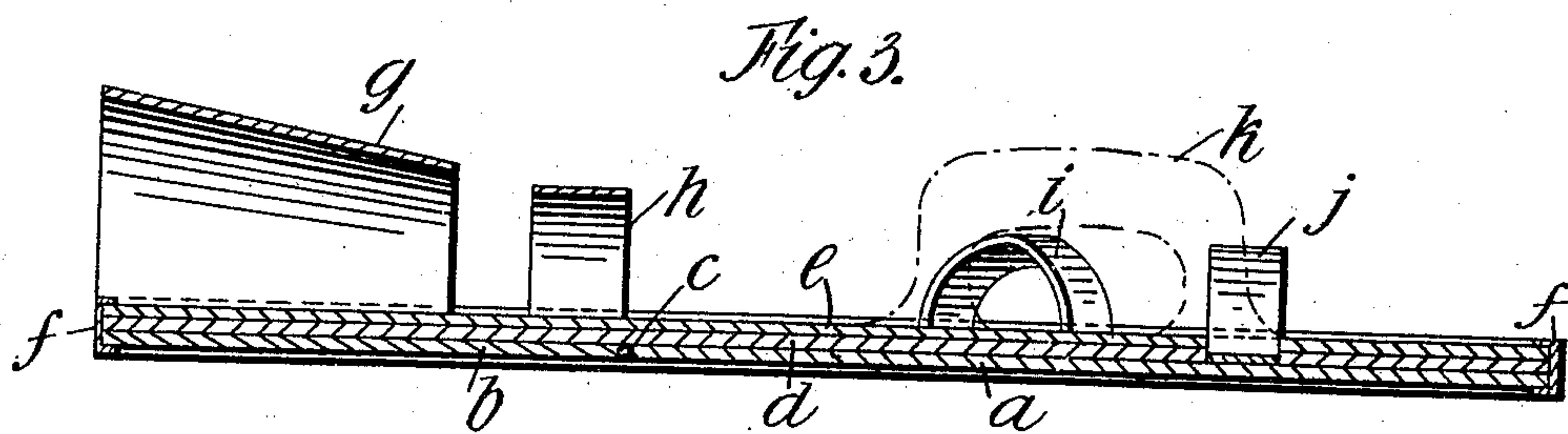
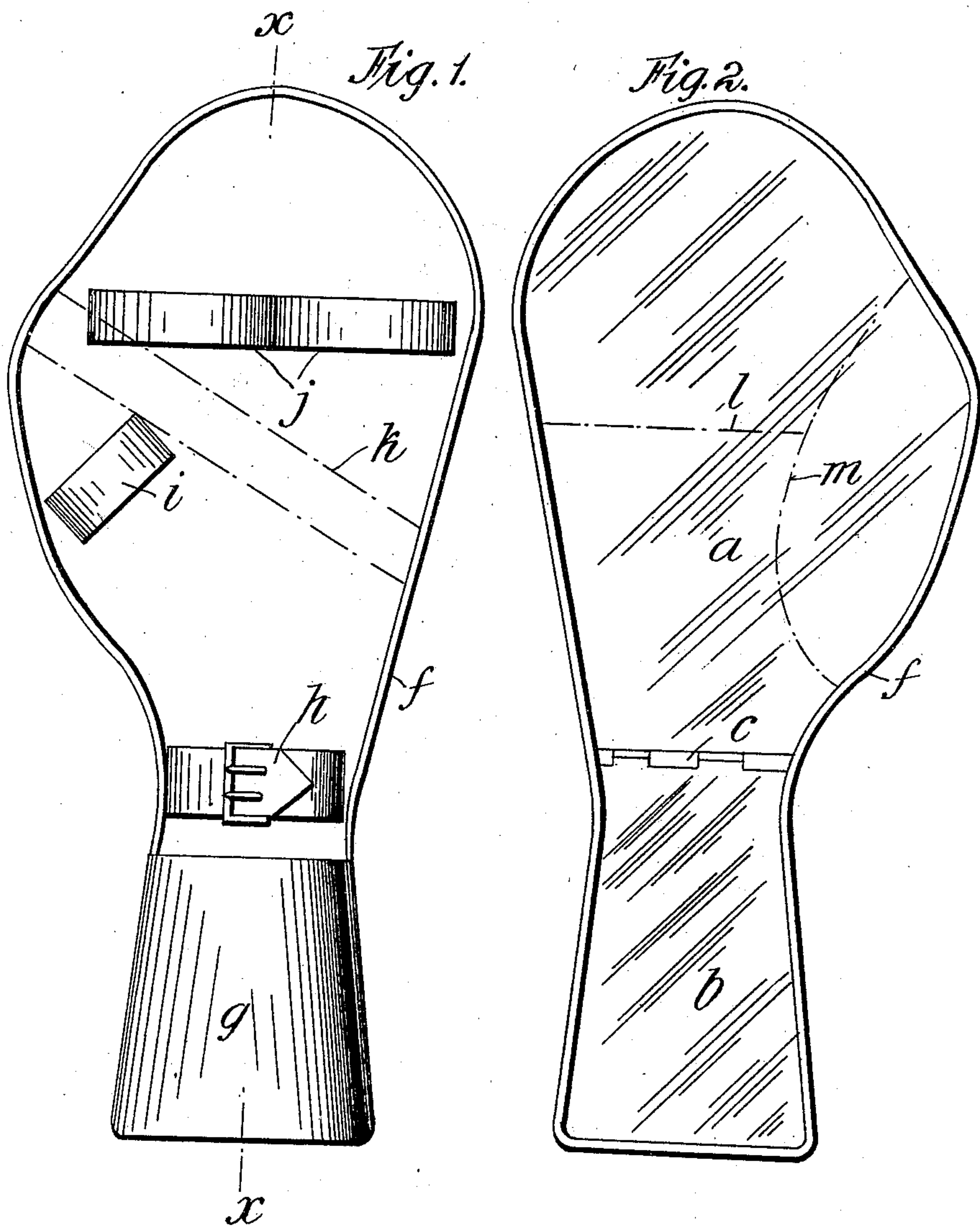


