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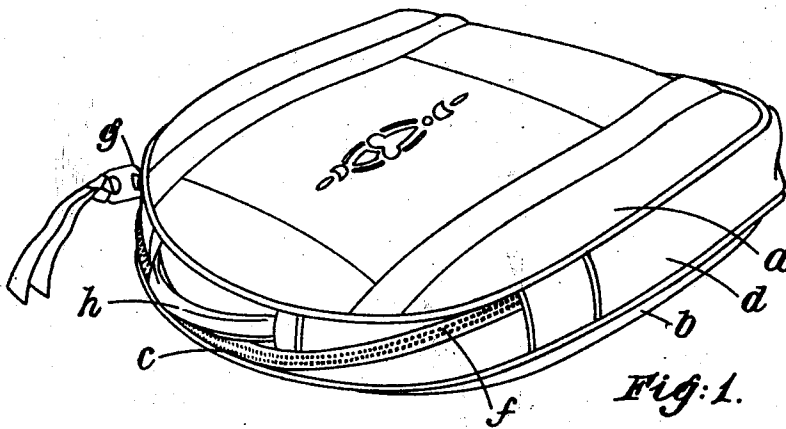


Fig: 1.

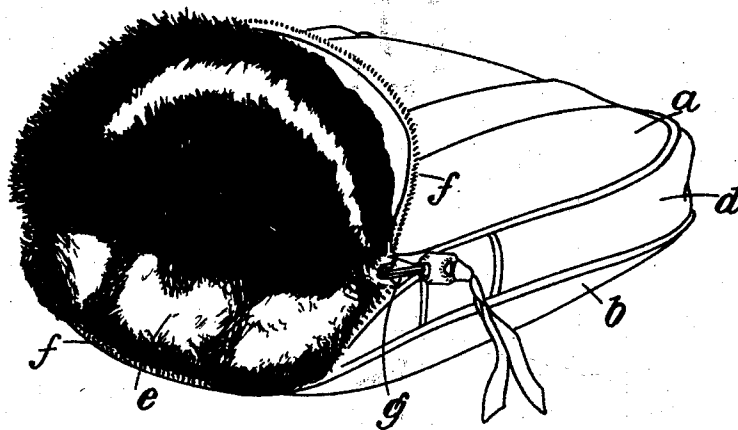


Fig:2.

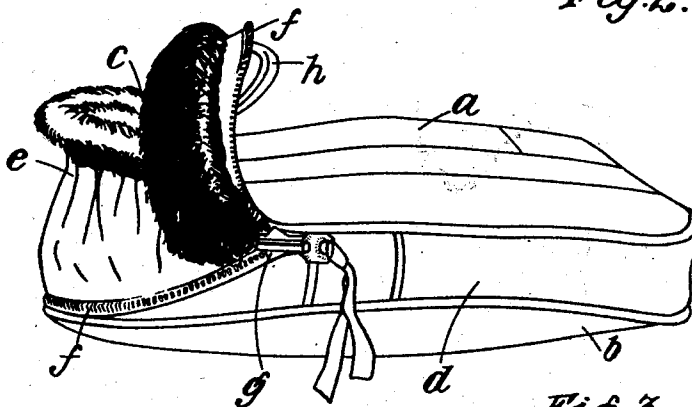


Fig: 3.

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This invention relates to a new or improved article of manufacture which is capable of use for such widely different purposes, as a seat cushion, or as a foot-muff or as an emergency hand-bag, carrier, or holder.

Exteriorly, the improved article when closed, has all the characteristics of an ordinary seat or back cushion and can be of any desired shape in plan such as circular, D-shaped or the like. It can moreover be made of or covered with leather, fabric or other appropriate material.

Interiorly, the article is lined with some suitable soft and warm material such as sheepskin, the top and bottom parts being only connected with each other around their edges.

Access to the interior when it is desired to use the article as a foot-muff, bag or container, is obtained through a peripheral mouth or opening of substantial width, the formation of which is such that the upper part may be raised and turned back to facilitate the insertion of the feet.

In order to facilitate a clear understanding of the invention reference is made in describing the same to the accompanying drawing, wherein,

Figure 1 is a general view of the new or improved article of manufacture when in use as a seat cushion.

