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(54) **SECURING APPARATUS FOR A HAND PROTECTIVE DEVICE**

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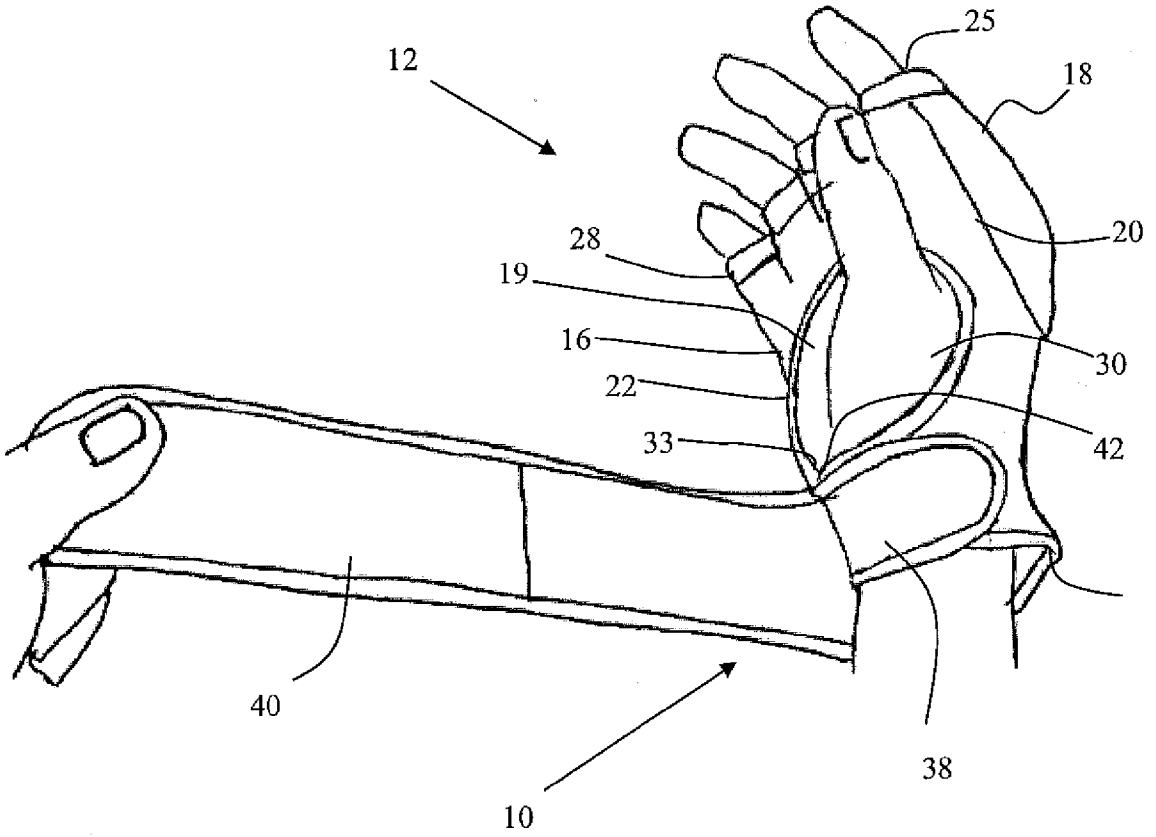
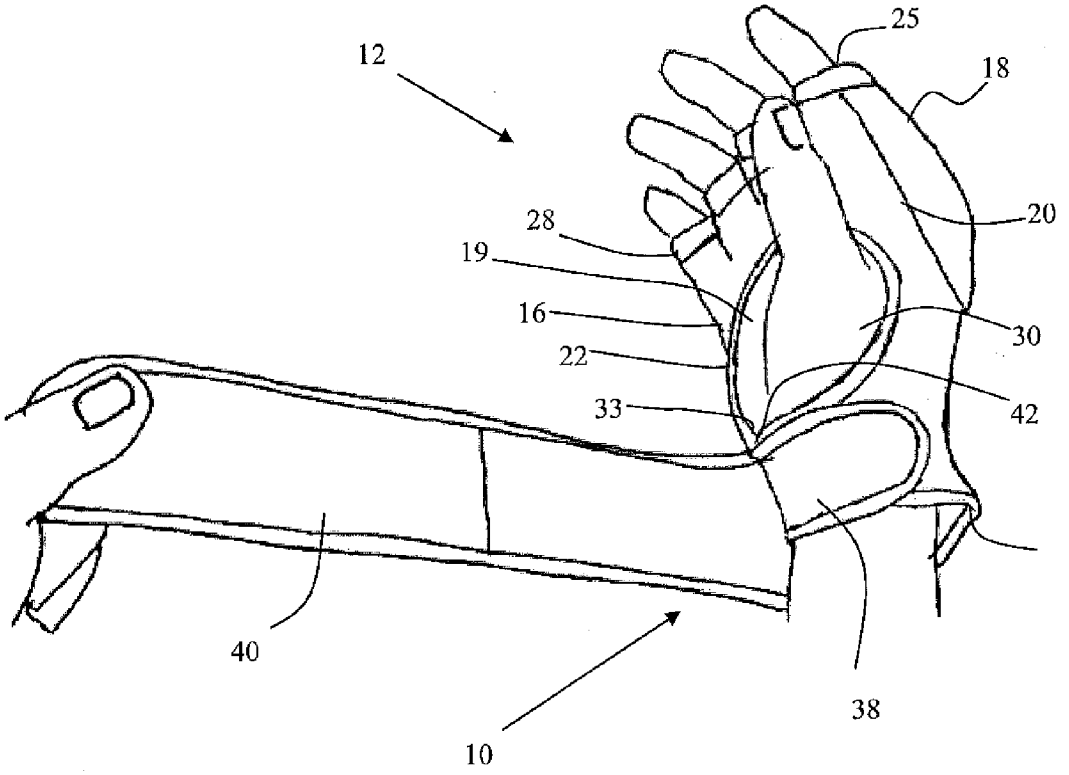
(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present invention relates to a securing apparatus and method for securing a hand protective device about the wrist of the wearer. The apparatus provides a mechanism that allows a wearer to single-handedly secure a glove or hand protective device on their other hand, even when the wearer has taped hands for contact sports. The invention allows for the glove or hand protective device to be secured in a manner that eliminates gaps or twisting about the wearer's wrist.