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EMANUEL BOYD PAGET, a subject of the King of Great Britain and Ireland, and a resident of 5 Hyde Park Mansions, London, England, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Striking-Bats for Ball Games, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a game of ball capable of being played by either sex and in means or apparatus for playing said game, the characteristic feature of the game being that the ball is struck with the protected hand and not by foot or sticks, as in foot-ball and hockey.

In order that the hands may be protected and a striking-surface presented to the ball, I provide a novel form of striking bat or glove, one form of which is illustrated in the accompanying sheet of drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a back view of the bat; Fig. 2, a front view, and Fig. 3 a section on line *xx* of Fig. 1.

Like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

As shown in the accompanying drawings, the striking-face of the bat or glove I form of two or more parts or blades (preferably two) *a* and *b*, of metal or other suitable material, hinged together at *c* in any suitable manner to permit freedom of movement to the wrist, the lower part *b* serving especially to protect the wrist. To prevent the force of the blow being transmitted to the hand, I back said plates first with a layer *d* of felt, wadding, or other suitable material and then with a layer *e* of rubber or other suitable material, the whole being suitably attached to the plates *a* and *b* and bound round at the edges with a piping or edging *f*, of leather or other suitable material.

The hand is passed through the gauntlet *g*, which may be of any desired length, and secured by the wrist-strap *h*, and to enable the glove to be firmly grasped when striking or intercepting a ball a thumb-loop *i* and finger-loops *j* are provided for engagement with the thumb and fingers, respectively.

Although a gauntlet is to be preferred, yet I do not confine myself to such arrangement,

as loops, straps, or equivalent devices may be employed.

In some cases I find it advantageous to dispense with the loops, in which case I provide a bar or handle *k*, extending at an inclination—*i. e.*, the angle at which the fingers shut down—to the glove across the same, as shown in dot-and-dash lines in Figs. 1 and 3, and, if necessary, fashion in any suitable manner such bar or handle to suit the grip of the player, and, further, I may provide such handle or bar *k* with any suitable means whereby it can be adjusted to individual taste as to position with reference to the face of the glove.

In cases where the player is subject to cramp I form the blade *a* of two or more parts, hinging the same together at *l* and *m*. (See Fig. 2.)

From the above description it will be seen that a game of hand-ball, the equivalent of foot-ball, or a game of hand-hockey (no sticks) can be played on practically the same rules, kick-off and bullying excepted. In some cases when it is desired to make a fast game the game is played with two balls, game only counting when both balls are through one goal.

Although I have only specified foot-ball and hockey, yet games such as tennis, lawn-tennis, racquets, fives, and rounders, and other games played with balls can be played equally well with my glove, as can be well understood.

Having now described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A striking-bat for ball games comprising a striking-plate having a palm-piece and a wrist-protecting extension hinged together, a resilient facing extending over the palm-piece and wrist extension, and holding means for securing the palm-piece and wrist extension respectively to the palm and wrist of the hand.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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