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Fig. 1

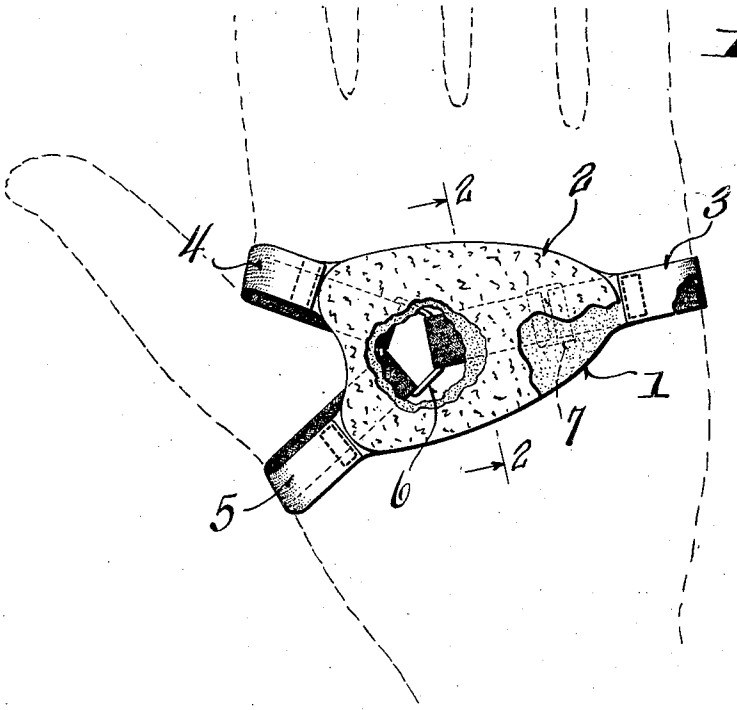


Fig. 2

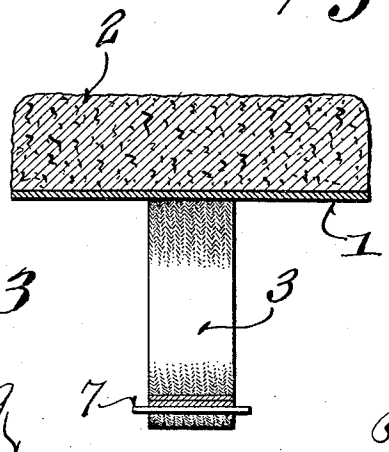
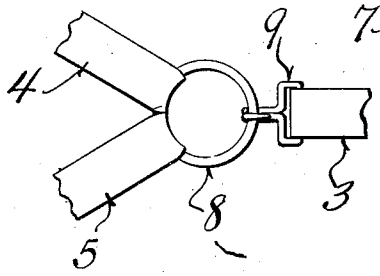


Fig. 3



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This invention relates to a hand pad.

Objects of this invention are to provide a novel form of hand pad which is particularly adapted to be used to hold water for moistening the thumb, or fingers, or for moistening materials, such for instance, as moistening the flaps of envelopes, or other work of this type, and which is so constructed that it will conform to the shape of the base of the thumb and may be retained upon the hand without any discomfort whatsoever to the user.

Further objects are to so shape and construct the pad that it is of very light weight and may be carried over the base of the thumb, thus leaving the thumb and fingers free to manipulate the envelopes or other work without interference from the pad.

An embodiment of the invention is shown in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a view of the pad showing the hand in dotted lines, such view being partly broken away.

Figure 2 is a transverse sectional view on the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a view of the preferred form of fastener on the back of the hand.

Referring to the drawings, it will be seen that the pad is provided with a backing 1 which may be of rubber, leather, or other substantial material. This backing is secured to an absorbent pad 2. The pad is preferably formed from sponge rubber and is relatively thin, as compared with its width or length.

Preferably, the pad is of roughly heart shape, or of triangular shape, with the apex pointing away from the thumb, and with the base pointing towards the thumb.

If the back is formed of rubber it is preferably vulcanized to the sponge rubber pad so that the back and pad form together a single rubber member. If a leather or other type of back is used, it may be secured to the pad by waterproof cement.

Three straps 3, 4, and 5 extend outwardly from the three corners of the triangular or heart-shape leather backing 1, such backing being preferably provided with tabs at its apexes which are securely stitched to the ends of the straps.

The three straps are passed around the hand and converge to a receiving ring 6 arranged on the back of the hand. Preferably, one or more of the straps is provided with an adjustable fastener or slide 7 so that the device may be adjusted to the exact requirements of the user.

The preferred manner of attaching the ends of the straps 3, 4, and 5 is shown in Figure 3. In this form the straps 4 and 5 are secured to a ring 8. The strap 3 is secured to a hook 9 which detachably engages the ring.

The straps may be made of any suitable material, such as cotton tape, for instance, or they may be formed of elastic tape, as desired.

It will be seen that a very light weight moistening pad has been provided by this invention, which may be conveniently worn over the base of the thumb of the operator, which may be readily applied to the work, and which permits the free use of the thumb and fingers of the wearer.

Although the invention has been described in considerable detail, such description is intended as illustrative rather than limiting as the invention may be variously embodied and as the scope of such invention is to be determined as claimed.

I claim:—

A moistening pad adapted to be worn over the base of the thumb of the user, said pad comprising a substantially triangular-shaped body portion having an absorbent member attached thereto, a flexible strap extending outwardly from each apex of the body portion with two of said straps adapted to extend around the hand at opposite sides of the thumb and the third strap extending

over the edge of the hand opposite the thumb, means for joining the outer ends of said straps at the back of the hand substantially opposite the body portion of the pad, and an adjustable member carried by one of said straps for adjusting the effective length of said strap.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand at Appleton, in the county of Outagamie and State of Wisconsin.

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