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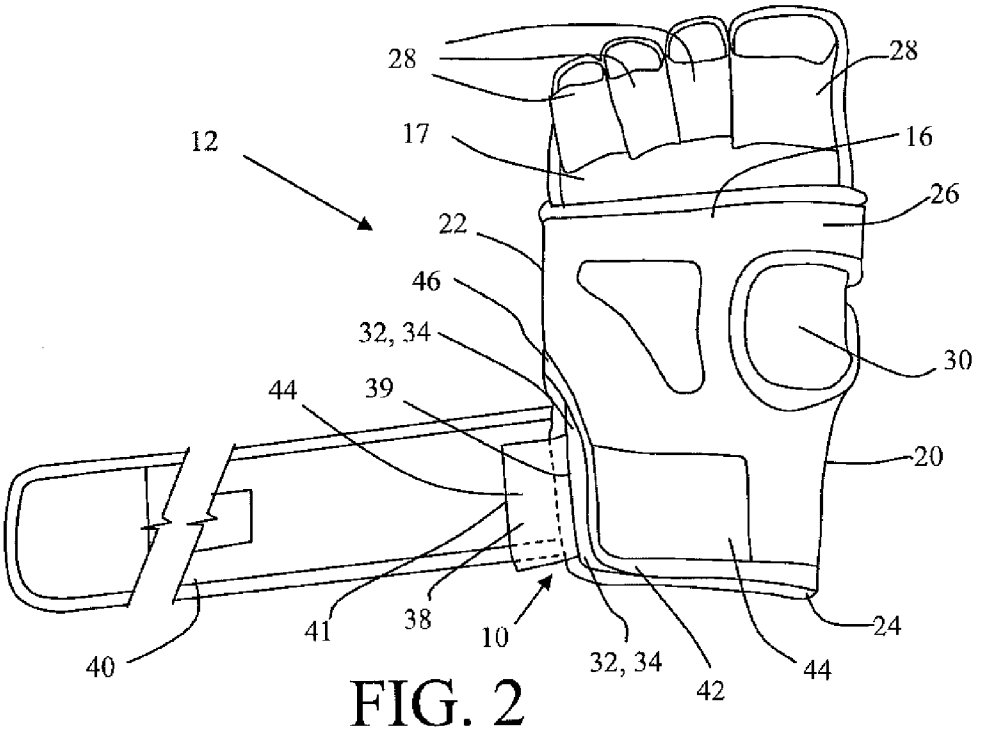
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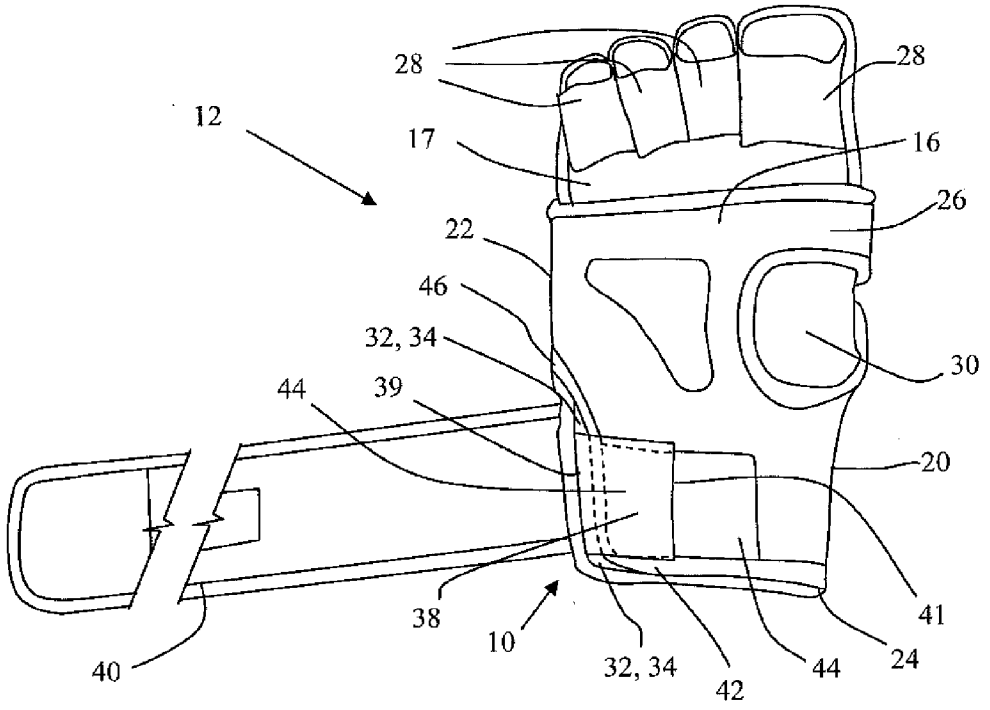
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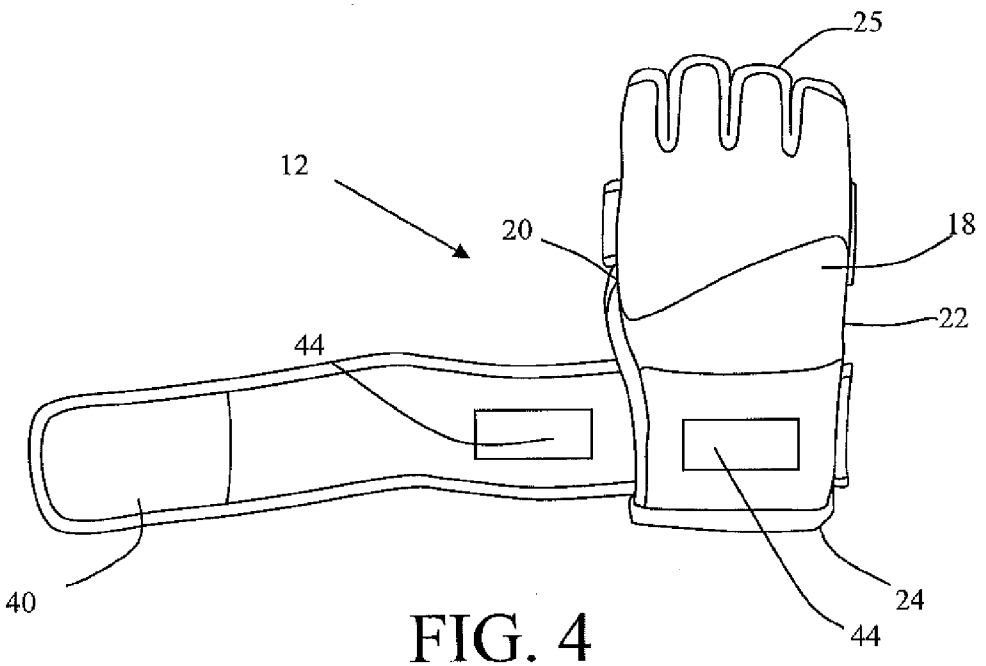
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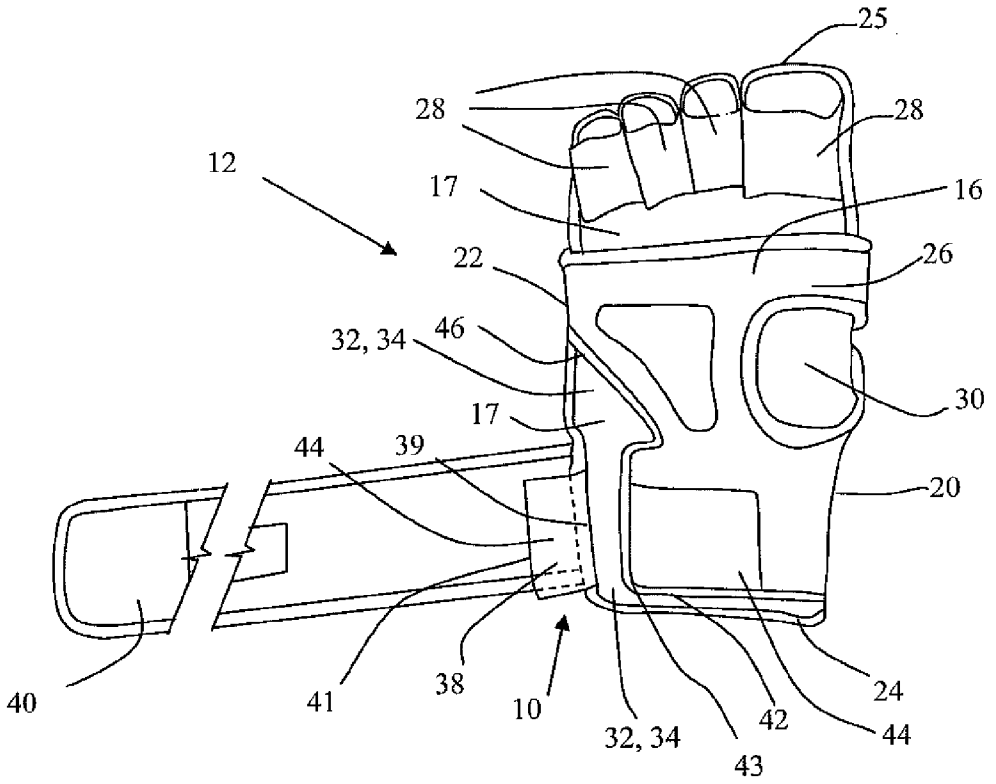
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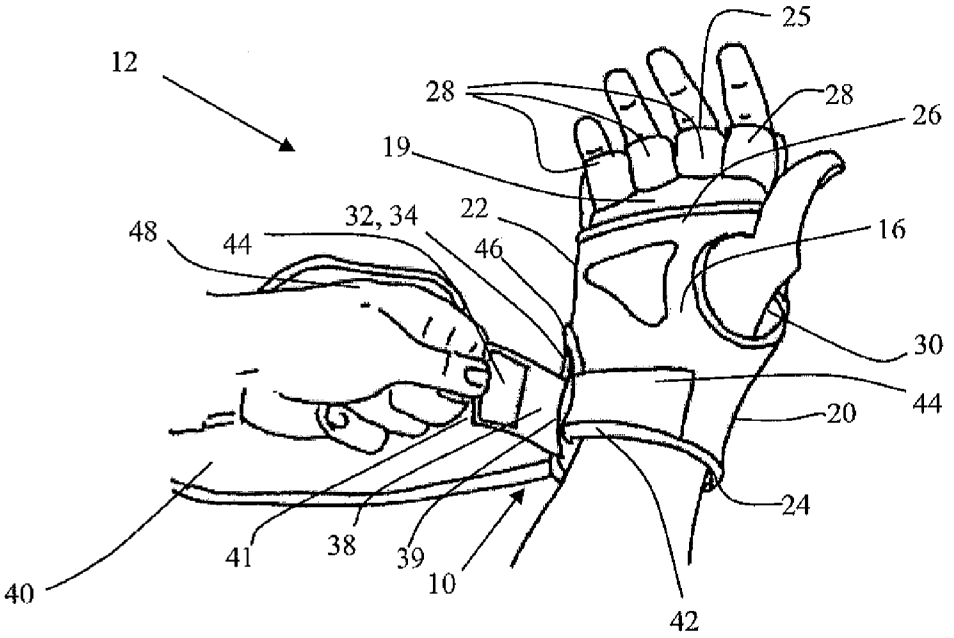
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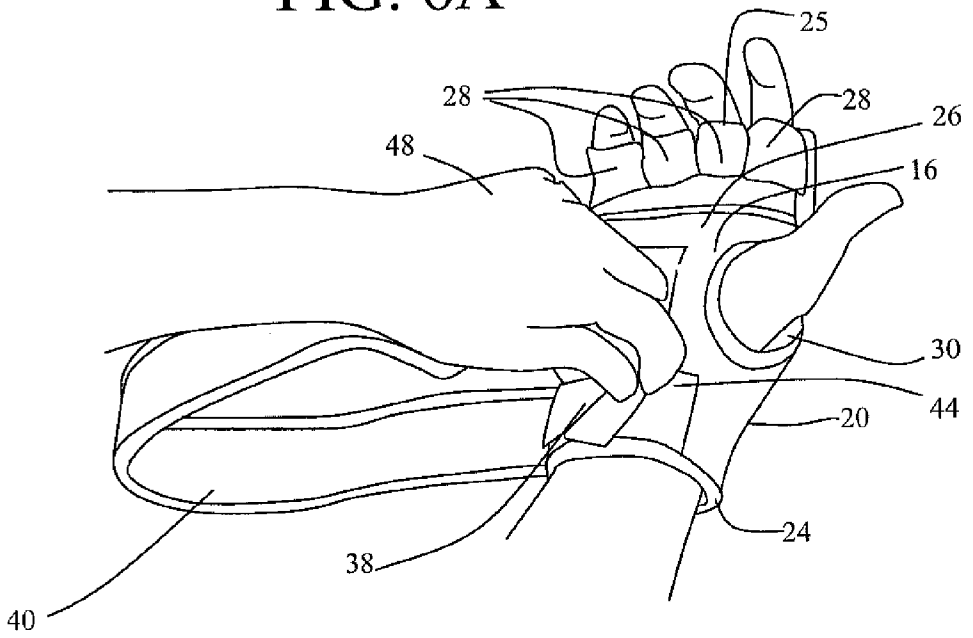
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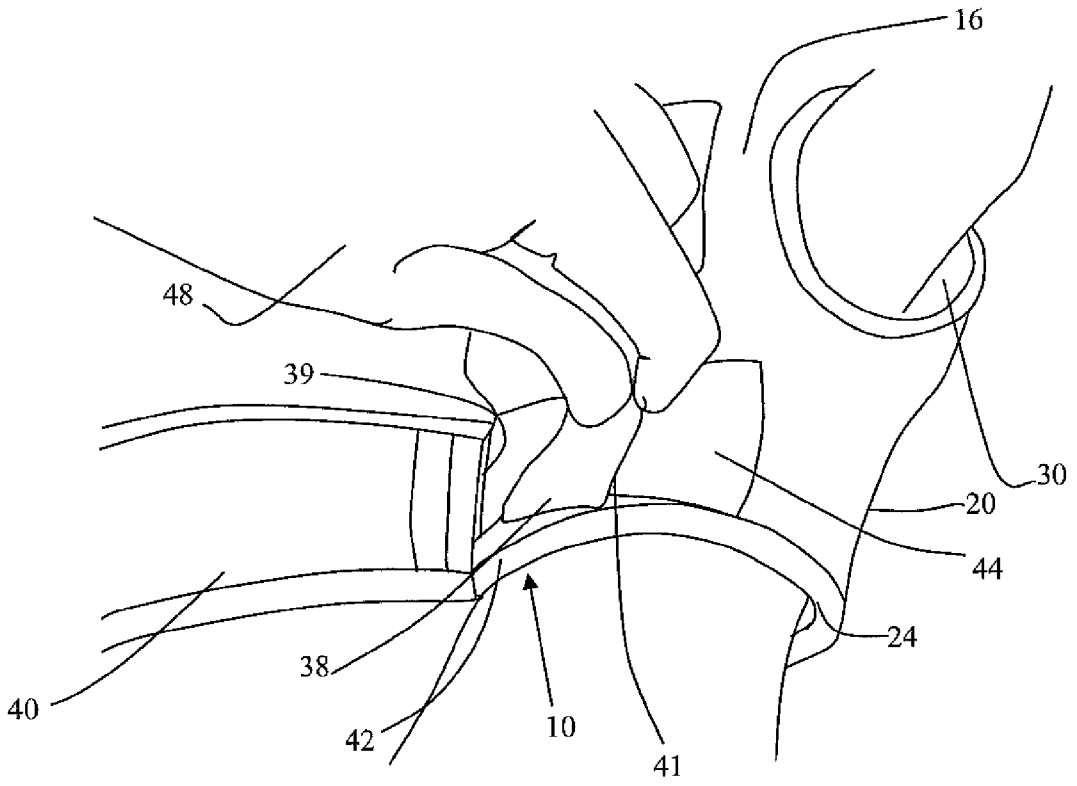

