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FIG. 1.

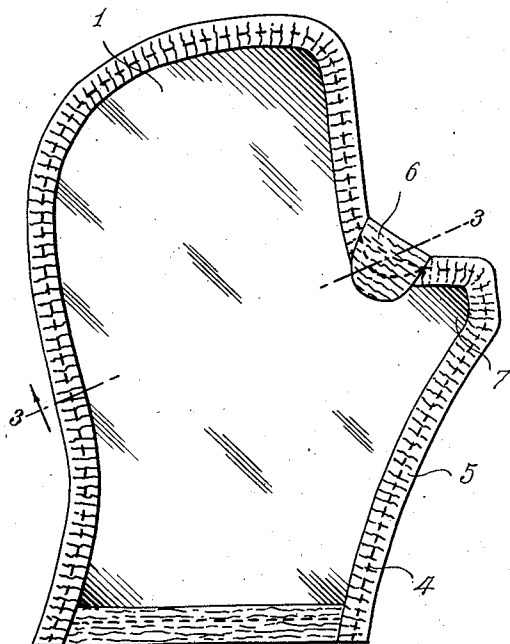


FIG. 2.

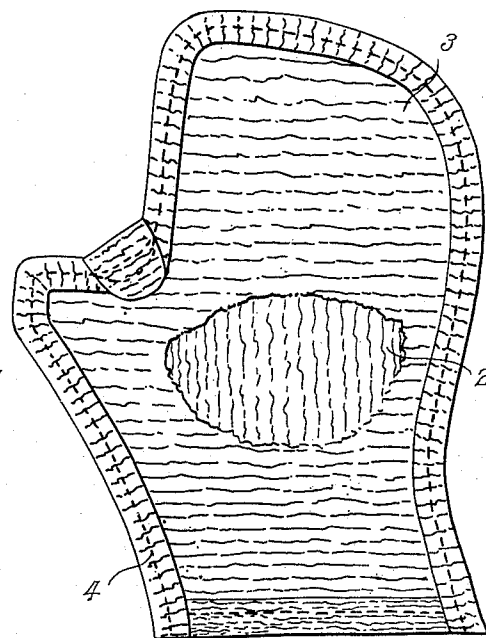
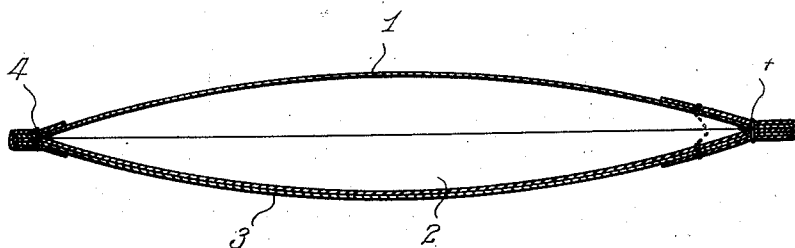


FIG. 3.



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This invention relates to improvements in sanitary apparatus, and more particularly to means designed to prevent interchange of sepsis and soil between the hand and articles or substances being handled.

5 The primary object in view is the provision of a sanitary hand covering which unites efficiency and inexpensiveness to a degree enabling one-time or temporary use and discarding of the covering.

10 A further object is the provision of a hand covering of such character that one part is oil-resisting, as for the holding of foods, and another is absorbent, as for use after the manner of a napkin while both are functioning as a hand covering.

15 With these and further objects in view as will in part hereinafter become apparent and in part be stated, the invention comprises certain novel constructions, combinations, and arrangements of parts as subsequently specified and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings,—

20 Figure 1 is a side elevation of the palm side of a hand covering.

25 Figure 2 is a similar view of the reverse side thereof.

30 Figure 3 is a transverse section taken on the plane indicated by line 3—3 of Figure 1, and looking in the direction indicated by the arrow, the covering walls being spaced after the manner of their position when in use.

