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FIG. 1

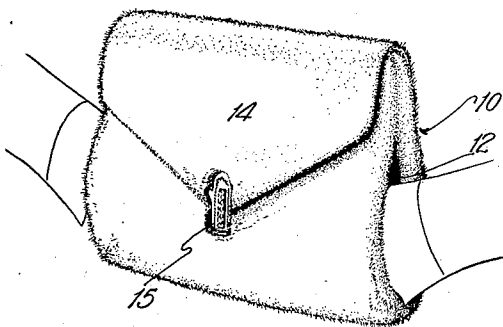


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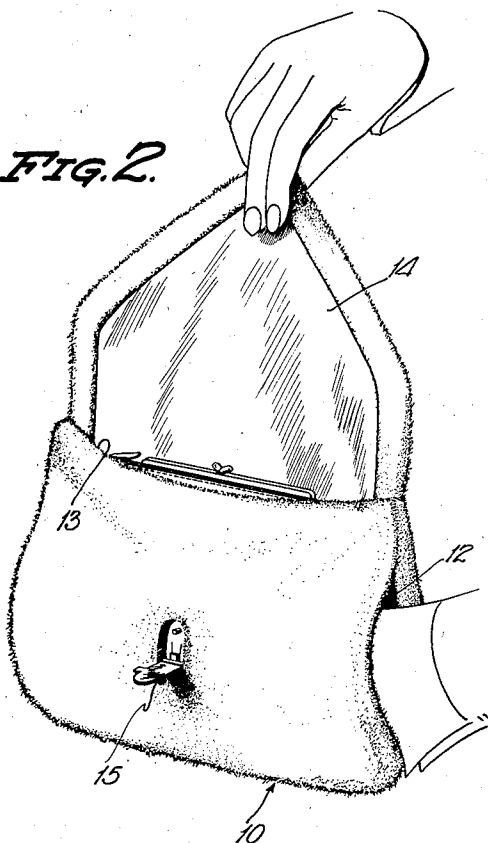
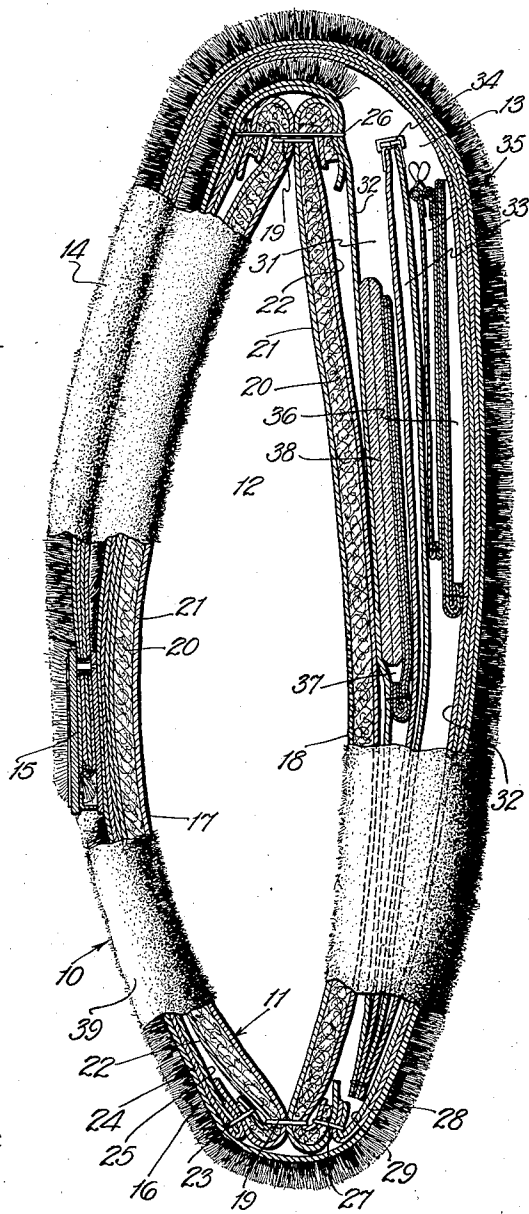


FIG. 3



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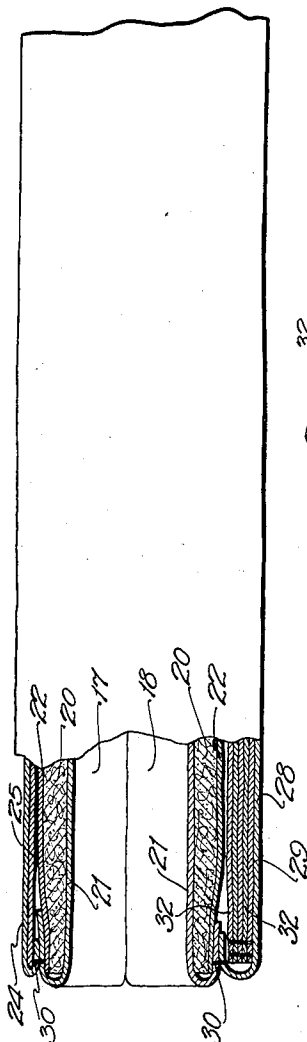