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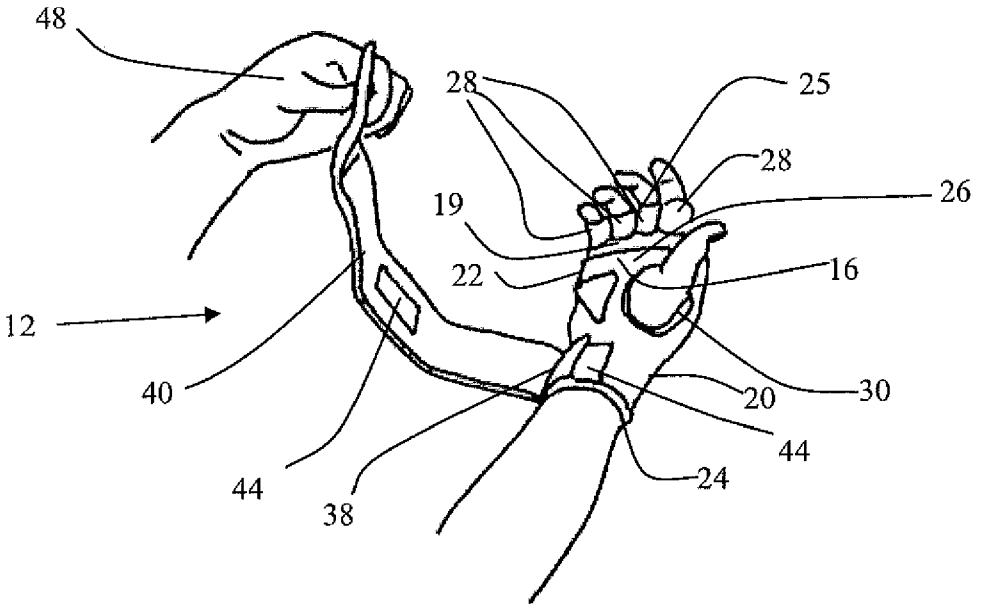
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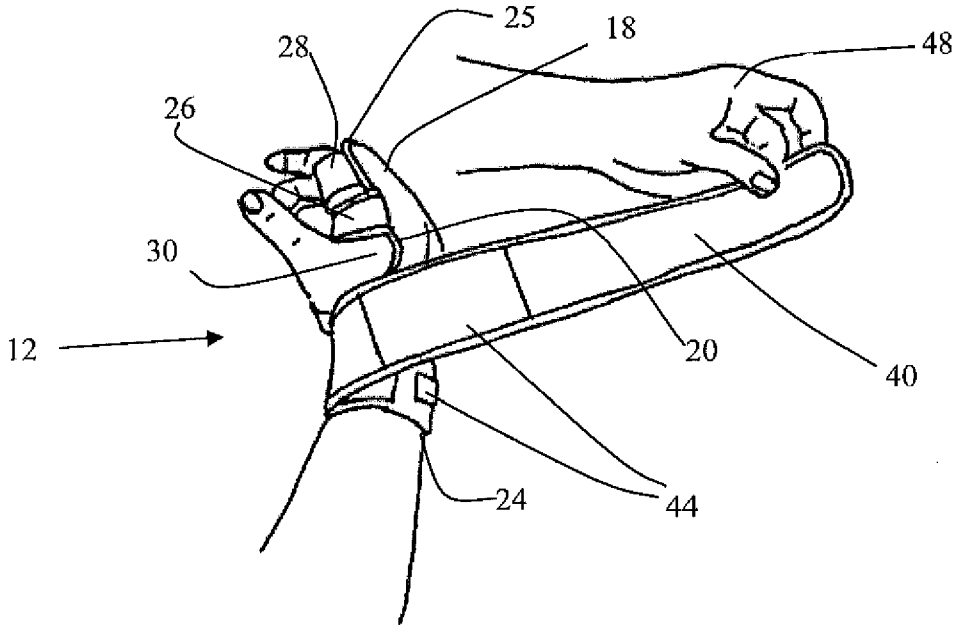
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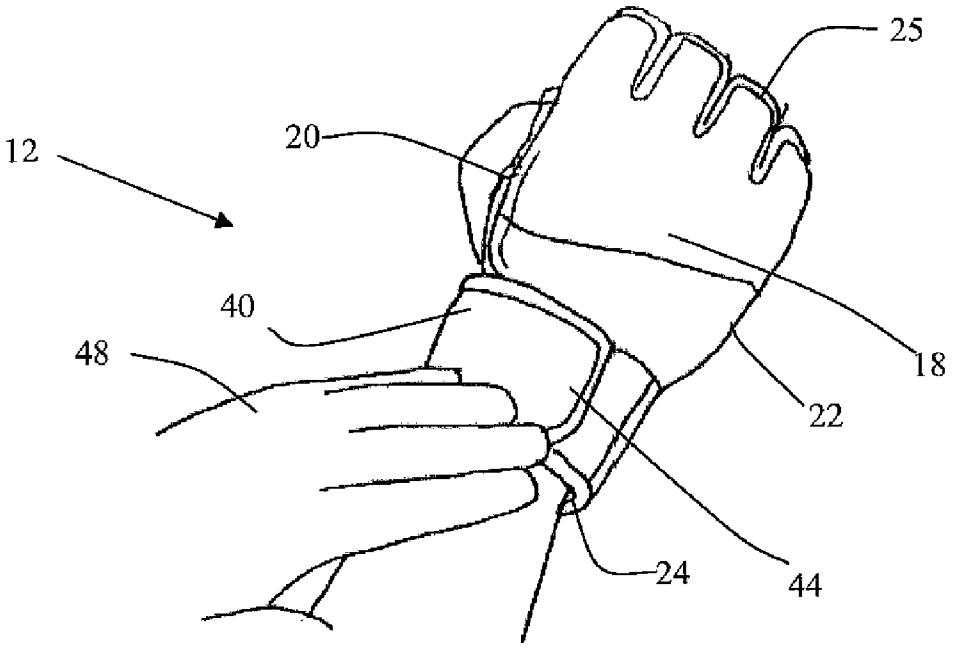