35 Referring to the drawing by numerals, 1 indicates the palm or front portion of a hand covering, which hand covering may be a mitten, mitt or glove, the illustrative embodiment being that of a mitten. The front or palm portion 1 is preferably of one thickness, as indicated in Figure 3, of oiled paper or paper otherwise treated to present an oil-resisting surface so that any oleaginous matter of food contacting with the sheet of paper 1 will not penetrate the paper or spread therein. Fixed to the edges of the sheet 1 is the back portion of the hand covering, consisting of the two sheets 2 and 3, each preferably of absorbent paper, such as the paper commonly used for toweling. The sheets 2 and 3, owing to their absorbent character, are
50 provided with the usual grain, and sheet 2 is

preferably arranged with the grain running at right angles to sheet 3, so that the two sheets together will present maximum strength notwithstanding becoming partly saturated with oil or other fluid. The actual marginal contour of the hand covering may be widely varied, but that shown is preferable for most purposes, and the margins of the sheets 2 and 3 are stitched, as at 4, to the corresponding margins of the sheet 1, or the sheets may be otherwise appropriately secured together. By reference, the margins are appropriately finished with marginal tape 5, and the crotch of the thumb may be reinforced with a supplemental strip 6. The strip 6 and tape 5 are preferably of absorbent paper, but may be of other material, if desired.

55 In use, the operator thrusts his hand into the hand covering through the opening at the lower or wrist end thereof, the hand covering shown in the drawing being constructed to receive the right hand. A left hand glove would naturally be of the opposing pattern, that is to say, the oiled paper 1 would be at the opposite side from where it is shown in the drawing, so that, when the hand is thrust into the hand covering, the fingers extend up into the main body portion and the thumb extends out into the thumb portion 7. Obviously, the hand covering may be substantially altered in detail both in material used and in contour, but it is important that materials of two different characters be employed, one for one function and the other for another during the process of use of the same article. It should also be obvious that the front sheet may be supplemented by additional sheets, as also the back.

60 The improved hand covering is susceptible of an almost endless number of different uses involving the same general purpose of preventing soil or sepsis from the hand reaching food or other material to be consumed, or in preventing soil or sepsis reaching the hand from soiled articles. For example, a workman in the midst of his work and limited in the matter of time, with no facility or opportunity for washing his hands, may desire to eat his lunch, and will thrust his soiled hand
65 70 75 80 85 90 95 100

into one of the improved hand coverings, grasp his sandwich, or other food, and while consuming it, if his lips become moistened, he will stroke them with the back of the hand covering, thus using it as a napkin while he continues to hold the remaining portions of the food in his hand protected by the oiled paper 1. Thus, his meal may be completed under perfectly sanitary conditions while his hands are entirely too soiled for direct contact with food. Again, a baker who handles money and does other sundry things, affording opportunity to create a septic condition of the hands, may slip on one of the improved hand coverings for the handling of foods being dispensed. On the other hand, a motorist, finding that some part of his car or enginery requires oiling or other attention, may slip on one of the improved hand coverings and attend to the task, and then discard the hand covering. This will leave his hand as clean as before the task was undertaken. With that type of motor provided with a rod gauge for the crank casing oil, the operator can withdraw the rod, wipe it with the back of the hand covering, replace it, and accurately determine the oil level, and supply the oil required while keeping his hand free from soil. In this task, the oiled paper 1 serves to protect the hand against the oil on the gauge rod while the toweling 3 provides the needed wiper for preparing the gauge rod for accurate work. Thus, the sheets 1 and 3 each performs a double function. The extensive utility of the improved hand covering will be obvious and includes its adaptation for use at picnics and in shops, and, in fact, everywhere where there are clean hands to be kept clean and soiled hands to be kept from touching clean food.

What is claimed is:—

A hand covering comprising a front section of impervious paper, and a back section connected to the front section and formed of two sheets of absorbent paper, one of the sheets of the back section having its grain extended at right angles to the grain of the other sheet of the back section.

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