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BALL CATCHER'S GLOVE.

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Fig. 1.

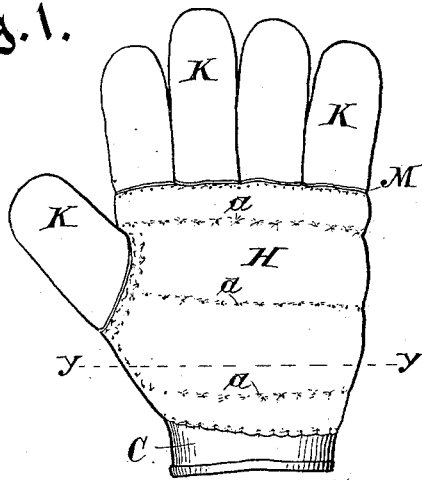


Fig. 2.

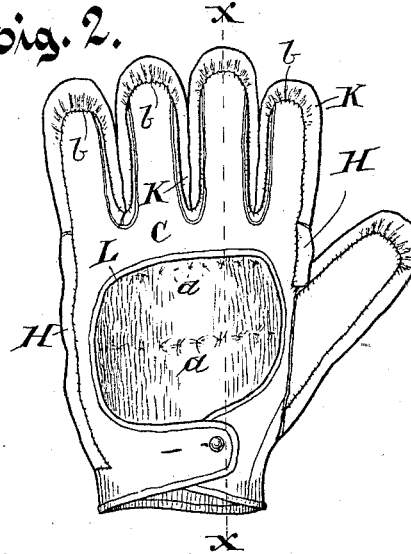


Fig. 3.

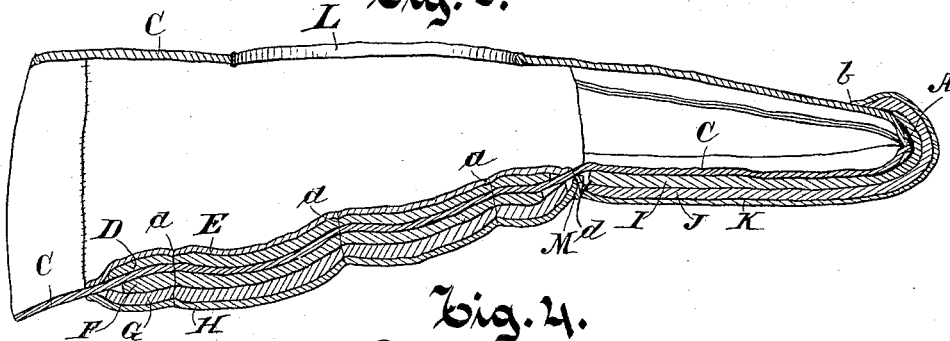


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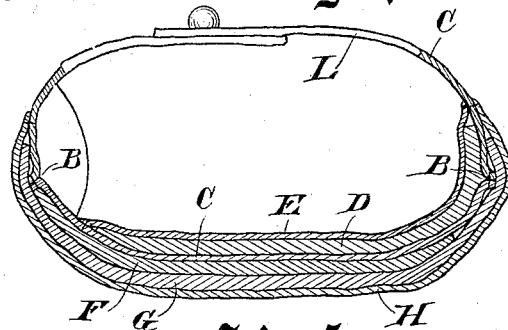
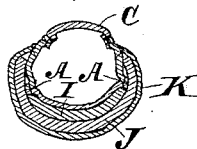


Fig. 5.



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## BALL-CATCHER'S GLOVE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH W. SAUER, of Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, have invented new and useful Improvements in Ball-Catchers' Gloves; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of said invention, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in gloves for base-ball catchers, and pertains to the peculiar construction and arrangement of the seams of the glove, and also to the construction and arrangement of the padding of the glove, of the interior and exterior of the inner part of the hand of the glove, and the construction and arrangement of the padding on the inner part and around the ends of the fingers of the glove, as hereinafter described.

My invention is explained by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a front view of the glove, and Fig. 2 represents the back of the glove shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 represents a longitudinal section through the hand and one of the fingers of the glove, drawn on line X X of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 represents a cross section through the hand of the glove, drawn on line Y Y of Fig. 1. Fig. 5 represents a cross section of one of the fingers of the glove.

Like parts are represented by the same reference-letters throughout the several views.

In gloves as ordinarily constructed it is common to form the seams upon the interior surface of the glove. By my improvement the seams A A upon the respective sides of the fingers and the seams B B upon the respective sides of the hands are preferably formed upon the outside of the glove, whereby the glove is more flexible and the interior surface is smoother than is otherwise the case when the seam is formed upon the interior of the glove. When the body C of the glove is completed, a piece of heavy chinchilla cloth, D, is first placed upon the inside of the glove between the wrist and the fingers, when the same is covered by a piece of soft flexible doeskin or similar material, E, which also extends from the wrist to the joints of the fingers upon the inside of the glove. I then place two layers

of heavy chinchilla cloth, F and G, upon the outside of the glove C, which forms an exterior padding to the hand of the glove, over which is a covering of buckskin or other flexible material, H, which extends from the wrist to the joints of the fingers upon the inside of the hand, as indicated in Figs. 1 and 3. The exterior coverings to the paddings E and H, when secured in place around their edges, are preferably stitched together by a series of stitches; *a a*, in the ordinary manner. The inner surface of the fingers of the glove are also provided with a padding consisting of two layers of chinchilla cloth, I and J, upon which is an exterior covering, K, which padding and covering extend from the joints of the fingers to and around the ends of the fingers and back a slight distance upon the exterior of the ends of the fingers, terminating at *b*, which represents the stitches by which the covering is secured to the cloth. The padding I and J terminates at *d*, and is in no way connected with the padding of the hand, but is formed in separate and independent pieces from the padding upon the hand of the glove, whereby the joints of the fingers are more flexible than they would otherwise be if the padding of the hand and fingers were formed in a single piece, as the fingers may be readily bent without bending the padding. The back of the glove is left open at L, so that the glove will not come in contact with the knuckle-joints of the hand of the wearer, and the glove is thereby rendered more flexible. The exterior covering, H, of the hand and the covering K of the fingers are secured together above the padding by the seam M. It is obvious that by thus securing the padding around the ends of the fingers and thumb of the glove, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, it forms a cushion to the ends of the fingers, which prevents them from being injured by contact with the ball, and they also protect the seam A of the glove when the glove is brought in contact with the ground, as is frequently the case when attempting to stop a rolling ball.

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

1. In a ball-catcher's glove, the combination of the body of the glove C, having an opening, L, in the back of the hand thereof, interior

padding, D, and retaining-cover E, one or more exterior layers of padding, F and G, and exterior covering, H, extending from the wrist to the fingers upon the inside of the hand of the glove, and secured thereto by a series of stitches, one or more exterior layers of finger-padding, I and J, and covering K, extending from the joints of the fingers upon the inside of the hand to and over the ends of the fingers, and stitched to the back of the fingers of the glove, all substantially as and for the purpose specified.

2. The combination of the body of the glove C, having opening L upon the back side thereof, and having side seams A around the fingers and side seams B around the hand, turned outward or formed upon the exterior of the glove, in combination with the interior padding, D, and covering E, located upon the inside of the hand of the glove, and exterior

padding F and G and covering H, extending from the wrist to the hand of the glove, and exterior padding I and J and covering K, located upon the inside of the fingers of the glove, said finger padding and cover and said hand padding and covering respectively terminating and forming a flexible joint at the roots of the fingers of the glove, said padding I and J and covering K being secured around the inner surface and over the ends of the fingers of the glove, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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

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