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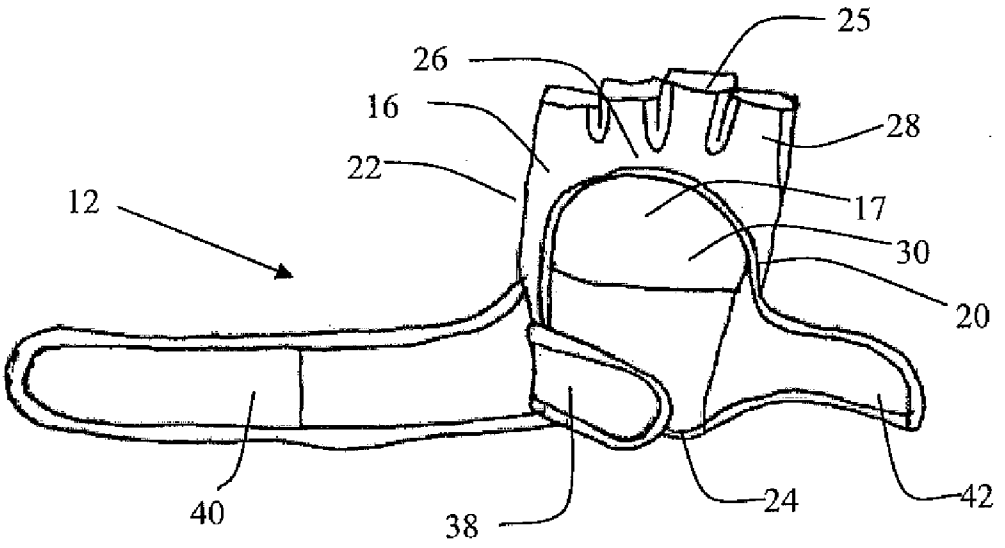

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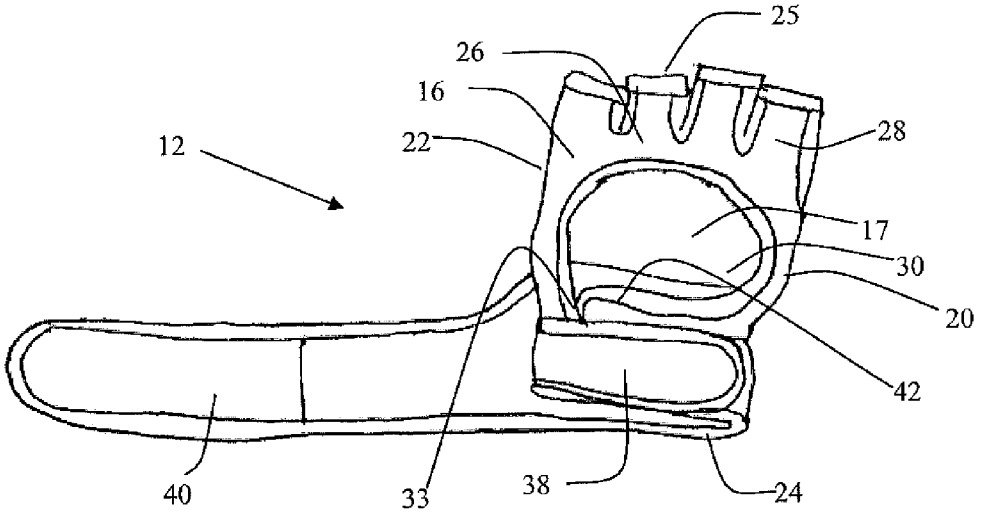
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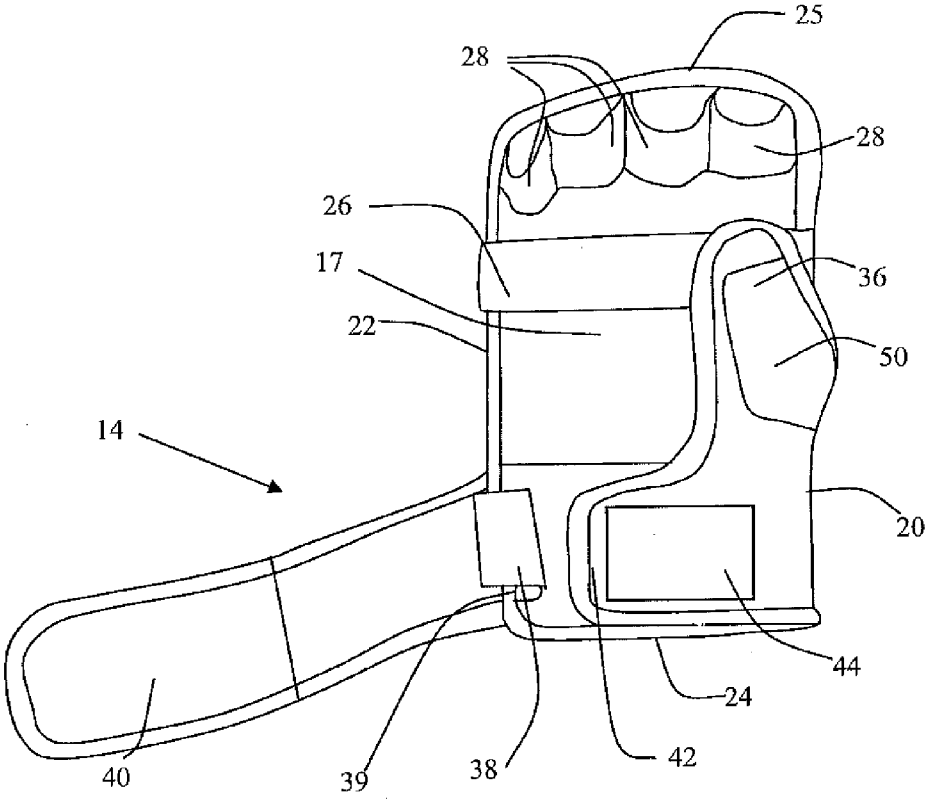
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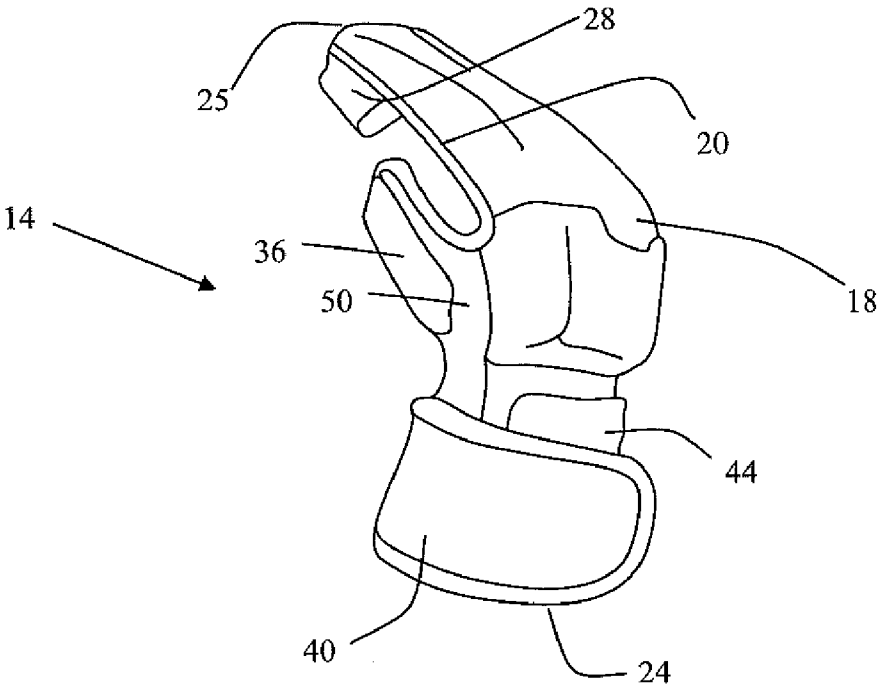

