ring adapted to pass said tape secured to one end thereof overlying the open back of said glove, and the portion of said tape adjacent the other side of said back being free and extending beyond said other side a distance adapting it to be passed through said ring and then be doubled back upon itself and extend around a portion of the front of said glove; said tape having circumferentially spaced eyelets in the portions thereof secured to said glove and being provided at the end of said free portion with a hook adapted to engage one of said eyelets; said tape being formed of closely woven non-stretchable material substantially throughout but having a comparatively short section adjacent the free end thereof formed of elastic material.

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