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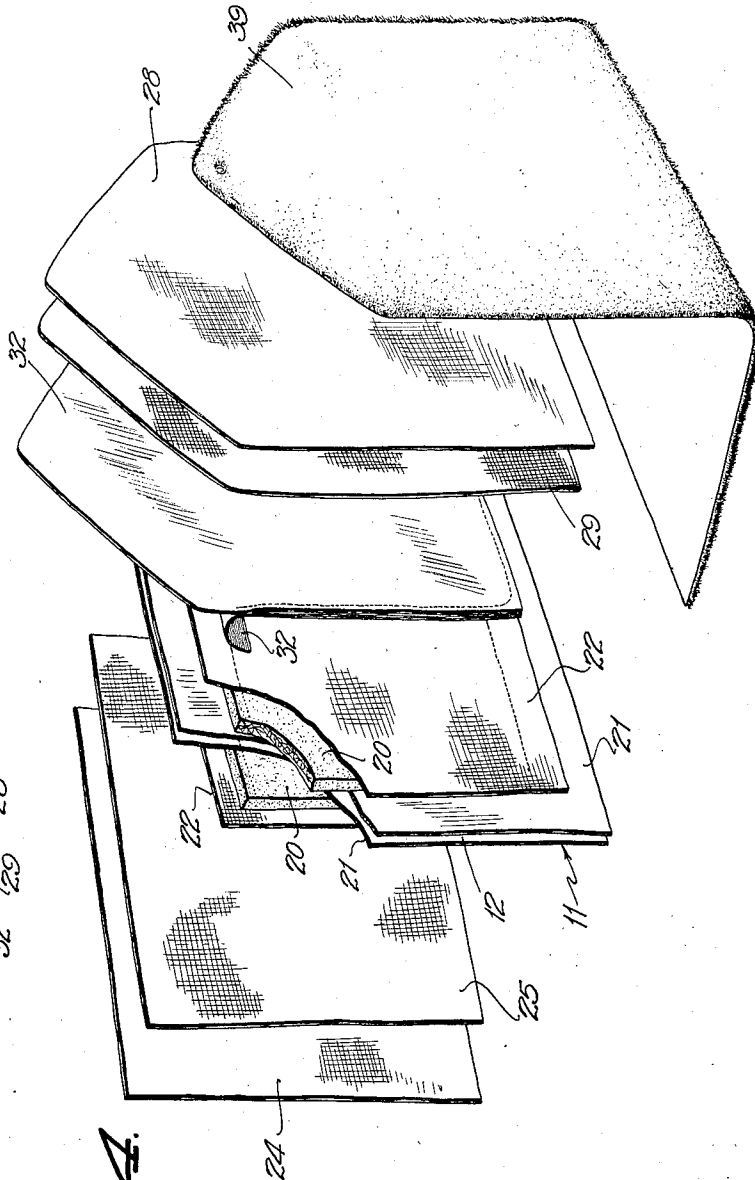


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This invention relates to improvements in muff bags.

I am aware that a combination fur muff and hand bag have heretofore been constructed and placed upon the market but in spite of its utility and style, the popularity of such article has been retarded due to the bulkiness of the same. It is therefore one of the main objects of this invention to provide a combined muff and bag which is relatively flat, will not become deformed by the carrying of heavy or bulky articles in the bag, and which is light of weight.

Another feature of the invention is to provide a combined muff and bag which consists of a flat padded bed to which any type of fur covering may be easily applied to match the particular fur of a ladies' fur coat. Such a muff bag together with a ladies' fur coat forms a stylish ensemble which avoids the necessity of carrying a leather or fabric hand bag which causes deterioration of the wearer's coat by reason of friction therebetween. Hence the life of a fur coat is lengthened by the wearer thereof carrying a muff bag.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a muff bag in which the walls of the muff are formed of flat fibrous pads to avoid the present practice of constructing the same of feathers or down stuffing which tends toward bulkiness distortion, and which is unsanitary due to the ever presence of bacteria therein which is inductive of mildew.

With these and other objects in view, the invention resides in the certain novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts, the essential features of which are hereinafter fully described, are particularly pointed out in the appended claims, and are illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the muff bag illustrating a carrier's hands inserted thereinto.

Figure 2 is a similar view but illustrating the manner in which the hand bag is opened.

Figure 3 is an enlarged end elevational view with parts in section.

Figure 4 is an extended perspective view of the parts from which the muff bag is constructed.

Figure 5 is a horizontal sectional view with parts in elevation.

Referring to the drawings by reference characters, the numeral 10 designates the muff bag in its entirety which includes broadly a muff bed 11, open throughout its length as at 12 to provide a hand compartment for the insertion of the carrier's hands through opposite ends thereof, a

purse pocket 13 provided at the rear side of the muff bed 11 and which opens at the top of the muff, a closure flap 14 foldable over the top of the muff to close the pocket 13 and to a position flat against the front of the muff and secured in a closed position by a clasp 15, the outer sides of the muff bed being covered with fur 16 of any desired style. The term "muff bed" above referred to identifies the entire article excepting the outer finishing covering of fur, and in the manufacture of the article, the muff beds may be manufactured for custom trade to enable the matching of the muff fur with that of a purchaser's fur coat.

