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Fig. 1.

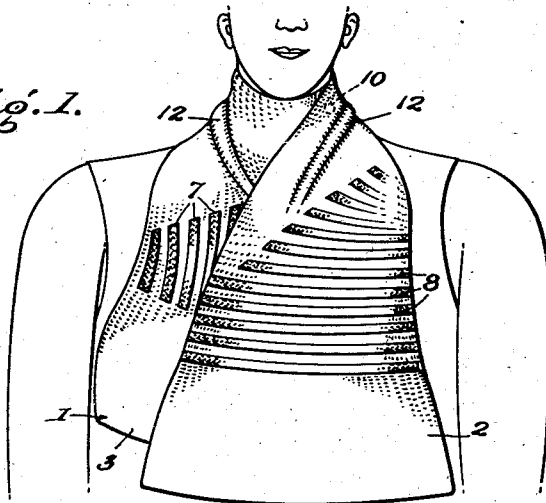


Fig. 2.

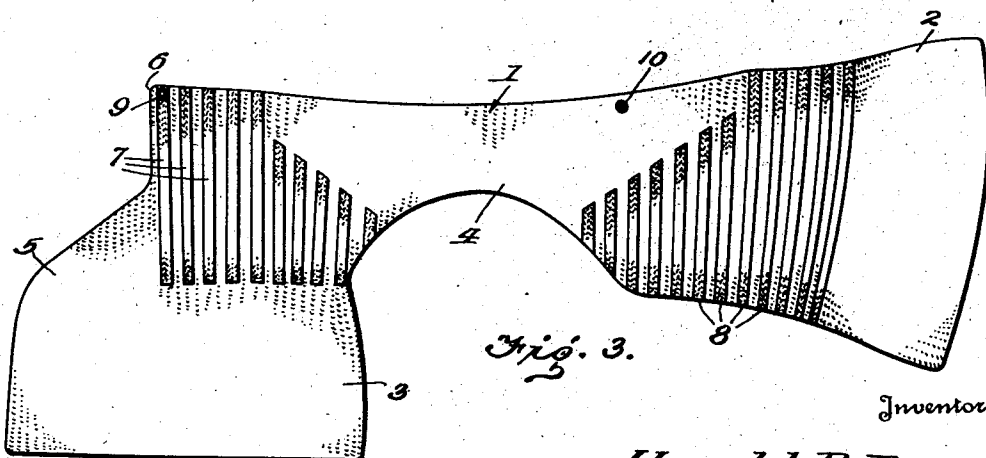
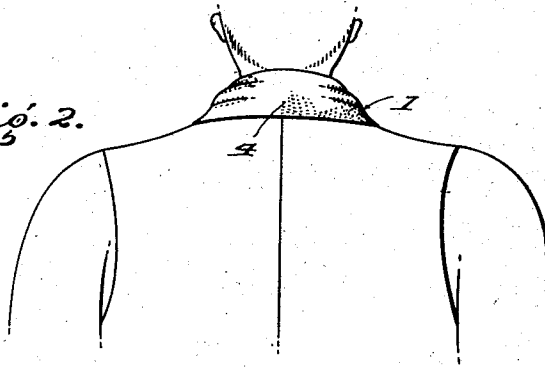


Fig. 3.

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Fig. 4.

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My invention relates to improvements in wearing apparel, and more particularly to a novel form of muffler which will be worn about the neck of a person in such a manner that there will be an interlocking of the cooperating ends of the muffler, a double thickness of the muffler over the chest of the wearer, and a complete lack of bulkiness at the back of the wearer.

An object of my invention is to provide an improved form of muffler having a curved neck engaging portion and interlocking end portions extending at substantially right angles to each other.

Another object of my invention is to provide an improved form of muffler which will be formed with a curved or cut-out neck engaging central portion, and interlocking ends extending at right angles to each other and being so constructed that when one end of the muffler is pulled across the throat of the wearer until its terminal portion lies in a position slightly behind the wearer's ear and therebelow, and the opposite end of the muffler is pulled tightly across the first mentioned end of the muffler, the formation of the muffler will cause an interlocking of the adjusted ends which will hold the muffler in the desired position with two thicknesses of the material across the wearer's chest.

