

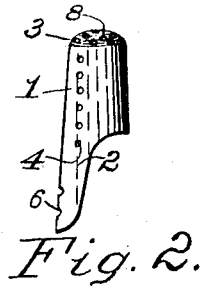
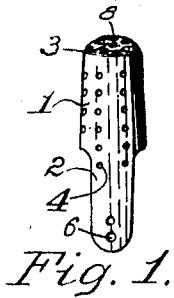
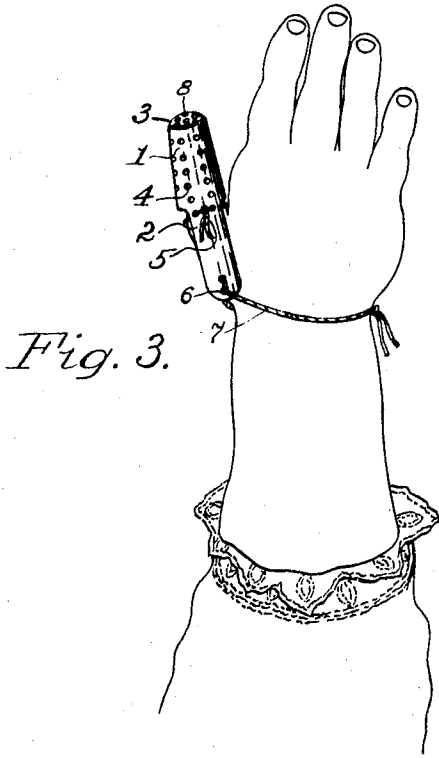
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THUMB-SUCKING PREVENTIVE FOR BABIES.

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My invention relates to improvements in thumb sucking preventives for babies, and the object of my improvement is to provide a superior device of this class, in which the device is shaped to be self-seating on thumbs of different shapes and sizes while remaining loose enough to permit the passage of air around the thumb therein, to prevent a vacuum due to sucking, by causing the infant to desist unsatisfied.

This object I have accomplished by the means which are hereinafter described and claimed, and which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which Figs. 1 and 2 are respectively elevations taken at an angle of ninety degrees from each other of said device, without the fastening cords. Fig. 3 is a diminished view of the device as mounted upon a baby's thumb and fastened by cords to its thumb and wrist.

The device is a coned closed end cup 1, made of some light and non-corrodible substance, such as "bakelite" or the like, and has one side partially removed to leave a projection 2, integral with its body part. The closed end 3 is supplied with numerous distributed small apertures 4, and the body part below said closed end is provided all around the numerous like apertures 4. Apertures 6 are provided in the terminal tip of the projection 2.

When the cup is mounted upon a thumb loosely, a cord 5 may be passed through apertures 4 and then tied around the thumb below the first joint, and another cord 7

may be passed through the apertures 6 and tied around the wrist of the child, these fastenings preventing displacement of the cup while allowing it to set loosely upon the thumb.

When the infant tries to suck the cup 1, air is drawn through it freely which prevents a vacuum forming, so the child derives no satisfaction from its sucking, and is weaned from the habit at once.

As the device is a single piece structure, it is inexpensive and has no parts which may injure the child or become entangled with its clothing.

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

A device of the character described, comprising in combination, an elongated downwardly widened thumb covering having a rigid smooth walled body and a depending integral smooth stem on one side, the upper end of the covering being closed and provided with small apertures, the outer side wall of the covering above and in line with said stem having small apertures, a flexible fastening device connected detachably to the neck part of said stem to fasten the device upon the wearer's thumb releasably, and another flexible fastening device connected detachably to the lower terminal of said stem to fasten the device upon the wearer's wrist releasably.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.  
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