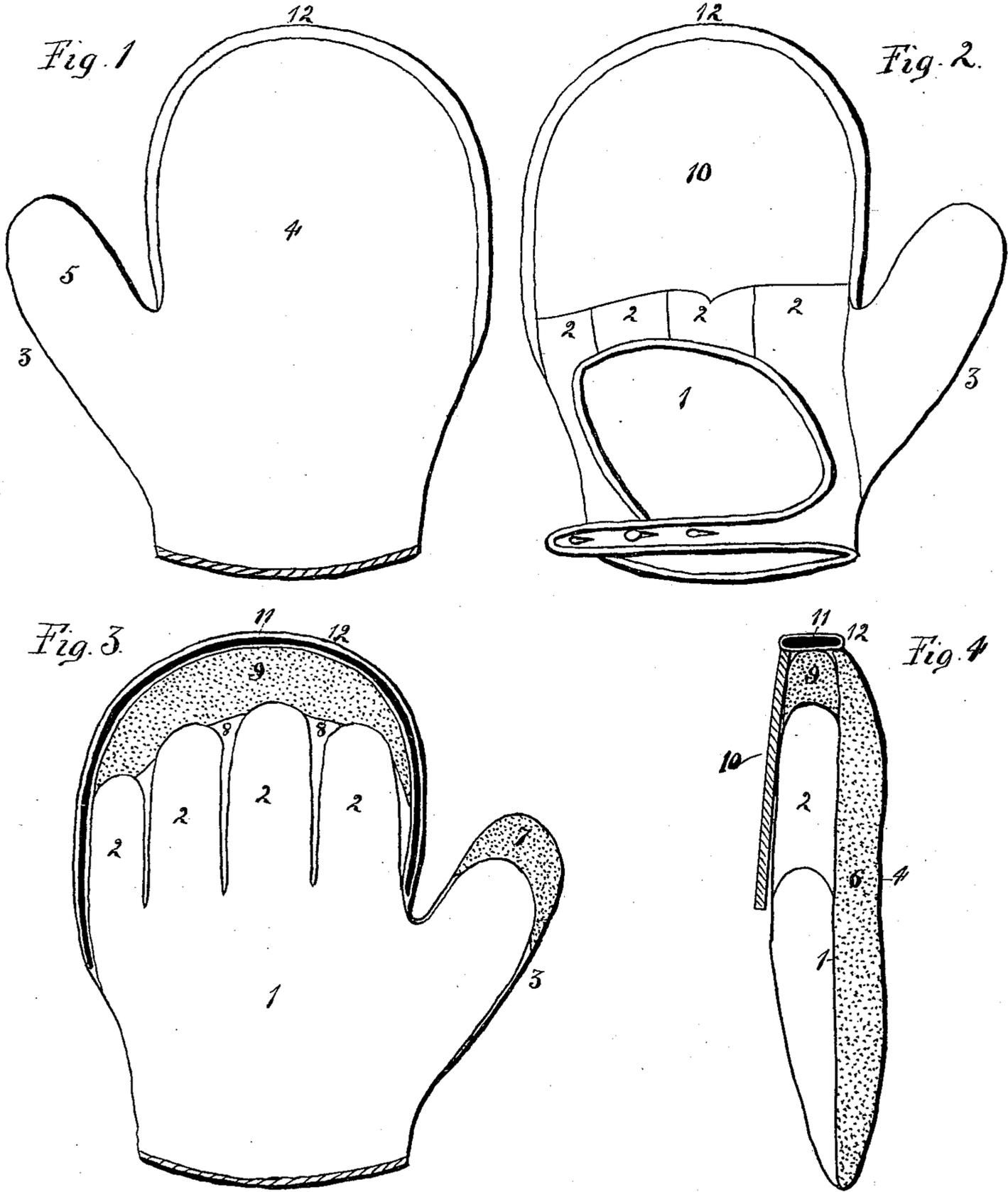


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AUGUST HAEGG, a citizen of the United States, residing at Rockford, in the county of Winnebago and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Catchers' Gloves, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to construct a glove for the use of base-ball catchers in which sufficient padding is employed to properly protect the hands; also, the employment of a yielding guard extending around the ends and sides of the fingers.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a face view of my improved glove. Fig. 2 is a view of the back of the glove. Fig. 3 is a section through the glove, showing its construction. Fig. 4 is a lengthwise section of the glove.

In the game of "base-ball" the player known as the "catcher" is required to catch very swiftly-thrown balls, and in consequence thereof oftentimes receives severe bruises. Generally the fingers are broken or badly split open. Two different styles of gloves are employed, one being a padded glove used to receive the thrown ball, and a short-fingered glove leaving the fingers free to handle the ball.

My improvements relate to the padded glove, and in which I have designed to so construct it as will best save the hands from injuries.

In the manufacture of my glove I employ an ordinary glove of suitable material, consisting of the palm 1, fingers 2, and thumb 3, stitched together in the usual manner. An extra palm 4, with front 5 of the thumb in a single piece, is stitched over the palm and fingers of the glove, and between which is placed a padding 6, of any suitable material. The back of the thumb is also double, and the outer casing of the thumb is longer than the thumb proper of the glove, and between which is placed a padding 7 of felt or other suitable material. To the ends of the fingers is stitched a sack 8, of the form shown, and in

which is placed a padding 9, which may be the same as used in the palm and thumb. The extra palm 4 is long and wide enough to cover the sack 8, as shown. Over the back of the fingers is placed a stiffening-piece 10, preferably of sole-leather, which gives firmness to the glove, and its tendency is to prevent the fingers being thrown backward.

In catching a ball the ends of the fingers are apt to be hit and seriously injured. Therefore I have produced a yielding guard 11, in this instance of sole-leather, and incased in a covering 12, which is stitched to the end and sides of the fingers, as shown at Figs. 3 and 4. This guard protects the ends of the fingers and is made yielding, so as to form an easy-fitting glove, and the shock on the ends of the fingers is relieved by the padding 9. The back of the glove has the usual fastening-strap 13 to secure the glove to the hand of the user.

A glove constructed as above described affords the best protection to the hands of the user. The guard may be made of other material than sole-leather and still be within the meaning of my invention, and may extend only across the ends of the fingers. It is also evident that a mitten might be employed instead of the glove without departing from the gist of my invention.

I claim as my invention—

The combination, with a catcher's glove or mitten of any well-known or improved construction, of the outer casing or covering of greater length and breadth than the said glove or mitten and secured thereto with its edges and a padding secured beneath said covering, an independent covering or sack secured to the ends of the fingers of said glove or mitten, a padding within said sack, and a yielding guard inclosed in a pocket adjacent to the last-named padding, substantially as set forth.

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