

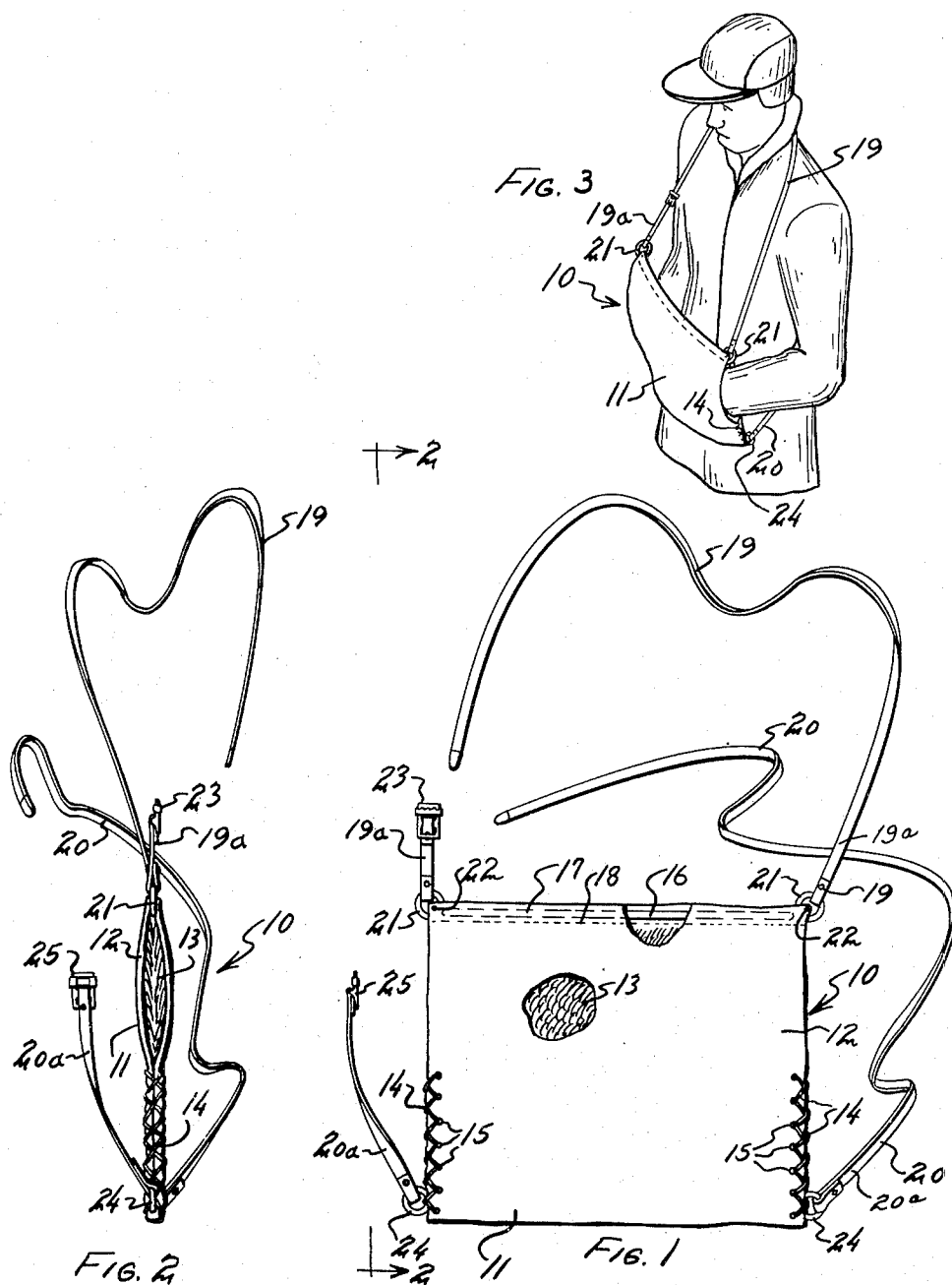
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This invention relates to hand-warming muffs for use by a person engaged in outdoor activities in cold weather.

During the season of hunting for ducks, deer and the like, a hunter will often sit in cold and wet weather for relatively long periods of time while waiting for such game. When such game appears it is desirable that the hunter be able to act quickly and surely, and many such hunters prefer to clasp and hold their guns with bare hands. Heavy mittens which are normally used by such hunters for keeping the hands warm, are cumbersome and inconvenient to wear when shooting a gun and carrying on other such activities, and in addition are cumbersome and inconvenient to take off quickly.

A general object of my invention is to provide a new and improved muff of simple and inexpensive construction and operation for keeping the hands of a person warm and dry in substantially all kinds of weather.

Another object of my invention is to provide a novel hand-warming muff for use by a person engaged in outdoor activities in cold weather which muff provides an enlarged storage area for the user's hands and for other articles, and which muff is readily and easily substantially completely opened to permit thorough cleaning of the interior thereof.

Still another object of my invention is to provide a new hand-warming muff for use in outdoor activity in cold weather which is readily and easily secured to the user's body and be positively retained in a fixed position thereon to thereby prevent interference thereof with the activities of the wearer of the muff.

These and other objects and advantages of my invention will more fully appear from the following description made in connection with the accompanying drawings wherein like reference characters refer to the same parts throughout the several views and in which:

Fig. 1 is a front elevation view of my invention having portions thereof broken away for sake of clarity;

Fig. 2 is a side elevation view of my invention; and

Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing my invention in use by a man.