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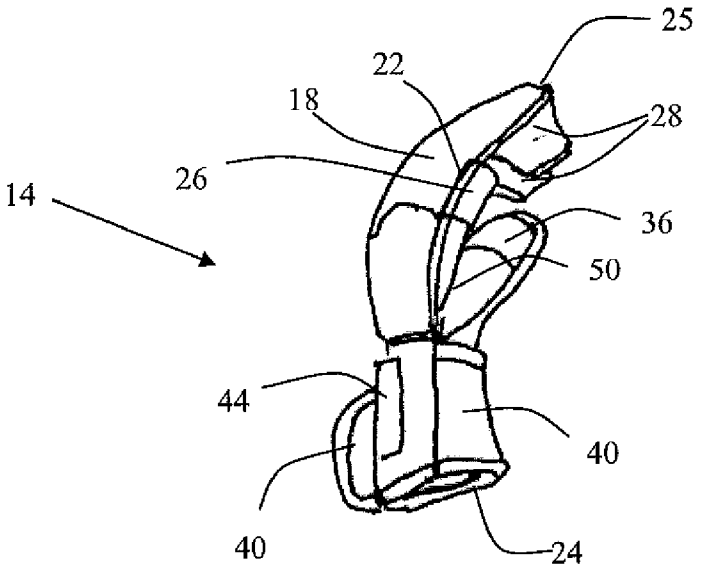

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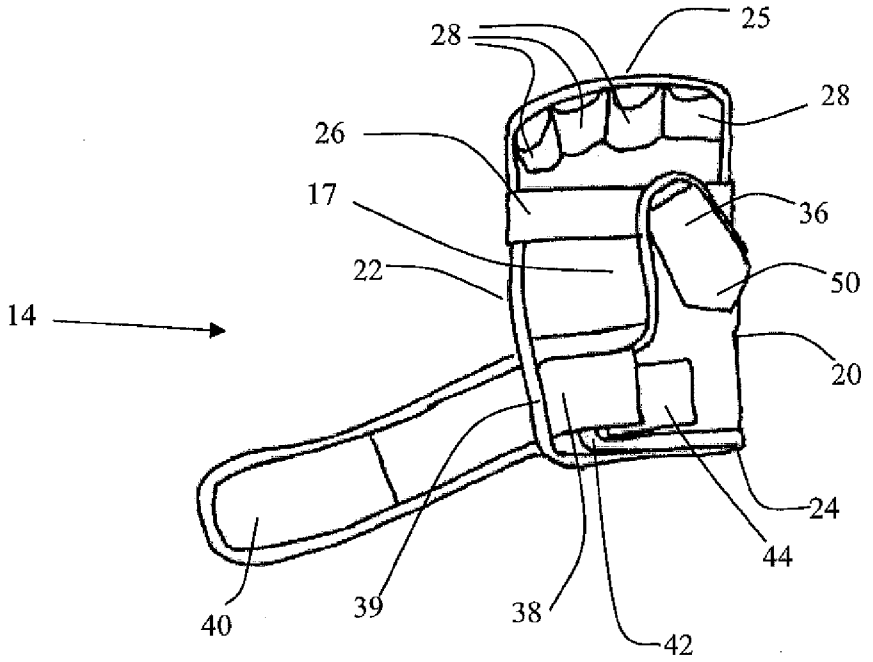
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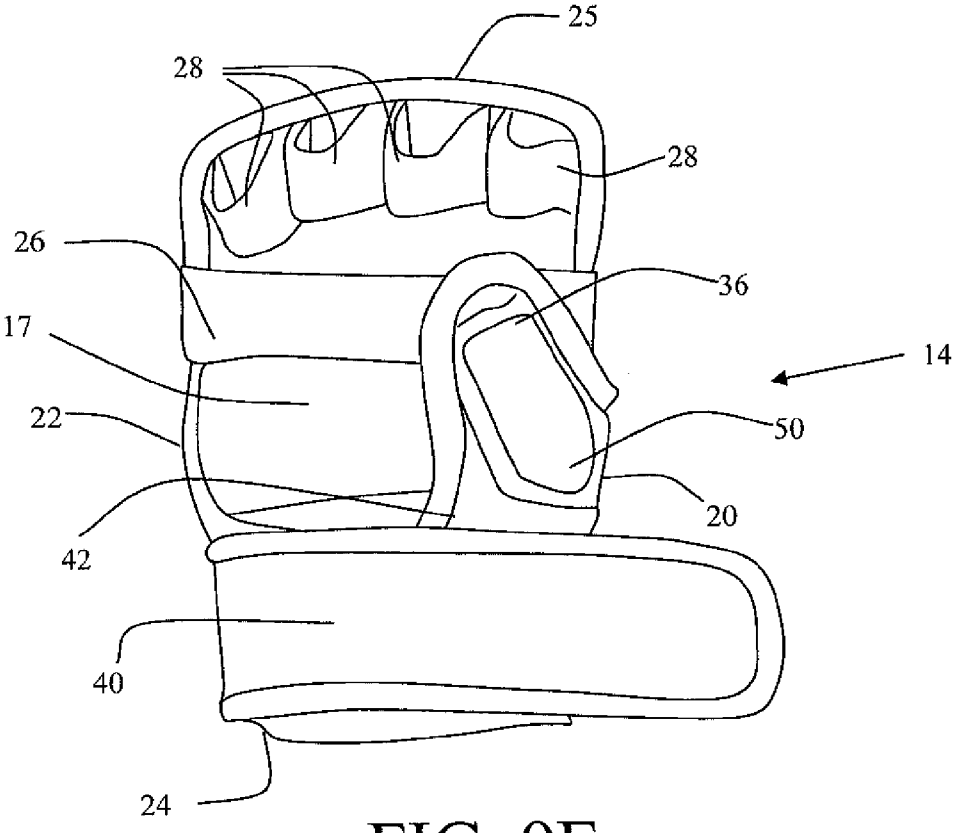
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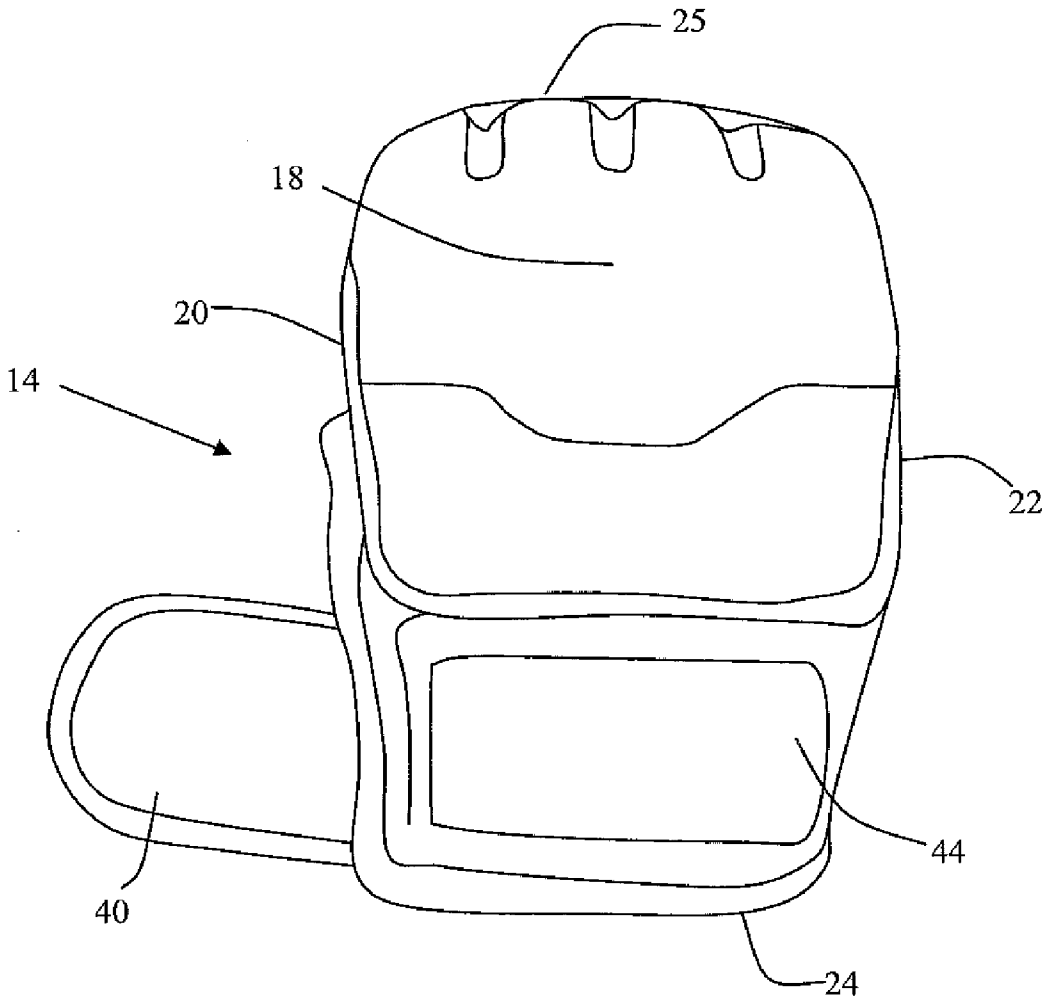

