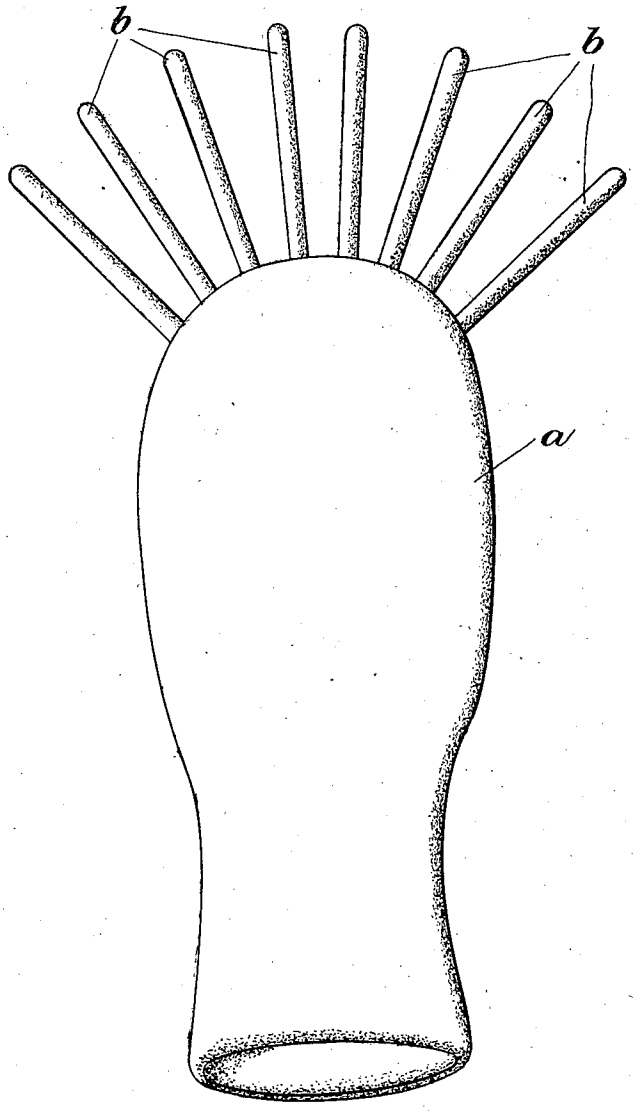
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It is well known that the sucking of thumbs of children leads to a disfiguration of the upper jaw and causes protruding teeth which not only impairs the beauty of the face but also may lead to disorders of the general health. The constant pressure against the upper row of teeth impairs the articulation of speech and the proper mastication of food. The ensuing constantly open mouth may also have an ill effect on the respiratory organs.

To prevent this bad habit many devices have been tried, among others also mittens which, however, did not prove successful as children could put part of the mitten, or sometimes even the entire front of the mitten with the fingers into their mouths and the undesirable pressure against the upper teeth continued. To overcome this defect the invention provides for small fingerlike rubber protuberances which are fastened to or are parts of the mitten and are extending from it in all directions. The attached drawing gives a detailed picture of this invention.

The rubber protuberances which extend from the mitten *a* are long enough to touch and irritate the palate before the baby is able to put its finger into its mouth. The baby is therefore automatically prevented from sucking its thumb. All that is possible is that the rubber protuberances remain in the mouth, but they are so soft and pliable that no pressure is exerted on the gums or jaws, and no disformation or dislocation of the teeth is possible.

The mitten is suitably fastened to the sleeve of the dress or directly onto the wrist by a string.

I claim:

A glove for children to prevent sucking of fingers, comprising in combination a glove body in the form of a bag of porous flexible material adapted to be slipped over the hand, and a plurality of relatively long, thin extensions of soft flexible material radiating like fingers from the closed end of the bag, the fingers being longer than the depth of the mouth to prevent introduction of the glove body into the mouth.

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