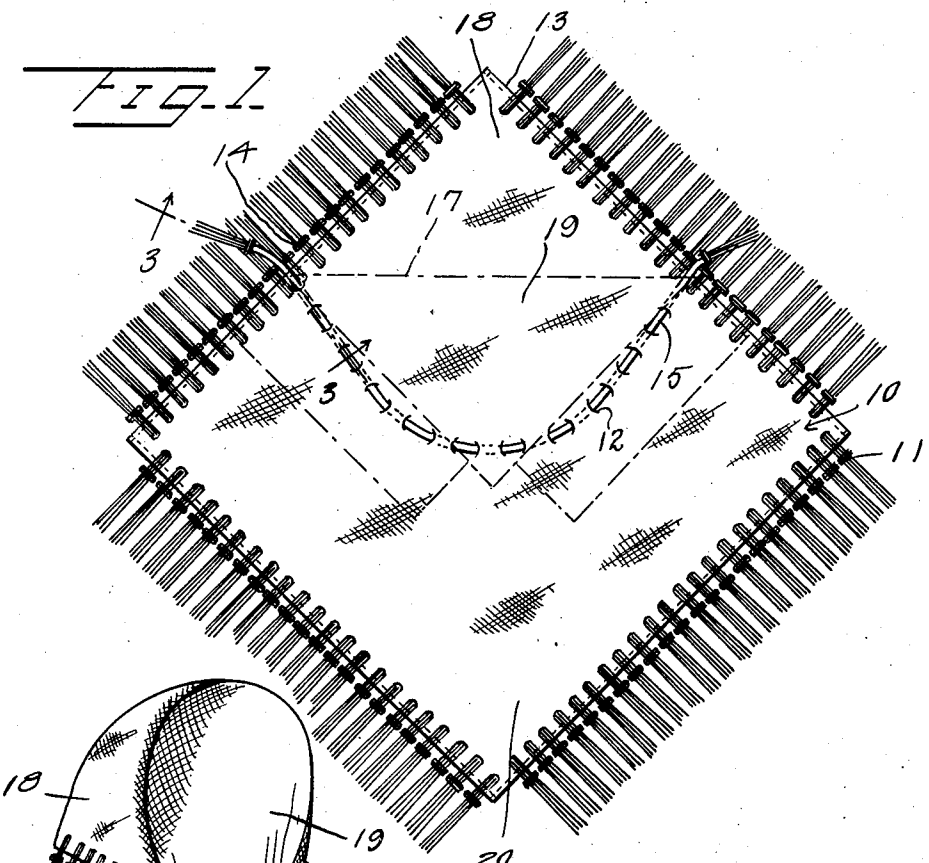
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Fig. 1.



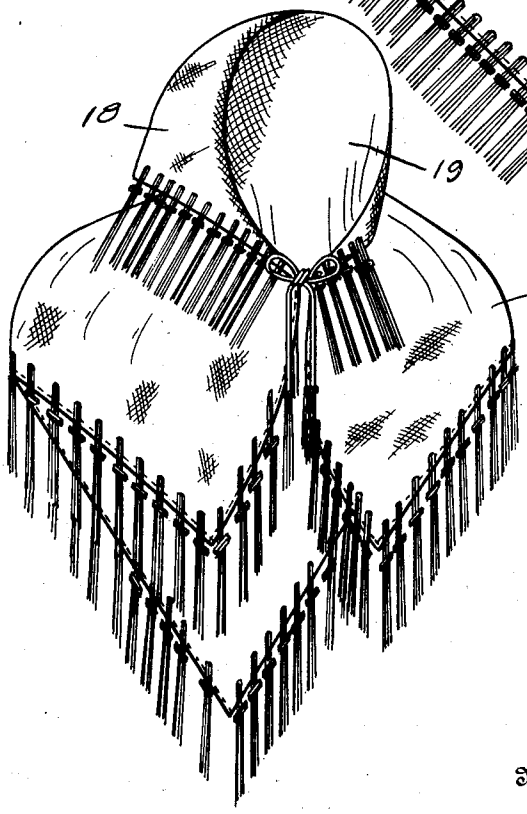


Fig. 2.