Figures 2 and 3 are front and side views respectively of the same when in use as a foot-muff.

Referring to the drawing, it will be seen that the improved article of manufacture comprising the subject matter of this invention is distinguished from an ordinary pad or cushion, which is one of the purposes it is intended to serve, in that there is no independent filling, the two main parts *a*, *b*, constituting the upper and lower portions or elements of the article being lined on the inside with some suitable soft and warm material, such as fur or sheepskin, and only permanently connected together around a part of their peripheries, the remaining part being detachably connected together to provide a mouth or opening *c* so that when required

the article may serve either as a foot-muff or a bag or container.

The top and bottom parts or members *a*, *b*, of the improved article, which may be made of leather, fabric or the like, lined as aforesaid, can be secured together around the greater part of their edges either directly, or by means of a peripheral wall *d* of any desired depth, in which case the detachably connected portion or mouth *c* terminates at each end, as shown, at or near the junction of the upper part *a* with the peripheral wall *d* so that the latter does not interfere with the turning back of the upper part when the mouth is opened, as shown in Figures 2 and 3.

The bottom part *b* may be provided at the mouth with a lip *e* which is normally tucked inside the article but which, when the article is used as a foot muff, can be pulled outwardly into a position in which it encloses the heels and ankles as shown more clearly in Figure 3. This lip, which may be made of leather, is preferably also lined with fur or some other soft and warm material and may be made elastic by incorporating within it an india rubber band or spring so that after the feet are inserted in the muff the lip conforms closely around and effectually encloses the ankles.

The mouth can be retained in the closed position in any suitable manner as by means of the Kynock lightning fastener *f*, or by dome or snap fasteners. In the former case the mouth may be opened or closed by means of a single slide *g* as shown, or by means of a pair of oppositely movable slides in which case the said slides may each carry a strap adapted when the mouth or opening is closed to be joined together to form a handle whereby the article may be carried as when in use as a bag or container.

Alternatively, the handle *h* may as shown be permanently secured to the upper part of the article in the immediate vicinity of the mouth.

Instead of a fastener of the type shown, one or other of the edges of the mouth or opening can be formed or provided with a flap adapted, when the mouth is closed, to be

secured by a strap attached to the other edge and passed through slits in the flap, its other end being secured by a buckle, snap fastener, button or the like. The portion of the strap
5 between the slits forms a handle. As already mentioned, when the improved article is not required for other purposes it can be advantageously employed as a receptacle for various kinds of goods, either for the pur-
10 poses of storage or transit.

I claim:

1. As a new article of manufacture a hollow casing of flexible material lined on the inside with soft and warm material and hav-
15 ing a peripheral mouth or opening furnished with a withdrawable lip and with means for opening and closing said mouth.

2. As a new article of manufacture a flat hollow casing comprising upper and lower
20 members of flexible material lined on the inside with some soft and warm material and permanently secured together only around a part of their edges, a withdrawable lip carried by the unsecured part of the edge of the
25 lower member and adapted when the article is used as a cushion to be tucked in between the upper and lower members, and means for releasably securing together the unconnected parts of said edges.

3. As a new article of manufacture a flat hollow casing comprising upper and lower
30 members of flexible material lined on the inside with some soft and warm material secured together only at the edges and having a peripheral mouth, a withdrawable lip ar-
35 ranged in said mouth and having an elastic free edge and means for opening and closing said mouth.

4. As a new article of manufacture a flat
40 hollow casing comprising upper and lower members of flexible material lined on the inside with some soft and warm material and connected together at the edges by a pe-
45 ripheral wall having a mouth or opening terminating at each end at the junction between said wall and the upper member, a withdraw-
able lip arranged in said mouth and having an elastic free edge, a handle for carrying the
50 article and means for opening and closing said mouth.

5. As a new article of manufacture, a hol-
low casing of flexible material having a pe-
55 ripheral mouth opening, means for closing said opening, a flexible lip adjacent said mouth opening, and means extending about the free edge portion of said lip for drawing the latter snugly about a body member in-
serted in said mouth opening.

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