FIG. 9F

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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] Priority is claimed from U.S. Provisional Patent Application Ser. No. 61/224,768, entitled "SECURING APPARATUS FOR A HAND PROTECTIVE DEVICE" filed Jul. 10, 2009, contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0002] Securing or tightening a glove or hand protective device onto one wrist with the other hand usually leads to a loose fitting glove or hand protective device. This problem is exacerbated when a person has their hands taped for a competition, and/or they are wearing a glove or hand protective device on the hand they are using to secure it to the other hand. The glove or hand protective device will not allow the wearer's taped hands to be inserted into the glove. And the glove or hand protective device being secured or tightened twists or gaps during this process. A poorly fitting or loose glove or hand protective device is a potential hazard for activities relying upon the glove or hand protective device to protect and support the hand and wrist of the wearer.

[0003] This problem becomes even greater when the gloves or hand protective devices are those that are used in contact sports, fighting, boxing, or martial arts. In these sports, it is common to find another person requiring to secure the glove or hand protective device to the wearer's hand and wrist over the taped hand. Due to the possibility for the glove or protective device to come off during use, the securing device is usually wrapped with several layers of athletic tape.

[0004] Numerous types of sporting gloves and hand protective devices exist. Almost all of them have the common features of a finger restraining element, a covering for the back of the hand, a place to receive the thumb, and a securing device. Additionally, these gloves or hand protective devices have an opening or area to receive the hand of the wearer. Because the sporting gloves unsuccessfully attempt to provide a good fit to the wearer, sliding the glove on when the wearer's hands are taped is nearly impossible for a proper fitting glove or hand protective device.

[0005] To address the fit issue, a large number of the existing gloves or hand protective devices have a single strap or strap-like device to secure the glove. Usually, the single strap is used to secure the glove or hand protective device to the hand and/or wrist of the wearer. In an effort to minimize twisting actions, some gloves or hand protective devices utilize a cinch type of strap to reverse the direction of movement of the glove or hand protective device. Regardless of the type of strap, none of the gloves or hand protective devices provides the ability to secure it to the hand or wrist of the wearer without creating a gap or inducing a twisting motion.

[0006] A need exists for glove or hand protective device having a securing system and a method that efficiently allows singled handed securing of a glove or hand protective device on the hand or wrist of a wearer.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0007] The invention provides a system and method for securing a contact sports glove or hand protective device to a wearer's wrist.

[0008] In one embodiment, the invention provides an improved contact sports glove having a palm-side panel and a back-side panel secured to each other at a thumb-edge and an outer-edge, thereby forming an opening to receive a hand at a wrist-edge. A flap is defined by the palm-side panel and the opening. The flap carries a first portion of a two-part closure device that is positioned near the wrist-edge. A strap carrying a second portion of the two-part closure device is included. The strap is secured to the glove. A restraining device is secured to the glove, the restraining device being capable of contacting and covering the strap when the strap is attached to the flap.

[0009] In another embodiment, the invention provides an improved contact sports glove having a palm-side panel and a back-side panel secured to each other at a thumb-edge and an outer-edge, thereby forming an opening to receive a hand at a wrist-edge. A finger restraint is positioned on a front-side panel and opposite of the wrist-edge. A thumb receiver is positioned near the thumb-edge. A flap is defined by the palm-side panel and the opening. The flap carries a first portion of a hook and loop closure device, wherein the first portion of the closure device is positioned near said wrist edge. A strap carrying a second portion of the closure device is included. There is a first end and a second end of the strap. The first end is secured to the glove and the second end carries the second portion of the closure device. The strap is elastic. A restraining device is secured to the glove, the restraining device being capable of tightly covering the strap when the restraining device is secured into a closed position.

[0010] In another embodiment, the invention provides an improved hand protective device having a front-side panel and a back-side panel secured to each other at a thumb-edge and an outer-edge. The front-side panel has a finger restraint positioned near a finger-edge and opposite of a wrist-edge. A flap is secured to the thumb-edge. The flap carries a first portion of a two-part closure device, wherein the two-part closure device is positioned near the wrist-edge. A strap having a first end secured to the hand protective device and a second end carrying a second portion of the closure device is included. The first end of the strap is secured to the hand protective device at an edge opposite of the flap. A restraining device is secured to the hand protective device and is capable of contacting and covering the strap when the strap is attached to the flap.

[0011] In another embodiment, the invention provides for a method for securing a contact sports glove. The inventive method comprises the steps of:

[0012] a. inserting a first hand into the contact sports glove;

[0013] b. positioning a flap on a wrist of a first hand using a second hand, the flap being defined by a palm-side panel, the palm-side panel is secured to an edge of the contact sports glove;

[0014] c. grasping a strap using the second hand, the strap having a first end secured to an edge of the contact sports glove and a free second end;

[0015] d. attaching the second end of the strap to the flap, the attaching step using a two-part closure device, wherein a first portion of the two-part closure device is carried by the flap and a second portion is carried by the strap at the second end;

[0016] e. grasping a restraining device using the second hand, the restraining device connected to either of the edges;

[0017] f. wrapping the restraining device around the wrist, thereby contacting the strap with the restraining device; and

[0018] g. securing the restraining device on the contact sports glove along an edge near the wrist.

[0019] Numerous objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent as the following detailed description of the preferred embodiments is read in conjunction with the drawings which illustrate such embodiments.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0020] FIG. **1** depicts a perspective view of a sport glove.

[0021] FIG. **2** depicts a front view of a sport glove.

[0022] FIG. **3** depicts a front view of a sport glove in the process of being secured.

[0023] FIG. **4** depicts a back view of a sport glove.

[0024] FIG. **5** depicts an alternative embodiment for the flap

[0025] FIG. **6**A depicts a front view of a sport glove with the securing device being employed on a hand.

[0026] FIG. **6**B depicts a view of a sport glove with the securing device being secured to a closure device.

[0027] FIG. **6**C depicts a detail view of a sport glove with the securing device being secured to a closure device.

[0028] FIG. **7**A depicts a front view of a sport glove with the restraint device being employed on a hand.

[0029] FIG. **7**B depicts a side view of a sport glove with the restraint device being employed on a hand.

[0030] FIG. **7**C depicts a back view of a sport glove with the restraint device being employed on a hand.

[0031] FIG. **8**A depicts a front view of an alternative embodiment of a sport glove.

[0032] FIG. **8**B depicts a front view of an alternative embodiment of a sport glove with the securing device locked into place.

[0033] FIG. **9**A depicts a front view of a hand protective device.

[0034] FIG. **9**B depicts a thumb side view of a hand protective device.

[0035] FIG. **9**C depicts a outer side view of a hand protective device.

[0036] FIG. **9**D depicts a front view of a hand protective device with the securing device locked into place.

[0037] FIG. **9**E depicts a front view of a hand protective device with the restraint device covering the securing device.

[0038] FIG. **9**F depicts a back view of a hand protective device with the restraint device covering the securing device.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0039] Referring to the drawings, the inventive securing device is illustrated and generally designated by the numeral **10**. As shown by the drawings and understood by those skilled in the art, securing device **10** and components thereof are designed to be associated with sports glove **12** or hand protective device **14**.