As shown in the accompanying figures my invention comprises a hand-warming muff 10 which includes a pocket or pouch 11 having a rectangular shape and being constructed of a flexible and pliable material. Pouch 11 has an exterior cover 12 constructed of a water repellent material such as canvas and has an insulating interior lining 13 made of any suitable insulating material and in the preferred form being made of an animal fur. The exterior cover 12 and interior lining 13 of pouch 11 define an enlarged interior chamber for warming the hands of the wearer of the muff.

The opposite end portions of pocket 11 are open to define openings communicating through the cover 12 and lining 13 with the interior chamber of the pocket 11. The upper portion of each of the open ends of pocket 11 are normally open to permit insertion of the hands of the wearer of the muff therethrough. A closure element 14 which in the preferred form consists of an elongated

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flexible element constituting a cord, is carried on pocket 11 adjacent to the lower end portion of the open ends thereof to normally and releasably maintain the lower portion of the open ends of pouch 11 in closed relation. Cords 14 are threaded through the eyelets 15 in pouch 11 and may be tightened to provide a substantially water-sealing relation in the lower portion of the open ends of pocket 11.

A relatively stiff and resiliently flexible support member 16 or stiffening member is secured in the upper edge portion 17 of pouch 11 by any suitable means such as stitching 18 and is disposed through substantially the entire length of pouch 11. The stiffening member 16 may be constructed of any suitable material such as stiff plastic of the type used in corset stays.

I also provide a pair of elongated flexible members such as leather straps 19 and 20 for securing pocket 11 to the body of the person using the same. The opposite end portions 19a are secured in spaced apart relation relative to each other to the upper edge portion 17 of pocket 11 as by rings 21 which may be secured in pocket 11 by stitching and by rivets 22. Means are provided in neck strap 19 for adjusting the length thereof, and such means may comprise buckle 23 in which strap 19 may be adjusted. Strap 19 will extend generally upwardly from pouch 11 to be hung on the neck of the user of the muff.

The waist strap or anchoring strap 20 extends generally horizontally from pocket 11 and has its opposite end portions 20a secured to pocket 11 in spaced relation relative to each other and adjacent to the opposite end portions thereof. Strap 20 may be secured to pocket 11 by any suitable means, and in the preferred form is attached thereto by rings 24 which may be secured to pouch 11 as by stitching or by attachment to the closure cords 14. The anchoring strap 20 is also provided with means for adjusting the length thereof which means may comprise buckle 25 for adjustably securing the medial portion of strap 20 thereto.

When the muff 10 is to be used, it will be attached to the body of the person, the neck strap 19 being hung around the person's neck and being adjusted to position the pocket 11 adjacent to and just above his waist. The waist strap 20 will encompass the body of the person and will be adjusted to hold the pocket 11 snugly against his body. The person is then free to carry on any activity without the pocket 11 interfering with any of his motions. Stiffening member 16 will prevent the pocket 11 from sagging between the end portions 19a of neck strap 19 and will maintain the pocket 11 in such arrangement as to provide easy and ready access to the interior of the pouch wherein the wearer's hands may be placed for warming. The pouch 11 is deep enough to permit storage of other articles therein and at the same time provide room enough for both of the person's hands.

The closure cords 14 may be taken out to substantially completely open the end portions of the pocket 11. The interior of pouch 11 may thereupon be easily cleaned because opening of the entire end portions provides extremely easy access thereto. The pocket 11 may be turned inside out to accomplish cleaning thereof.

It will be seen that I have provided a new and improved muff of simple and inexpensive construction and operation for keeping the hands of a person warm and dry in substantially all kinds of weather and which muff will permit the hands to be quickly inserted therein and retracted therefrom.

It will also be apparent that I have provided a novel hand-warming muff for use by a person engaged in outdoor activity in cold weather which muff is readily and easily substantially completely open to permit ready access for cleaning the same and which muff provides an enlarged storage area in the interior thereof for the

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hands of the user thereof and for other articles to be kept warm.

It should also be noted that I have provided a new cold weather, hand-warming muff which may be readily and easily secured to the body of the user thereof and be positively maintained in a fixed position thereon to substantially preclude interference of the muff with the activities of the wearer thereof.

It will, of course, be understood that various changes may be made in the form, detail, arrangement and proportion of the parts without departing from the scope of my invention which consists of the matter described herein and set forth in the appended claim.

What I claim is:

A hand-warming muff for use by a person engaged in outdoor activity in cold weather, said muff comprising a pocket having a water repellent exterior cover and having an insulating interior lining defining a hand-warming interior chamber, said pocket being of somewhat elongated shape and having open end portions defining a pair of enlarged openings to the interior of the pocket, said openings each having an upper portion and a lower portion, said pocket having a plurality of lacing apertures adjacent the lower portions of said openings, and

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a pair of lacings each removably carried in the apertures of a respective end portion of the bag and normally maintaining the lower portion of the corresponding opening in closed relation, said upper portions of said enlarged opening being normally maintained in open relation to permit insertion of the hands of such a person into the interior of the pocket, whereby the end portions of said muff may be substantially completely opened to permit easy and ready access to the interior of said pocket for cleaning the same.

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