

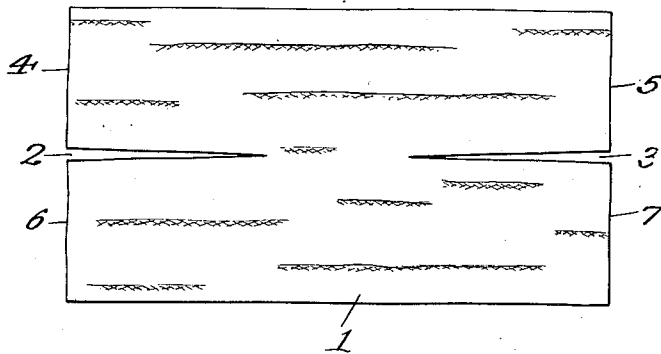
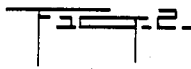
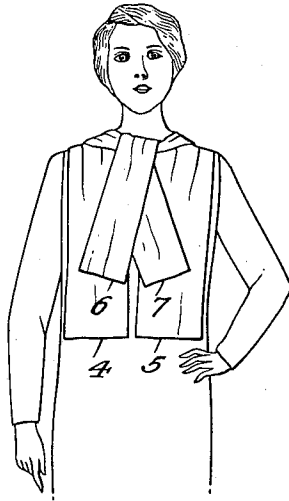
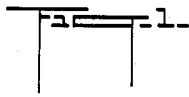
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This invention relates to scarfs or mufflers, particularly those made of light and more or less sheer material and adapted to be worn around the neck of a man or woman during cold or inclement weather, and are especially devised to overcome certain defects in scarfs of the usual form heretofore worn.

The article of the present invention is particularly adapted to be placed over the usual clothing of the person wearing the same, but under the neck portion of heavy outer garments, such as overcoats or cloaks. It is particularly efficient to overcome the cumbersome nature of scarfs heretofore worn, in that it can be easily tied to hold the neck portion in position, while at the same time other portions and ends of the scarf may be allowed to cover the shoulders and drape over the chest or breast of the wearer without producing any enlargements or uncomfortable bunches of material. This arrangement not only protects the neck and shoulders of the wearer from winds and cold air, but also protects the linen of the collar and the shirt material so that no coloring matter or dirt is transferred thereto by the usual friction.

This invention involves a very simple but effective and, to the best of my knowledge, an unthoughtof improvement in scarfs to be worn for ornamental purposes as well as for protecting the neck and clothing of the wearer. I am well aware that heretofore it has been sought to produce such articles of personal wear as veils to go over the head and face of the wearer, chest protectors, hoods and capes, but I believe that I am the first to so design an ornamental scarf of light or silken material so that it may be comfortable and easily worn around the neck without producing objectionable and uncomfortable accumulations of fabric at undesired places. In fact, I believe that my improved scarf is the first one which gives to the article, when worn, the pleasing appearance of a neck scarf similar to such articles formerly worn and known as "Ascot ties". With these results and characteristics inherent in my improved scarf, I believe that my invention constitutes a radical departure from and an improvement over similar scarfs heretofore used.

For a detailed description of one form of my invention which I now deem desirable, reference may be had to the following specification and drawing forming a part thereof, in which

Fig. 1 is a view of a person wearing my improved scarf before an overcoat or outer garment is donned;

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same, spread out flat.

Referring to the drawing, the numeral 1 indicates a piece of suitable or usual fabric, such as silk or wool, which is preferably slightly elongated so as to constitute a scarf or muffler. This

piece of material is divided or separated along a medial longitudinal line toward the central portion, as indicated by the numerals 2 and 3, the remaining undivided section being approximately equal to the length of a normal collar for a man or woman. This construction produces four free ends, as indicated by the numerals 4, 5, 6 and 7. This arrangement may be brought about by either slitting or cutting one integral piece of material and binding or hemming the edges thereof, or may be produced by uniting two separate strips having selvages, adjacent the middle where the unseparated portion of the scarf exists.

When this scarf is worn it is preferably applied to the body of the wearer by placing the scarf around the neck and over the shoulders and allowing the ends 4 and 5 to hang down smoothly along the chest of the wearer, as indicated in Fig. 1. The ends 6 and 7 are then brought together and tied in any preferred manner, but preferably by looping one end over the other so as to form an effect similar to that of an Ascot tie, as indicated in Fig. 1.

The unitary part of the scarf adjacent the center may be of various lengths, if desired, to correspond to necks or collars of different sizes.

Having thus described this form of my invention, what I claim and desire to protect by Letters Patent, is:

1. A scarf, comprising a suitable piece of light, ornamental scarf material, said piece being divided on a medial line from opposite edges toward the center which is unitary at the portion which surrounds the neck, for the purposes set forth.

2. A scarf, comprising an elongated rectangular piece of light, ornamental scarf material for encircling the neck only of the wearer, said piece being divided on a medial line from opposite edges toward the center which is unitary at the part forming the sides and rear of the portion which surrounds the neck, for the purposes set forth.

3. A scarf, comprising an elongated rectangular piece of light, ornamental scarf material for encircling the neck only of the wearer, said piece being divided by narrow slits on a medial line from opposite ends toward the center which is unitary for a distance on said medial line equal to the approximate circumference of a normal collar.

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