[0040] Glove **12** generally includes palm-side panel **16**, front-side panel **17**, back-side panel **18**, thumb-edge **20**, outer-edge **22**, wrist-edge **24**, finger-edge **25**, palm pad restraint **26**, finger restraint **28**, and thumb receiver **30**. Front-side panel **17** and back-side panel **18** are secured together along all edges and often have some padding secured therebetween. Palm-side panel **16** is positioned in front of front-side panel **17** and generally secured to back-side panel **18** at thumb-edge **20** and outer-edge **22**. The preferred secured edges are made by stitching the components together; however, other methods for joining glove material together known to those skilled in the art will perform satisfactorily. An embodiment depicted in FIG. **1**, shows a variation using palm-side panel **16** to surround an open palm area of hand **19**. An embodiment depicted in FIG. **2** shows palm-side panel **16** covering more of palm area of hand **19**.

[0041] Referring to FIGS. **2** and **5**, opening **32** is defined by gap **34** positioned between palm-side panel **16** and front-side panel **17** from outer-edge **22** along wrist-edge **24**. In this embodiment, opening **32** extends from point **46** of outer-edge **22** and continues along wrist-edge **24**. Opening **32** is capable of receiving the hand of the wearer, thereby providing greater accessibility for the wearer's hands.

[0042] FIGS. **2**, **3**, and **5** depict palm-panel side **16** with flap **42** defined therefrom. Flap **42** is positioned along opening **32** near wrist-edge **24**. As shown in FIGS. **2** and **3**, flap **42** of glove **12** is a portion of palm-side panel **16**. As shown in FIG. **5**, flap **42** of glove **12** corresponds to tab **43**, a protrusion on palm-side panel **16**.

[0043] In one preferred embodiment depicted in FIGS. **1**-**8**B, glove **12** includes securing device **10**. Securing device **10** includes strap **38**, restraining device **40**, flap **42**, and two-part closure device **44**. Strap element **38** of securing device **10** has first edge **39** that is secured to glove **12** at either outer-edge **22** or thumb-edge **20**. Preferably, strap **38** is secured on the same edge where opening **32** and palm-side panel **16** join at point **46**. Strap element **38** carries a first portion of two-part closure device **44** at second end **41**. Flap **42** carries the second portion of two-part closure device **44**. Two-part closure device **44** provides for removable attachment of strap **38** to flap **42**.

[0044] Strap **38** of securing device **10** may be manufactured out of an elastic or inelastic material. When strap **38** is elastic, it preferably has a stretching capacity between about 25% to about 50% of its un-stretched length. Depending upon the desired configuration of glove **12**, an elastic embodiment of strap **38** will generally have an un-stretched length of about 1.5 inches (4 centimeters) to about 3 inches (8 centimeters). When strap **38** is substantially inelastic, it generally has a length between about 1.5 inches (4 centimeters) to about 4 inches (10 centimeters).

[0045] Restraining device **40** is secured to glove **12** along thumb-edge **20** or outer-edge **22**. Preferably, restraining device **40** is capable of wrapping around glove **12** near wrist-edge **24** to cover and protect strap **38** after strap **38** is attached flap **42**.

[0046] The length of restraining device **40** is a design choice. In one embodiment depicted in FIGS. **2**-**7**C, restraining device **40** covers strap **38**, wraps around glove **12**, secures itself to glove **12** on back-side panel **18** and wraps around again to be secured to itself on back-side panel **18** of glove **12**. In this embodiment, restraining device **40** is capable of being wrapped around both thumb-edge **20** and outer edge **22** at least once. In another embodiment depicted in FIGS. **1**, **5**, **8**A and **8**B, restraining device **40** covers only strap **38** and is secured to back-side panel **18** after wrapping around either thumb-edge **20** or outer-edge **22**. Either of the embodiments for restraining device **40** are combinable with any embodiment of glove **12**.

[0047] Still referring to FIGS. **1**-**8**B, palm pad restraint **26** and finger restraint **28** are generally integrated with palm-side panel **16**, or attached to front-side panel **17**, thumb-edge **20**, outer-edge **22**, or a combination thereof. Additionally, finger restraint **28** is generally positioned on glove **12** near finger-edge **25**, which is positioned opposite from wrist-edge **24**.

Palm-pad restraint **26** is generally positioned closer to wrist-edge **24**. Palm pad restraint **26** and finger restraint **28** are for receiving the palm pad and fingers of the wearer.

[0048] Strap **38** and flap **42** are designed to be attached to each other. Two-part closure device **44** is capable of attaching securing strap **38** to flap **42**. In this embodiment, one-half of two-part closure device **44** is attached to strap **38**, and one-half of two-part closure device **44** is attached to flap **42**.

[0049] Two-part closure device **44** is any two-part closure device allowing two elements to be attached. Two-part closure device **44** may be selected from the group consisting of hook and loop, buttons, snaps, hooks, laces, and combinations thereof. In the preferred embodiment, two-part closure device **44** is a hook and loop closure device.

[0050] In an alternative embodiment, shown in FIGS. **1**, **8**A and **8**B, opening **33** extends from wrist-edge **24** and nearly parallels outer-edge **22**. In this embodiment, opening **33** of glove **12** allows for a large thumb receiver **30** to be positioned in palm-side panel **16** near flap **42**. As before, opening **33** provides greater accessibility and ease of use for the wearer's hands.

[0051] In operation, as depicted in FIGS. **6**A-**7**C, a person inserts hand **19** into opening **32** and positions their fingers and thumb in finger restraints **28** and thumb receiver **30**. The person's hand **19** may be taped while be inserted into opening **32**. In this embodiment, strap **38** is designed to be attached to flap **42** using two-part closure device **44**, thereby snuggly positioning wrist-edge **24** of glove **12** to the wrist of the wearer. Preferably, this action removes gaps along wrist-edge **24** while eliminating twisting of glove **12** about the wrist. Once strap **38** is attached, restraining device **40** is wrapped around the wrist of the wearer in a direction that will contact and tightly cover strap **38**, thereby preventing any inadvertent disconnection between strap **38** and flap **42**. The number of wraps that restraining device **40** is able to perform is based upon its selected length. Restraining device **40** is secured to the back of glove **12** and/or to itself along wrist-edge **24** using a similar two-part closure device **44**. In the preferred embodiments, safety of the wearer dictates that restraining device not use any metal or hard plastic elements to assist in securing restraining device **40**.

[0052] Referring to FIGS. **9**A-F, hand protective device **14** is designed to protect the fingers and back of the hand. Hand protective device **14** generally includes front-side panel **17**, back-side panel **18**, thumb-edge **20**, outer-edge **22**, wrist-edge **24**, palm pad restraint **26**, and finger restraint **28**. Hand protective device **14** is similarly configured to glove **12** except it does not have palm-side panel **16** and opening **32**. Hand protective device **14** optionally carries thumb protector **36** secured along thumb-edge **20**. Similar to glove **12**, hand protective device **14** has front-side panel **17** and back-side panel **18** secured together along all edges with some padding secured therebetween.

[0053] As shown in FIGS. **9**A-**9**F, this embodiment of hand protective device **14** utilizes thumb protector **36**. In this embodiment, thumb protector **36** defines flap **42**, which is positioned near wrist-edge **24**. Thumb protector **36** is an optional element. In an embodiment not depicted in the FIGS. where thumb protector **36** is not utilized, flap **42** is a tab that is secured to either thumb-edge **20** or outer-edge **22** to provide the connectivity point for first edge **39** of strap **38**.

[0054] In this embodiment, thumb protector **36** is secured to hand protective device **14** along thumb-edge **20**. Thumb protector **36** may be externally padded, wherein the external portion **50** of thumb protector **36** is positioned next to back-side panel **18**.

[0055] In this embodiment, strap **38** of securing device **10** is also positioned opposite of flap **42**. Securing device **10**, which includes strap **38**, flap **42**, two-part closure devices **44** and restraining device **40**, all function identically on hand protective device **14** as described for glove **12** above.

[0056] As shown in FIGS. **6**A-**7**C, during operation of securing device **10** the wearer inserts their fingers into finger restraints **28**, which positions the pads of their palm under palm pad restraint **26**. In this embodiment, strap **38** attaches to flap **42** using two-part closure device **44**, thereby snuggly positioning wrist-edge **24** of glove **12** to the wrist of the wearer. To attach strap **38** to flap **42**, the wearer uses their fingers and thumb from opposing hand **48** to simultaneously attach strap **38** to flap **42** with two-part closure device **44**. The wearer performs this action by grasping flap **42** and strap **38**, and pulling both flap **42** and strap **38** until flap **42** is positioned under strap **38**. Alternatively, the wearer uses their forefinger and thumb of opposing hand **48** to simultaneously attach strap **38** to flap **42** with two-part closure device **44**. The wearer performs this action by grasping flap **42** and strap **38**, and pulling both flap **42** under strap **38**. Preferably, this action also removes gaps along wrist-edge **24**.

[0057] During operation of glove **12**, once strap **38** is attached, restraining device **40** is wrapped around the wrist of the wearer in a direction that it will contact and tightly cover strap **38**, thereby preventing any inadvertent separation between strap **38** and flap **42**. The number of wraps that restraining device **40** is able to do is based upon its length. Restraining device **40** is secured to the back of hand protective device **14** and/or to itself along wrist-edge **24**.