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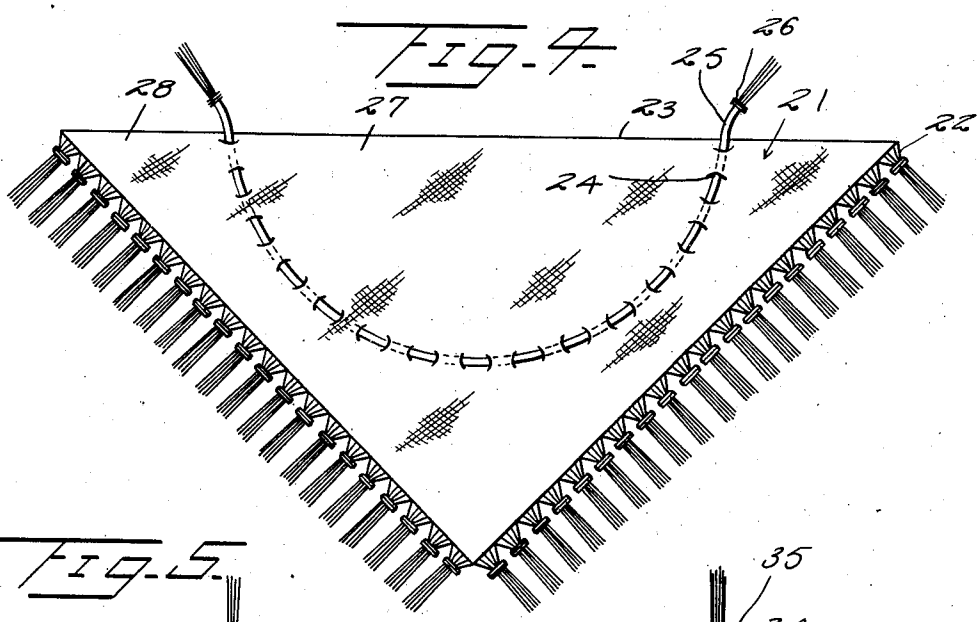


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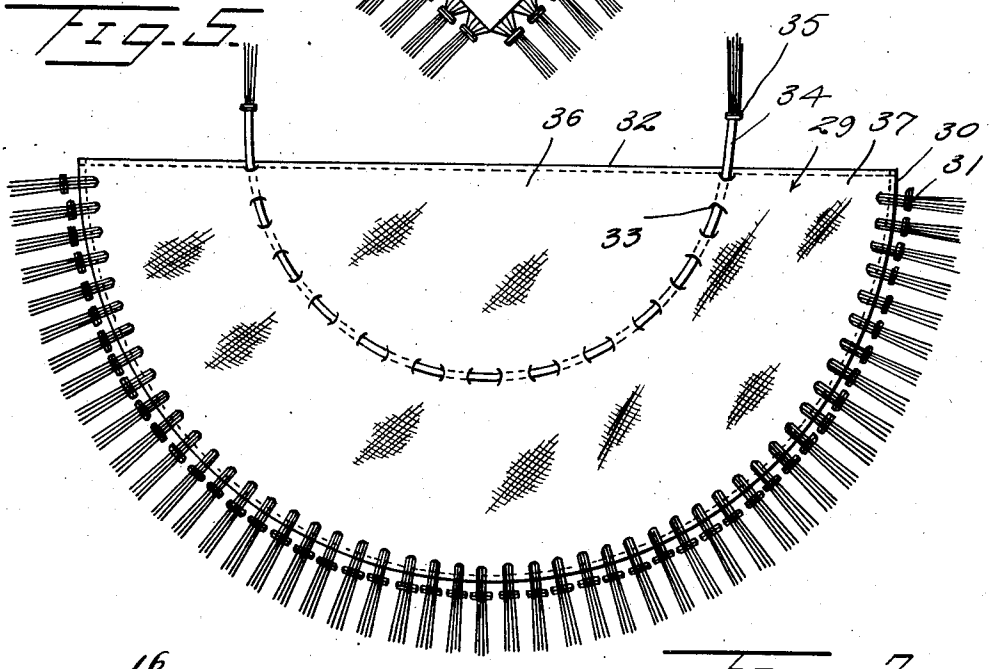
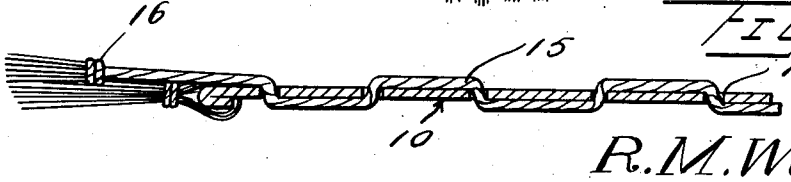


FIG. 3.



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1 Claim. (Cl. 2—203)

This invention relates to garments or wearing apparel and more particularly to a shawl which is selectively convertible into a headpiece and after use as a headpiece may be easily reconverted to a shawl.

An object of this invention is to provide a combined shawl and headpiece which may be worn either as a conventional shawl or may be worn as a headpiece or hood having a skirt or shoulder covering lower portion.

Another object of this invention is to provide an article of this kind which is formed out of fabric which may be of woven or knitted material, and threading a draw cord through the fabric in such a manner that when the cord is drawn, that portion of the fabric within the area of the cord will assume the configuration of a hood for wearing on the head, and that portion of the fabric outwardly of the draw cord will be draped about the shoulders of the wearer.

