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Fig. 1.



Fig. 3.

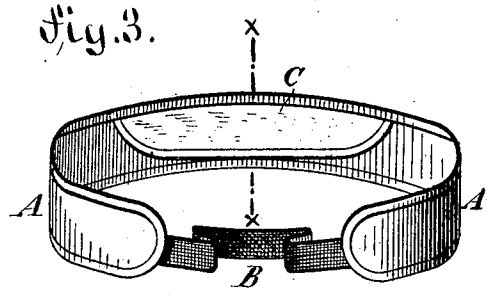


Fig. 4.

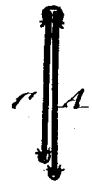


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS NEHEMIAS, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ear and Mouth Protectors, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in that class of articles used for covering the ears and other parts of the face in cold weather, for the purpose of protecting them.

The object of my invention is to provide a new and improved face-muff of simple construction, which may be adjusted to cover the ears, cheeks, and bottom part of the chin only, but may also be adjusted to cover the front of the chin and the mouth.

The invention consists in a band having its ends connected by an elastic strip, to which band a folding piece is fastened at the bottom front edge, as will be more fully described hereinafter, and finally be pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side view of my improved face-muff, showing the same adjusted for covering the mouth. Fig. 2 is a side view of the same, showing the same with mouth-flap folded. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of my improved face-muff. Fig. 4 is a cross-sectional view on line *x x*, Fig. 3, on an enlarged scale.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The band A, which may be made of velvet, corduroy, silk, or other suitable material, and may be padded or lined with fur or chamois-skin, plush, or like material, is at its ends connected by an elastic piece or strip, *b*. To the bottom front edge of the band A the mouth-flap C, which may be padded in the same manner as the band A, is stitched in such a manner as to permit of folding said mouth-flap on the inner side of the band A, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4. The ends of the mouth-flap are slightly tapered or rounded off, as shown. The band A is passed under the chin and placed against the sides of the head, so that its ends cover the ears, the parts being held in place by the elastic piece B, which passes over the top of the head and draws the band A under the chin, cheeks, and ears. In extremely cold or windy weather, when it is desirable to have the mouth protected, the mouth-flap C is turned up, as shown in Fig. 1, so that its free edge will be a short distance below the nose, thus completely covering the mouth and lower parts of the face without interfering with breathing and conversing.

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

An ear and mouth protector consisting of a band, an elastic piece connecting the ends of said band, and a mouth-flap fastened to the front edge of the band and adapted to be folded on the inside of the same, substantially as herein shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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