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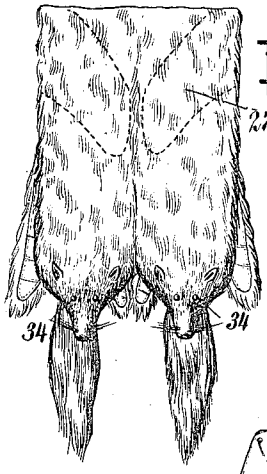


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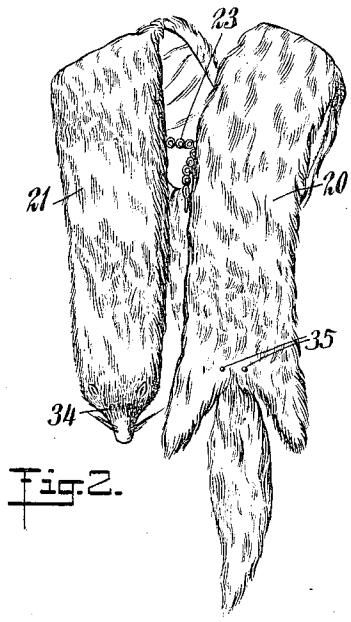


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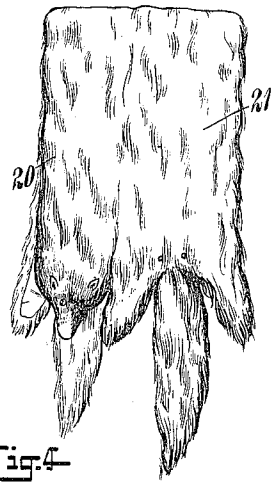


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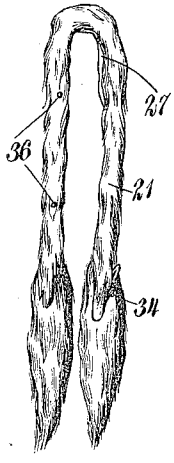


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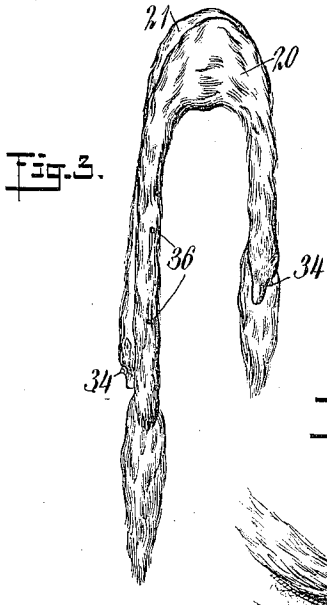


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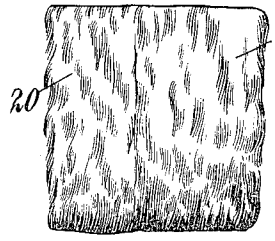


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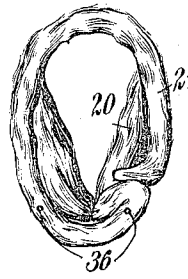


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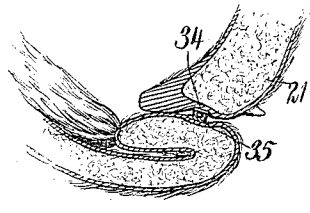


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE EPSTEIN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Convertible Fur Piece, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to wearing apparel, and has particular reference to convertible garments.

The particular object of the invention is to so design and construct an outer wrap, shown in the nature of a fur piece, which may be readily changed from one form or purpose to another so that the owner of the garment at one time or for certain occasions may use the piece for instance, as a scarf, and on another occasion, as when wearing a fur coat, she may convert the scarf into a muff of either the rug or pillow design.

The foregoing and other objects of this invention are carried out in the preferred embodiment by means hereinafter fully described and claimed and illustrated in the drawings accompanying this specification in which like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a view in elevation of the inner side of one form of scarf made in accordance with this invention, certain parts, however, being shown opened out for the purpose of a better understanding; Fig. 2 is a view of the same fur piece, shown in the position it would occupy upon a woman's shoulders; Fig. 3 is an edge view of the same; Fig. 4 is a front elevation of the same fur piece substantially as it would appear when worn as a rug muff; Fig. 5 is an edge view of the same; Fig. 6 is a front elevation of the same piece formed into a pillow muff; Fig. 7 is an edge view of the same in a partially folded position; Fig. 8 is a partial sectional view through the lower portion of Fig. 7 on a plane parallel to the edge of the fur piece; Fig. 9 is a view corresponding to Fig. 7, but in a further folded position; Fig. 10 is a view similar to Fig. 4, but illustrating a modification in which the pelts are arranged with their heads at the same end of the piece instead of being reversed as in Fig. 4; and Fig. 11 is an edge view of Fig. 10.

Referring particularly to the drawings it may be understood from the brief description of the figures just given that the fur piece may be made up with the pelts arranged in various ways and in this particular as in many others I would have it distinctly understood that I do not wish to be limited to immaterial variations in design or adaptation.

