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GRIP GOLF GLOVE.

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Fig. 1.

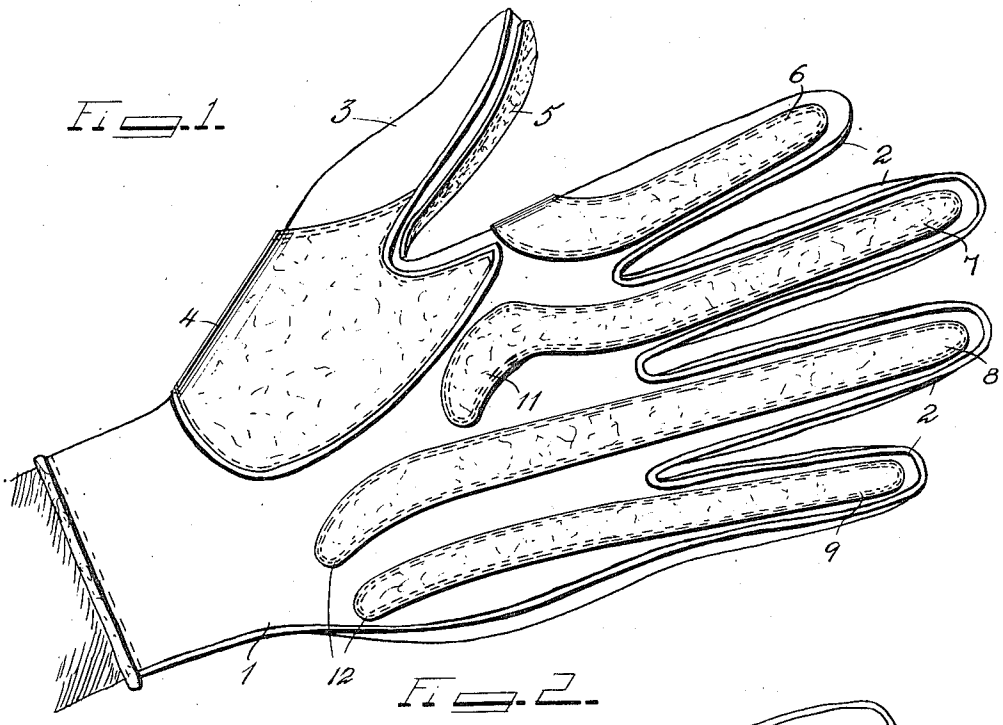


Fig. 2.

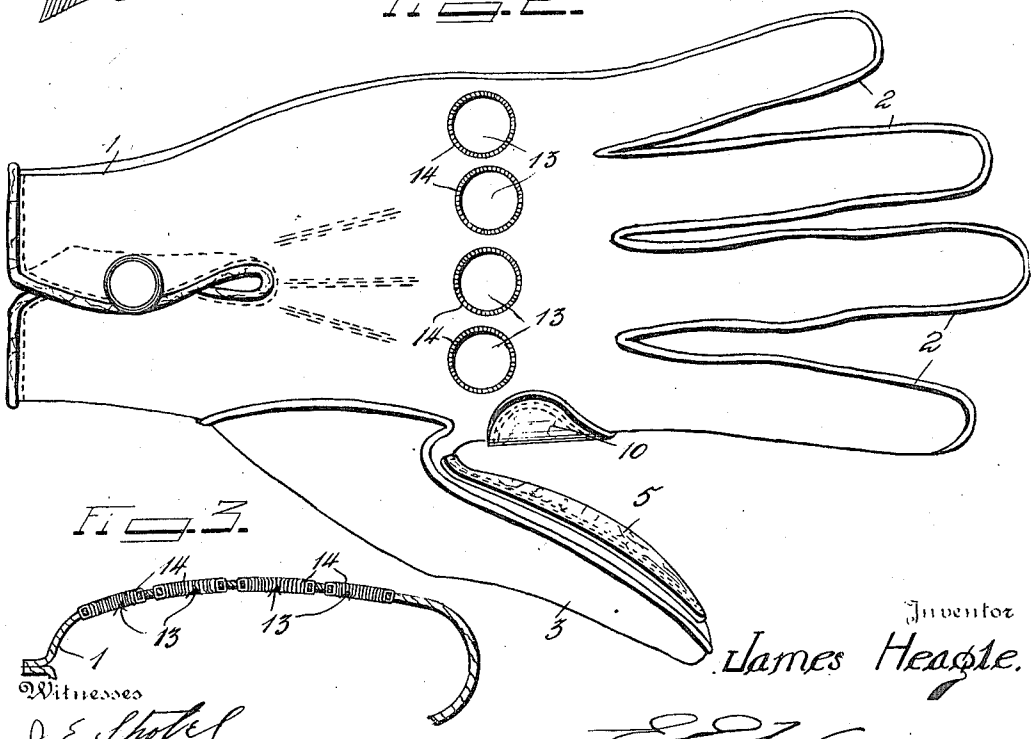


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES HEAGLE, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Johnstown, in the county of Fulton and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Grip Golf-Gloves, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to gloves and has particular reference to golf gloves, the principal object of the device being the production of a simple and efficient structure which is so formed as to allow the golf glove to be easily and firmly gripped by the use thereof.

