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PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION.

**Improvements in or relating to Gloves or Gauntlets Used in
Football Playing.**

I, WILLIAM SYKES, of the Yorkshire Athletic Manufactory, Horbury, near Wakefield, in the County of York, Manufacturer of Footballs, Cricket Bats and Balls, do hereby declare the nature of the said invention for "IMPROVEMENTS IN OR RELATING TO GLOVES OR GAUNTLETS USED IN FOOTBALL PLAYING," to be as follows:—

The object of this invention is to provide a glove or gauntlet that will effectually protect from accident the hands and wrists of the goal keepers when playing football.

It consists in forming the body or glove proper of leather, or any other suitable material and attaching or fixing on the outside of a portion of the palm and fingers, layers or strips of india rubber, or other elastic or flexible material in such a manner that when the hand is folded or closed in the glove the fingers are protected from the first joint down to and beyond the knuckles. Also the palm of the hand and the thumb that is exposed beyond where the fingers fold onto the palm are in like manner protected by a layer or layers of india rubber, or the like material. The gauntlet or wrist portion of the glove is protected by strips of cane in the usual manner. The glove is also provided with suitable ventilators, and made to button tightly at the back on the wrist.

It will be readily seen by the use of the herein described glove that a thorough protection is afforded to the goal keeper's hands against any liability to accident from the ball or players; and renders the duty of this player much easier than by using the naked hand; also the person wearing them will be more capable of defending his goal against the attacks of the opposing players by virtue of the elasticity or springing power of the india rubber which materially assists in driving back the ball.

Dated this fifteenth day of June 1885.

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COMPLETE SPECIFICATION.

Improvements in or relating to Gloves or Gauntlets Used in Football Playing.

I, WILLIAM SYKES, of Horbury near Wakefield in the County of York Manufacturer of Athletic goods, do hereby declare the nature of my invention for the above named improvements and in what manner the same is to be performed, to be particularly described and ascertained in and by the following statement:—

I make a Glove from Chamois, Dogskin, Cashmere or other suitable material, the 5 inside of which is shown by fig. 1, and as it appears on the palm of the hand; fig. 3 is the back of the glove. The parts marked "A" represent the Chamois or other materials of which the glove is made, and the parts marked "B" the covering of sheet or corrugated India Rubber, which extends to the top joint of the fingers, or placed in what other ways may seem desirable in order to act as an efficient 10 protection to the players hands. It is secured tightly on the hand by buttoning at the back of the glove as shown in fig. 3. Fig. 2 is a section showing side view of the glove back and front when completed. Figure 5 shows a glove made from cashmere, the finger ends being cut away to the first or bottom joint and also the thumb, thus enabling the player to have a ready grasp of the ball when it is 15 required to be picked up. The parts "C" represent the cashmere and "B" the India rubber; this style is without any button or fastener, but if made in leather will button like fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a side view of fig. 5.

The glove described as figs. 1 and 2 is for goal-keepers in the Association game, and by virtue of the India rubber covering will afford a thorough protection to the 20 goal keeper's hands, which are exposed when uncovered to great danger. The springing qualities of the rubber also render the work of this player much easier by enabling him to effectively drive back the ball.

The glove described as fig. 5 is for the use of players in the Rugby game, the fingers being cut away so as to adapt it to one of the principal requirements, 25 namely, successfully picking up the ball. It allows great freedom to the player, is neat on the hand and will not interfere with any of his other duties in the game.

Having now particularly described and ascertained the nature of my said Invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed, I declare that what 30 I claim is:—

1. The construction of gloves or gauntlets as described by figs. 1, 3, and 5, solely for the use of players in the Rugby and Association games of Football.
2. The sole use of India rubber as a protective covering for gloves or gauntlets 35 used in Football playing.

Dated this 12th day of March 1886.

WILLIAM SYKES.

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FIG. 1.

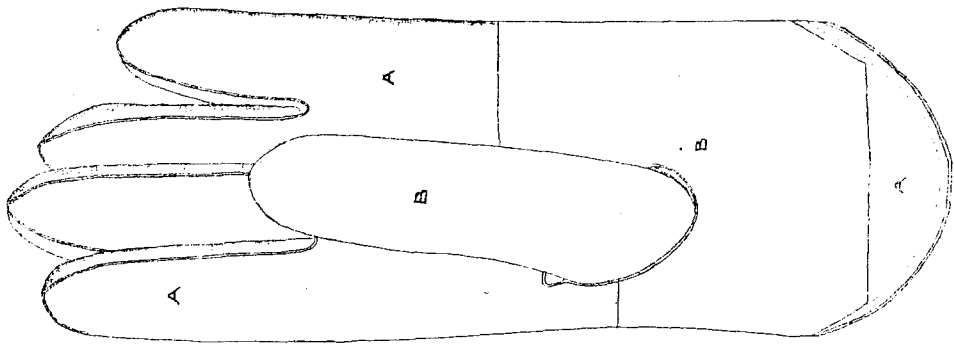


FIG. 2.



FIG. 3.

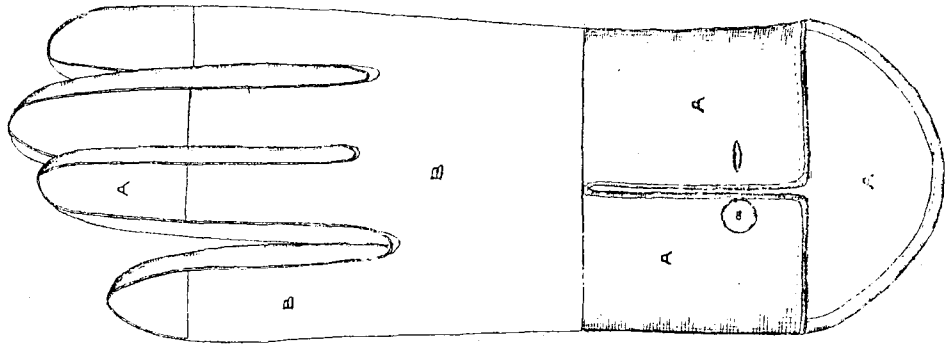


FIG. 4.

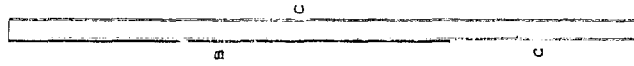


FIG. 5.