Referring more particularly to Fig. 1, it will appear that this fur piece is shown as composed of two pelts 20 and 21 inversely arranged and permanently attached to each other at one end as shown at 22, the head end of one pelt being arranged opposite the tail of the next. As is customary in this type of scarf there is provided a fastener in the form of a chain 23 or the like for cooperation with a hook 24 for fastening the scarf about the neck. The adjacent edges of the pelts 20 and 21 constituting a continuation of the connecting line 22 are adapted to be brought together and fastened in such position by any suitable temporary fasteners when it is desired to convert the scarf into a muff. For this purpose there are shown a series of hooks 25 along one edge adapted to coöperate with eyes 26 of the other edge. These fastening means are inconspicuous in any adaptation of the garment, and when connected, they adapt the piece to the form shown in Fig. 4, the head and tail at one end of the piece folding down substantially parallel upon the other end of the fur piece. When used in this form it is desirable to provide a pair of pockets 27, one in each pelt of the piece, such pockets being provided between the fur and the inner lining and extending downwardly at their inner ends slightly for the double purpose of making them better adapted to the natural position of the wearer's hands when occupying them and also to thereby better hold any articles which may be carried in said pockets. The pockets are particularly desirable in connection with a rug muff.

Should the gap or space between the adjacent edges of the pelts be inadequately closed by the attaching means heretofore referred to, additional sealing or closing means may be provided for the purpose of excluding cold air or the like for the purpose of giving additional body to the garment as a whole. As one embodiment of practical means for carrying out this purpose, I show at 28 and 29 a pair of flaps of any suitable length and adapted to extend substantially across the inner faces of the

members 20 and 21 respectively. Said flaps will, of course, be made of suitable durable and ornamental material and each of them will be connected along one edge of its pelt in any suitable manner, permanently if desired, as by stitching 29. The other edge of each flap will be temporarily connected to the opposite edge of the pelt by temporary fasteners such as pairs of snaps 30, 30′ and 31, 31′, respectively. The snap members 30 and 31 will preferably be in the nature of eyelets, and when it is desired to convert the fur piece into a rug muff and make use of the additional protection afforded by the flaps, the flap 28 will be unfastened substantially as indicated in Fig. 1. The flap 29 will then be passed in the same direction and drawn across the space represented by the adjacent edges of the pelts where they are fastened by the aforesaid fasteners 25 and 26, and the eyelets 31 of said flap 29 will be snapped upon a series of studs 32 carried upon the member 20 normally beneath the flap 28. The flap 29 likewise will carry upon its then exposed outer surface a series of studs 33 suitably arranged for coöperation with the eyelets 30 of the flap 28 which will then be drawn over the surface of the flap 29, making a snug, warm and neat arrangement.

In converting the fur piece into a pillow muff, according to the inclination of the owner of the garment or as to the dictates of the style, any suitable fastening means may be provided at the ends of the pelts to secure them together preferably with the extreme ends folded upon the inside of the muff, as suggested in Figs. 7, 8 and 9. As a suitable fastening means for this purpose the usual false eyes 34 of the pelts may be made to consist of studs for coöperation with eyelets or sockets 35 carried by the opposite end of the corresponding pelt. The sockets 35 will preferably be disposed so that the tail end of the pelt will be folded in as shown in Fig. 7, and while the fastening members 34 and 35 remain connected, the muff will be further folded so as to bring the fasteners 36 into coöperation on each edge of the piece so as to bring the muff substantially into the form shown in Fig. 9 which will serve to prevent the accidental protrusion of the tails and also will form a warmer place for the hands due to the partial closing of the ends of the muff.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:—

1. The herein described fur piece comprising a plurality of complete pelts connected permanently together at one end for use as a scarf and means to temporarily secure the adjacent free edges of the pelts together as a continuation of the aforesaid permanent connection, whereby the fur piece may be used as a muff.

2. The herein described fur piece comprising a plurality of complete pelts connected permanently together at one end, means to secure the adjacent free edges of the pelts together as a continuation of the aforesaid connection, and linings for the individual pelts providing additional protecting means to span the temporary connection between the pelts, substantially as set forth.

3. The herein described fur piece comprising a plurality of pelts connected together at their inner edges for the purposes set forth, said pelts each being provided with a pocket projecting inwardly and downwardly from its outer edge.

4. The herein described fur piece including a pelt having a head and a tail, said head having eyes, and means to fasten the head and tail ends of the pelt in folded position, said means comprising fasteners, certain members of which are the eyes aforesaid and the other members of which are secured to the pelt adjacent the tail, substantially as set forth.

5. The herein described convertible fur piece comprising a plurality of pelts connected together, each pelt having a head with eyes, the fur piece being foldable so as to bring the tails upon the inside, means to secure the piece in folded position, said securing means comprising sets of snaps, the eyes of the several heads aforesaid constituting members of said snaps and the other members thereof being secured permanently adjacent the tail ends of the pelts, and additional securing means adjacent the edges of the piece to secure the tails within the folded piece.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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