A further object of my invention is to provide an improved form of muffler having a cut-away centrally disposed neck engaging portion and one end extending laterally therefrom, while the opposite end of the muffler extends downwardly and at right angles to the laterally extending portion, the ends and central portions of the scarf or muffler being preferably knit with a moss stitch, while the interlocking portions of the muffler between the central portion and ends will be ribbed to form interlocking and cooperating ribs lying at right angles to each other when the muffler is in position upon a wearer's shoulders.

A still further object of my invention is to provide an improved form of muffler having a curved neck engaging portion of reduced thickness and interlocking end portions extending at substantially right angles to each other, together with means for holding the ends of the muffler in interlocked position about a wearer's neck.

Other objects will appear as the description proceeds.

In the accompanying drawing which forms a part of my application,

Figure 1 is a front view of my improved muffler in position about a wearer's neck;

Figure 2 is a rear view of my improved muffler in position about a wearer's neck;

Figure 3 is a plan view of my improved muffler when made by knitting, and

Figure 4 is a plan view of my improved muffler made from a piece of silk or rayon or other suitable material.

Like characters of reference are used throughout the following specification and the accompanying drawing to designate corresponding parts.

In carrying out my invention, it will be understood that my improved muffler may be made from any desired material and with various stitches and ribs, as long as the shape or contour of the muffler is substantially that as clearly shown in the drawing.

I will designate generally the body of the muffler by the reference numeral 1, and a laterally extending end by the numeral 2, while the other end which extends downwardly at substantially right angles to the end 2, will be designated by the numeral 3. The neck portion or central portion of the muffler is reduced in thickness and is cut away and curved as at 4 to fit the back of the wearer's neck.

The terminal ends 2 and 3 of the muffler are slightly flared, while the lateral side of the terminal 3, designated 5 extends a considerable distance to the side of the end portion of the central portion of the muffler forming the corner 6. The central portion 1 of the muffler as well as the terminal ends 2 and 3 are made by using a moss stitch when the muffler is made. The areas between the central portion 1 and the terminal ends 2 and 3 of the muffler are ribbed as at 7 and 8. If desired, the additional use of separable fasteners of any type may be employed as designated by the numerals 9 and 10, to assist in holding the muffler in place. Furthermore, the muffler may be made from any material such as silk, rayon or the like, as shown by the numeral 11 in Figure 4 of the drawing.

In positioning the muffler about a wearer's neck, the curved or cut away portion of the muffler 4 will be placed about the back of the neck, and then the end 6 of the muffler will be pulled across the wearer's throat, and positioned below and back of the wearer's left ear, whereupon the left hand terminal or end 2 of the muffler will be brought across the opposite end of the muffler to firmly engage the end 6 just mentioned to hold the same tightly in place. From Figure 1 of the drawing, it will be apparent that when the muffler is in position, the ribs 7 will extend down-

wardly, while the overlying ribs 8 will extend transversely across the downwardly extending ribs to interlock and hold the muffler in operative position.

In placing the muffler, folds 12 may be made to give an attractive V formation across the front of the wearer's neck.

Many minor changes in detail of construction may be resorted to without departure from the spirit of the invention.

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

1. A muffler having a central body portion notched to fit the neck of a wearer and having terminal end portions, one of said terminal ends extending laterally from the central body portion and being widened with respect thereto, and the other terminal end extending downwardly at substantially right angles to said central body portion and the first mentioned terminal end.

2. A muffler having a central body portion notched to fit the neck of a wearer and having terminal end portions formed integrally therewith, one of said end portions extending laterally from said central body portion and the other end portion extending on the opposite side of said central body portion and at right angles thereto.

3. A muffler having a central body portion shaped to conform to the neck of a wearer and having widened terminal end portions formed integrally therewith and on the opposite sides thereof, one of said end portions extending at right angles to said body portion adapted to be drawn across the throat of the wearer to a point below and behind the wearer's ear, and the other terminal end portion being adapted to be crossed over said first mentioned terminal end portion to hold and interlock the muffler about the neck of a wearer.

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