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Fig. 1.

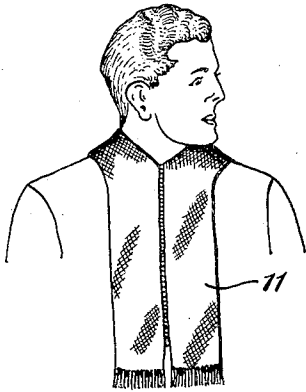


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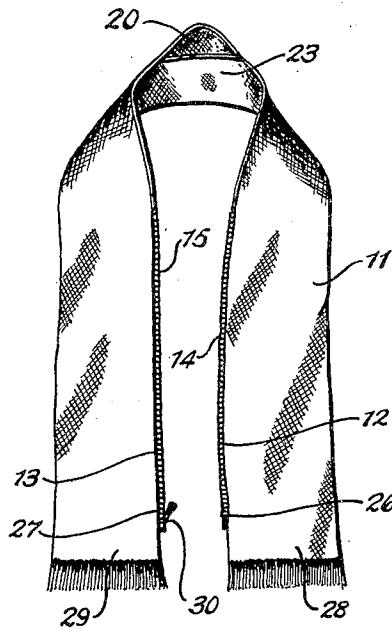
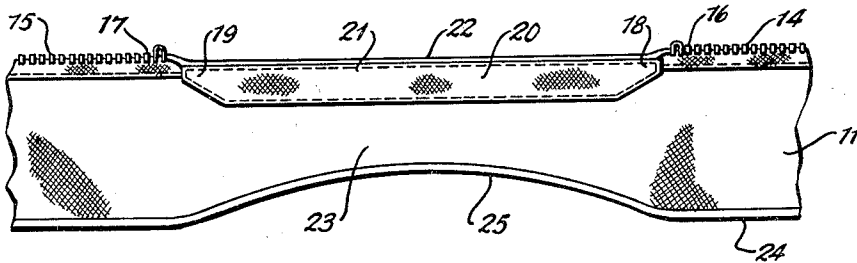


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There is disclosed in the following specification and the drawings accompanying the same and forming a part of this application for patent, an invention the primary purpose of which is to provide a scarf so formed as to tightly, smoothly, and closely adjust itself to the neck, shoulders, and chest of a user.

This invention has for another object to provide a scarf the opposing inner edges of which are provided with slide fastener members extending from the lower ends of the scarf to a rear reinforcing member for the scarf.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a scarf arcuately reduced at the rear or intermediate portion of the scarf in order to fit snugly and smoothly to the back of the neck portion of a user.

Other features and advantages will become more readily apparent from the following description and the accompanying illustrative drawings in which:

Figure 1 is an elevational view of the invention shown as applied,

Figure 2 is a front elevational view shown detached, and

Figure 3 is an inner plan view, the ends being broken away.

While one embodiment of the invention is illustrated in the above referred to drawings, it is to be understood that they are merely for the purpose of illustration and that various changes in construction may be resorted to in the course of manufacture in order that the invention may be utilized to the best advantage according to circumstances which may arise, without in any way departing from the spirit and intention of the device which is to be limited only in accordance with the appended claim. And while there is stated the primary field of utility of the invention it remains obvious that it may be employed in any other capacity wherein it may be found applicable.

In the accompanying drawings, and in the following specification, the same reference characters are used to designate the same parts and elements throughout. A knitted scarf 11 is provided with inner edges 12 and 13 to which are attached slide fastener members 14 and 15. The upper ends 16 and 17 of the slide fastener elements terminate at the ends 18 and 19 of a non-elastic reinforcing band 20. The upper edge 21 of the band is stitched to the upper edge 22 of the scarf at its center portion 23. The lower edge 24 of the scarf is formed with an arcuate recess below the member 20, as indicated at 25,

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in order to fit the shoulders of a wearer without doubling up or creasing, whereby a flat, smooth fit is provided. The lower ends 26 and 27 of the slide fastener members extend down to near the fringe ends 28 and 29, in order that the scarf may be completely closed over the chest and abdomen of a wearer, and the upper ends 16 and 17 of the slide fasteners extend up far enough to assure a tight closure around necks of various diameters.

Slide fasteners used on knitted scarfs, which to an extent are elastic, have been found to be impractical due to the fact that in opening the slide fastener, unless the hand of the operator follows an exact vertical path in pulling the fastening member 30 down one side or the other side of the scarf will give more than the other, causing a binding of the member 30, preventing its proper functioning of separating the fastener links, which creates considerable trouble and finally leads to the discarding of the use of the slide fasteners. This trouble has been overcome in the present invention by connecting the upper edges of the tapes connected with the slide fastening elements to the non-elastic band 20, whereby the slide fastener members will be held in proper alignment and the slide fastener caused to function. The tapes of the conventional slide fastening elements may be simply stitched to the scarf and to the reinforcing strip 20.

Changes in shape, size and rearrangement of details and parts such as come within the purview of the invention claimed may be resorted to, in actual practice, if desired.

Having now described the invention that which is claimed to be new and desired to be procured by Letters Patent is:

A scarf comprising a longitudinal knit fabric member having opposite longitudinal marginal edges and ends, one of said longitudinal edges being straight from end to end and the other of said longitudinal edges having a recess therein intermediate said ends, said recess being longer than it is deep thereby forming a center portion in said member intermediate its ends which is narrower than the flanking portions thereof, said narrower portion adapted to be arranged on the neck and shoulder region of a wearer, and said flanking portions adapted to be arranged on the chest of the wearer, a slide fastener consisting of two spaced elements, both of which are secured to the same longitudinal edge of said member, and each element terminating adjacent but spaced from said ends and terminating adjacent the ends of said recess, said elements cooperating to re-

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leasably hold together portions of the longitudinal edge having said fastener secured thereto, said fabric member being substantially planar in the region of said recess so that the fabric member fits flush against the chest and shoulder region of the wearer, a reinforcing strip secured to the straight longitudinal edge along a portion thereof which is opposite the recess in said knit fabric member, and said strip terminating adjacent the ends of said elements to restrict stretching of said narrower portion of said fabric member to correlate said slide fastener elements in the use thereof.

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