The muff bed 11 includes a pair of identical 15 flat padded sections which will be referred to as a front section 17 and a rear section 18 stitched together adjacent their top and bottom edges as at 19.

Each padded section comprises a flat pad of 20 wadding 20 of cotton or like fibrous material, the fibers of which are so matted together to prevent distortion of the general shape of the pad to avoid bunching and uneven thickness during use of the article. The pad 20 is interposed between an inner lining 21 and an outer layer of buckram or other stiff but flexible material 22. These thicknesses of material are fastened together adjacent their top and bottom edges by the stitching 19 hereinbefore mentioned. The opposite ends of the lining 21 extend beyond the pad 20 and buckram 22 for folding inwardly for attachment to an outer covering about to be described. The flat padded sections 17 and 18 form the body of the muff 35 and the hand receiving pocket 12.

The top and bottom edges of the sections 17 and 18 beyond the lines of stitching 19 are folded outwardly and inwardly and stitched to the bottom edge of the section 17 as at 23 to the lower edge of a fabric covering 24 which is stiffened by an inner layer of buckram 25. The top of the covering 24 and its stiffener 25 is secured to the top of the section 17 by stitching 26 which is utilized for fastening an inner finishing lining to be presently described.

Stitched to the bottom edge of the section 18 as at 27 is a fabric covering 28 and a stiffener of buckram 29 but instead of being fastened to the section at the top in the manner described for the similar covering 24, the same is left free and is of a length to extend over the top of the section 18 to form the base of the closure flap 14.

The ends of the covering 24 and 28 are 55

stitched to the inwardly turned extending ends of the inner linings 21 as at 30 to finish off the open ends of the muff pocket 12.

By forming the flap 14 coextensive with the rear wall of the muff, the same may be swung to a closed position to overlap the front wall and close the purse pocket 31, the inner walls of the pocket being finished off with lining material 32 for concealing the buckram 22 of the section 18 and the reinforcing material 29. Contained within the purse pocket free of the front and back walls thereof is a large inner money pocket 33 closed by a slide fastener 34. A change purse 35 is attached to the outer wall of a handkerchief pocket 36 mounted on the rear wall of the purse pocket 31 while a mirror pocket 37 is carried by the front wall of the pocket 37 for containing a removable hand mirror 38.

The foregoing describes the construction of my improved muff bed which may be covered on the outside by a covering of fur 39 of any style, and in custom made muff bags, the fur will of course match the fur of the coat of the owner to complete a stylish ensemble. However, should it be desired to cover the outside of the muff bed with cloth to match a cloth coat, the same may be substituted for the fur.

By constructing the walls of the muff of flat wadding sufficient warmth is provided for the hands of the user, and also a relatively flat appearance is imparted to the article and retained during use thereof. The arrangement of the purse pocket at the rear of the muff permits the carrying of bulky articles therein without distorting the flat front and provides sufficient accommodation for the carrying of such personal requisites now carried by ladies in their purse, as use of the muff bag will dispense with the carrying of a separate purse. As shown in Figure 2, access may be conveniently obtained to the purse by unfastening of the clasp 15 and lifting of the closure flap 14.

As hereinbefore mentioned, by the use of flat cotton pads or other like fibrous material, I avoid the present practice of constructing the

walls of the muff bag of feather and/or down stuffing which is unsanitary due to the presence of bacteria therein and which when becoming wet or damp produces mildew. In lieu of cotton to form the flat pads, other fibrous materials, such as floss fibre, wool fibres, silk fibres, soft flax, fine Indian burlap fibres, pyroxylin fibres, rayon fibres, or cellulose compounds (imitation silk fibres) may be used.

While I have shown and described what I consider to be the preferred embodiment of my invention, I wish it to be understood that such changes as come within the scope of the appended claims may be resorted to if desired.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is:—

1. An article of apparel comprising a substantially flat tubular muff body formed of a pair of flat relatively stiff padded sections said sections including horizontal and vertical edges, said vertical edges being free of each other for receiving the hands of the user, and stitching passing through the material of the padded sections along their horizontal edges for securing said sections together.

2. An article of apparel comprising a substantially flat tubular muff body, said muff body being formed of a pair of padded sections in sheet form between which the hands of the user are adapted for insertion, a sheet of stiffening material at one side of the padded sections and stitching passing through the material of the padded sections adjacent their top and bottom edges for securing said sections together.

3. A combined muff and pocket book comprising a muff bed formed of a pair of duplicate flat pads of fibrous material, stitching passing through the pad material adjacent their top and bottom edges to secure the pads together, the ends of the pads being separable to receive the hands of the user, and a cover for the pads, said cover being spaced from one of the pads to form a pocket between the cover and said pad.

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