Another object of this invention is the production of a golf glove which is provided with a plurality of gripping portions for facilitating the grasping of a golf club, and which is so formed as to conform in contour to the shape of a person's hand as the hand is closed about a glove, inasmuch as the inner end portions of the gripping strips are curved to facilitate the closing of the hand.

With these and other objects in view this invention consists of certain novel combinations, constructions, and arrangements of parts as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a plan view of the interior or palm portion of the glove showing the gripping strips carried thereby. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the back of the glove. Fig. 3 is a fragmentary transverse section through the glove illustrating the construction of the ventilating openings therefor.

Referring to the accompaning drawing by numerals 1 designates the glove having the usual finger portions 2 and a thumb portion 3. The thumb portion 3 is provided with a piece of leather or similar material 4 and with a similar strip 5 upon the inner portion thereof. This piece of leather 4 fits upon the heel portion of the thumb portion 3, so that the direct pressure imparted to the golf club by the thumb of the user will be through this piece 4, thereby forming an efficient grip for the thumb portion 3 as well as reducing the wear upon the portion 3. The strip 5 extends to a point adjacent the piece 4, whereby the entire gripping portion of the thumb portion is protected. The fingers 2 are provided with the strips 6, 7, and 8 as clearly shown in Fig. 1. It will be noted that the strip 6 curves around at its inner end so as to pass about the side portion of the glove and terminate adjacent the back of the glove as shown at 10 in Fig. 2, and thereby preventing wear upon the side portion of the glove 1 when a golf club is gripped by the glove. The strip 7 extends so as to terminate in an acute projecting portion 11 extending substantially diagonally across the central portion of the glove and parallel to the thumb 3 of the glove. This portion 11 extends along the side portion of the piece 4, thereby allowing the glove to easily fold when desired. The strips 8 and 9 are both curved as indicated at 12 at their inner ends. By cutting these strips so as to have their inner ends curved in the different directions shown, it will be seen that the glove is reinforced across the gripping surface thereof, so that when the hand is closed within the glove the ends of the strips while covering the maximum amount of space on the palm of the glove, will allow the palm of the glove to conform easily to the shape of the hand so as to facilitate the grasping of a golf club. It is, of course, obvious that these strips 6 may be formed of leather or any other suitable material which is flexible and will facilitaue the gripping of a golf club.

By referring to Fig. 2 it will be seen that the glove 1 is provided with a plurality of ventilating apertures 13 which are reinforced by the stitched portions 14 as clearly shown in Fig. 3. By providing these ventilating openings 13 it will be seen that the interior of the glove will be efficiently ventilated, and that the binding of the glove over the knuckles as the hand is closed to grip a club will be greatly reduced.

By having the inner ends of the strips curved the efficiency of the glove is increased, since the palm of the glove is covered very closely without having it covered by a one-piece structure. The strips, being independent of each other, will conform to any desired shape without buckling and, will therefore facilitate the gripping of a golf club. The closing of the user's hand within the glove will cause the glove to be folded transversely across its central portion and, therefore, the strips will entirely encircle the golf club. The broadest gripping surface will be across the surface hand and in order

to grip the golf club securely at this portion the inner ends of the strips are curved so as to grip the golf club bearing thereagainst.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that a very simple and efficient golf glove has been produced which will allow a club to be firmly gripped inasmuch as the gripping strips carried within the palm of the glove and by the fingers thereof are so cut so as to allow the glove to easily conform to the hand as the same is closed without becoming uneven in the palm of the hand when in operation.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed as new, is:—

A glove of the class described, comprising a body portion having finger portions and a thumb portion extending therefrom, gripping strips fixedly secured upon said finger portions and extending upon the body of the glove, a plurality of said strips being curved at their inner ends, the inner curved end of one of said strips extending in a direction opposite to that of the inner curved ends of the remaining strips and also extending around one side portion of the glove, a reinforcing piece upon the base of the thumb portion and a strip upon the inner side of the thumb portion.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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