Embodiments

[0058] Several different embodiments are shown in FIG. **1**-**9**F as representative examples of the inventive securing device **10**. FIGS. **1**, **8**A and **8**B depict an example of an open palm, open thumb version where the wearer's thumb is positioned near thumb-edge **20** in the open palm area. In the embodiment depicted in FIGS. **1**, **8**A and **8**B, palm-side panel **16** surrounds the palm of the wearer, thereby creating an open palm area and an open thumb area. Securing device **10** is positioned near wrist-edge **24**.

[0059] FIGS. **2**-**7**C depict and example of a different version of a mesh covered palm and an open thumb version. In this embodiment, the wearer's thumb is positioned within thumb receiver **30**, thereby creating an open thumb area. In one variation of this embodiment the mesh is removed to create an open palm, open thumb embodiment. In another variation of this embodiment, thumb receiver **30** is a sleeve creating an enclosed thumb area. Some variations of this embodiment include an open palm, open thumb embodiment; an open palm, enclosed thumb embodiment; an enclosed palm, open thumb embodiment; and an enclosed palm, enclosed thumb embodiment. In all of the variations of this embodiment, securing device **10** is positioned near wrist-edge **24**.

[0060] FIGS. **9**A-**9**F depict an open palm, protected thumb embodiment. In this embodiment, palm-side panel is not utilized and a protected thumb element is attached to provide additional protection to the wearer's thumb. One variation of this approach does not utilize thumb protector **36** and only

provides for flap **42**. In both variations of this embodiment, securing device **10** is positioned near wrist-edge **24**.

[0061] Other embodiments of the current invention will be apparent to those skilled in the art from a consideration of this specification or practice of the invention disclosed herein. Thus, the foregoing specification is considered merely exemplary of the current invention with the true scope thereof being defined by the following claims.

1. An improved contact sports glove comprising:

a palm-side panel and a back-side panel secured to each other at a thumb-edge and an outer-edge, thereby forming an opening to receive a hand at a wrist-edge;

a flap defined by said palm-side panel and said opening, said flap carrying a first portion of a two-part closure device that is positioned near said wrist-edge;

a strap secured to said glove at an edge opposite of said flap, said strap carrying a second portion of said two-part closure device, said strap removably attachable to said flap when said first portion of said two-part closure has been joined to said second portion of said two-part closure, the configuration of said flap and said strap requires movement of said flap under said strap to join said first and second portions of said two-part closure device; and

a restraining device secured to said glove, said restraining device having a length sufficient to wrap around said glove thereby covering said strap when said strap is attached to said flap.

2. The improved contact sports glove of claim **1**, wherein said strap has elasticity.

3. The improved contact sports glove of claim **1**, wherein said strap has elasticity and is capable of stretching between about 25% and about 50% of its un-stretched length.

4. The improved contact sports glove of claim **1**, wherein said strap has an un-stretched length between about 1.5 inches (4 centimeters) and about 3 inches (8 centimeters).

5. The improved contact sports glove of claim **1**, wherein said strap is substantially inelastic and has a length between about 1.5 inches (4 centimeters) and about 4 inches (10 centimeters).

6. The improved contact sports glove of claim **1**, wherein said two-part closure device is a hook and loop closure device.

7. The improved contact sports glove of claim **1**, wherein said restraining device is capable of being secured to itself.

8. The improved contact sports glove of claim **1**, wherein said restraining device is attached to said glove near said outer-edge.

9. The improved contact sports glove of claim **1**, wherein said restraining device is attached to said glove near said thumb-edge.

10. The improved contact sports glove of claim **1**, wherein said opening extends from said wrist-edge to a point along said outer-edge, said point positioned so that a portion of said palm-side panel remains secured to said outer edge.

11. An improved contact sports glove comprising:

a palm-side panel and a back-side panel secured to each other at a thumb-edge and an outer-edge, thereby forming an opening to receive a hand at a wrist-edge;

a finger restraint positioned on a front-side panel and opposite of said wrist-edge;

a thumb receiver positioned near said thumb-edge;

a flap defined by said palm-side panel and said opening, said flap carrying a first portion of a hook and loop closure device, wherein said first portion of said closure device is positioned near said wrist-edge;

a strap carrying a second portion of said closure device, said strap is elastic;

a first end and a second end of said strap, said first end is secured to said glove at an edge opposite of said flap, and said second end carrying said second portion of said closure device, said strap has sufficient elasticity to permit removable attachment of said strap to said flap when said first portion of said two-part closure has been joined to said second portion of said two-part closure, the configuration of said flap and said strap when attached to one another precludes movement of said flap; and

a restraining device secured to said glove, said restraining device having a length sufficient to wrap around said glove thereby tightly covering said strap when said restraining device is secured into a closed position.

12. The improved contact sports glove of claim **11**, wherein said strap has elasticity and is capable of stretching between about 25% and about 50% of its un-stretched length.

13. The improved contact sports glove of claim **11**, wherein said strap has an un-stretched length between about 1.5 inches (4 centimeters) and about 3 inches (8 centimeters).

14. The improved contact sports glove of claim **11**, wherein said restraining device is capable of being secured to itself.

15. The improved contact sports glove of claim **11**, wherein said restraining device is secured to said glove near said outer-edge.

16. The improved contact sports glove of claim **11**, wherein said restraining device is secured to said glove near said thumb-edge.

17. An improved hand protective device for contact sports comprising:

a front-side panel and a back-side panel secured to each other at a thumb-edge and an outer-edge, said front-side panel having a finger restraint positioned near a finger-edge and opposite of a wrist-edge;

a flap secured to said thumb-edge, said flap carrying a first portion of a two-part closure device, wherein said two-part closure device is positioned near said wrist-edge;

a strap having a first end secured to said hand protective device and a second end carrying a second portion of said two-part closure device, said first end of said strap is secured to said hand protective device at an edge opposite of said flap, said strap removably attachable to said flap when said first portion of said two-part closure has been joined to said second portion of said two-part closure, the configuration of said flap and said strap when attached to one another precludes movement of said flap; and

a restraining device secured to said hand protective device, said restraining device having a length sufficient to wrap around said glove thereby capable of contacting and covering said strap when said strap is attached to said flap.

18. The improved hand protective device of claim **17**, further comprising a thumb protector secured to said thumb-edge.

19. The improved hand protective device of claim **18**, wherein said thumb protector is integrated with said flap.

20. The improved hand protective device of claim **17**, wherein said strap has elasticity.

21. The improved hand protective device of claim **17**, wherein said strap has elasticity and is capable of stretching between about 25% and about 50% of its un-stretched length.

22. The improved hand protective device of claim **17**, wherein said strap has an un-stretched length between about 1.5 inches (4 centimeters) and about 3 inches (8 centimeters).

23. The improved hand protective device of claim **17**, wherein said strap is substantially inelastic and has a length between about 1.5 inches (4 centimeters) and about 4 inches (10 centimeters).

24. The improved hand protective device of claim **17**, wherein said closure device is a hook and loop closure device.

25. The improved hand protective device of claim **17**, wherein said restraining device is capable of being secured to itself while covering said strap.

26. The improved hand protective device of claim **17**, wherein said restraining device is secured to said hand protective device near said outer-edge.

27. The improved hand protective device of claim **17**, wherein said restraining device is secured to said hand protective device near said thumb-edge.

28. The improved hand protective device of claim **17**, wherein said restraining device is sufficiently long-enough to wrap around said hand protective device at least once.

29. A method of securing a contact sports glove to a hand comprising the steps of:

inserting a first hand into said contact sports glove;

positioning a flap on a wrist of a first hand using a second hand, said flap being defined by a palm-side panel, wherein said palm-side panel is secured to an edge of said contact sports glove;

grasping a strap using said second hand, said strap having a first end and a free second end, said first end secured to an edge of said contact sports glove opposite of said flap wherein said flap carries a first portion of a two-part closure device and said strap carries a second portion of a two-part closure device;

attaching said second end of said strap to said flap by applying a force to said strap thereby moving said flap and said strap towards one another until said flap is under said strap;

joining said first portion of said two-part closure to said second portion of said two-part closure thereby precluding movement of said flap;

grasping a restraining device using said second hand, said restraining device secured to either of said edges;

wrapping said restraining device around said wrist, thereby contacting said strap with said restraining device; and

securing said restraining device on said contact sports glove along an edge near said wrist.

30. The improved contact sports glove of claim **1**, wherein the configuration of said flap and said strap requires movement of said strap and said flap towards one another to join said first and second portions of said two-part closure device.

31. The improved contact sports glove of claim **11**, wherein the configuration of said flap and said strap requires movement of said strap and said flap towards one another to join said first and second portions of said two-part closure device.

32. The improved contact sports glove of claim **17**, wherein the configuration of said flap and said strap requires movement of said strap and said flap towards one another to join said first and second portions of said two-part closure device.

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