A further object of this invention is to provide a fabric body which, in extended or shawl forming position, may be in any suitable configuration for wearing the fabric as a shawl, and which in converted position will have a portion thereof constricted to form a hood or headpiece part.

With the foregoing and such other objects in view as may hereinafter more fully appear, the invention consists of the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts as will be more specifically referred to and illustrated in the accompanying drawings wherein is shown an embodiment of the invention, but it is to be understood that changes, variations and modifications may be resorted to which fall within the scope of the invention, as claimed.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a plan view of a convertible shawl and hood constructed according to an embodiment of this invention.

Figure 2 is a perspective view from the front of the structure converted into a hood.

Figure 3 is an enlarged fragmentary sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a plan view of a modified form of this invention.

Figure 5 is a plan view of a further modification of this invention.

Referring to the drawings the numeral 10 designates generally the body of a fabric which, in the present instances is substantially square in plan and which is provided about the marginal edge portions thereof with fringe members 11. The fabric 10 may be either a woven or knitted fabric and in one manner of using the fabric it may be draped over and about the shoulders of the wearer after the manner of a conventional shawl.

The fabric 10 is provided with a series of openings 12 which are arranged arcuately and extend from one edge 13 to an adjacent right angular edge 14. A draw cord 15 is threaded through the openings 12 and has the opposite ends thereof formed with knots 16 so as to prevent fraying of the cord ends and also to prevent pulling out of the cord after it has once been threaded through the openings 12. When the fabric 10 is to be converted into a headpiece the fabric 10 is folded along the dotted line 17 which extends from the terminal ends of the openings 12. The reverted portion 18 is adapted to be outermost and the area 19 within the arc described by the openings 12 is adapted to be shaped as shown in Figure 2 as a hood and to be positioned over the head of the wearer. When the cord 15 is drawn tightly about the neck of the wearer the fabric portion 19 will constitute the hood portion of the fabric and that portion 20 which is outwardly of the arc described by the openings 12 constitutes the skirt portion of the headpiece which is adapted to be draped about the shoulders of the wearer.

Referring now to Figure 4 there is disclosed a fabric, generally designated as 21, which is triangular in plan and is formed about two edges thereof with a fringe 22. The fabric 21, along the base line 23, is not provided with any fringe and the base line 23, when the device is used as a headpiece, constitutes the front edge of the fabric. The fabric 21 is formed with an arcuate series of openings 24 extending from the base edge 23 and a draw cord 25 is threaded through the openings 24 and extends slightly beyond the base line 23 with the free ends of the cord 25 formed with knots 26. The segment 27, within the arc described by the openings 24, constitutes the headpiece portion of the fabric 21, and the outer portion 28 which lies outside of the arc formed by the openings 24, constitutes the skirt or draping portion of the fabric 21 when it is used as a headpiece. The cord 25 is adapted to be drawn, as shown in Figure 2, with respect to the cord 15, and at this time the headpiece portion 27 will assume substantially the configuration of the headpiece portion 19 for the fabric 10.

Referring to Figure 5 there is disclosed a fabric 29 which is substantially semi-circular in plan and is provided about the arcuate edge 30 thereof with a fringe 31. The diameter 32 constitutes the front edge of the fabric 29 when used as a

headpiece and the fabric 29 is formed inwardly of the outer arcuate marginal edge 30 thereof with an arcuate series of openings 33. A draw cord 34, formed with knots 35 adjacent the opposite ends thereof, is threaded through the openings 33 so that the headpiece portion 36 within the area described by the openings 33, will assume the configuration of the headpiece 19, as shown in Figure 2. That portion 37 of the fabric 29, outside of the arc described by the openings 33, constitutes the shoulder covering portion of the fabric when used as a headpiece.

The article hereinbefore described will provide a dual article of wearing apparel in that the fabric, in extended form, may be worn as a conventional shawl or, if desired, the fabric may be worn as a headpiece with the outer portions of the fabric draped over the shoulders. The fabric will provide a dual purpose article of wearing apparel which may be worn as a sportswear article or as evening wear. The fabric may be formed out of any suitable material and may have any desired configuration when in extended or shawl forming form and may be constructed either with or without the fringe which is an article of trimming. The fabric may be either knit or woven and may be either single or double ply, depending upon the desires of the wearer and the weight of the material used in forming the fabric.

What I claim is:

As a new article of manufacture, a convertible shawl headpiece comprising a square-shaped fabric body, and a draw cord threaded through said body on an arc, the opposite ends of the arc formed by said draw cord being disposed inwardly of the junction of a pair of sides of the body, the triangular portion of the fabric formed by a line drawn between the ends of the arc and said junction being foldable in overlapping portion over the area of the fabric within said arc to thereby provide a double thickness hood portion, the folded edge formed by overlapping said triangular portion constituting the forward edge of the hood portion.

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