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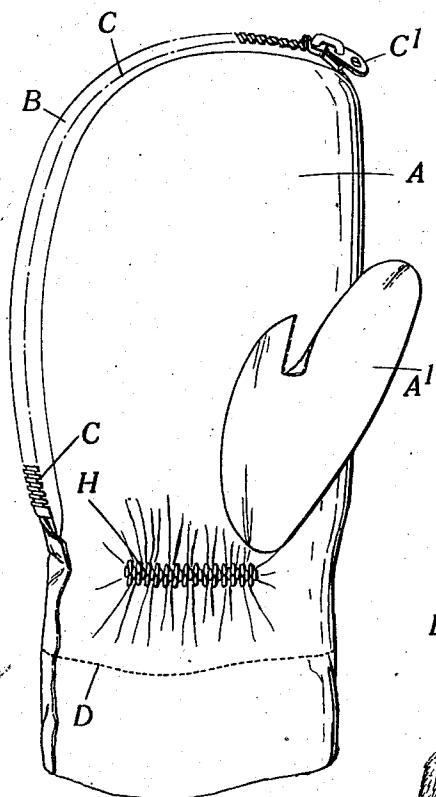
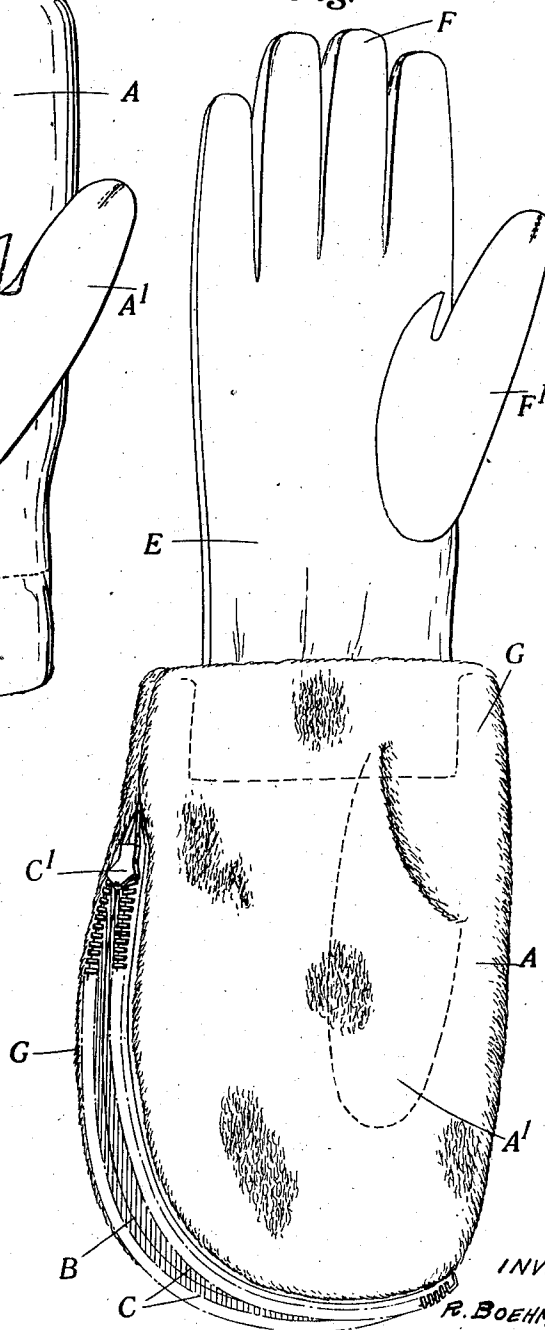


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.



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This invention relates to gloves and like hand coverings and has for its object to provide an article which can be readily converted to suit varying conditions without being wholly withdrawn from the wearer's hand.

The term "mitten" hereafter employed is intended to cover a bag-like glove, adapted to enclose the hand and wrist, but without a separate compartment for each finger, whether a separate thumb stall is provided or not; it does not refer to a half-glove leaving bare the upper portions of the thumb and fingers.

According to this invention the hand covering comprises an inner glove having separate stalls for the fingers and the thumb and an outer member in the form of a mitten, secured to the wrist of the glove and having its back and front portions connected at the edges by a slide fastener or other suitable fastening means which can be released to enable these parts to be rolled or folded back to form a cuff and so to expose the whole inner glove except the wrist.

Preferably the mitten is provided with a lining of fur, wool, or insulating or heat-resisting material and has a separate stall for the thumb, which is similarly lined. The slide fastening conveniently extends along the top and down one side of the bag approximately as far as the wrist on the side remote from the thumb. This inner glove is wholly enclosed within the mitten when the slide fastener is closed, the fingers of the glove being enclosed within the bag-like portion of the mitten and the thumb of the mitten enclosing the glove thumb. When the slide fastener is partially opened a muff is formed into which the other hand can be thrust. When however the slide fastener is fully opened, the bag portions and thumb stall can be turned back to form a cuff, exposing the fur or other lining and leaving free the whole inner glove except the lower part of the wrist to which the fur-lined mitten is attached. When so turned back, the thumb stall of the mitten is not noticeable as it has a lining similar to the main part of the cuff. In a preferred arrangement a short length of elastic is incorporated in the mitten about the wrist which expands to admit the hand and then contracts to grip the wrist.

A combined form of glove and mitten made in accordance with the present invention is illustrated by way of example in the accompanying drawing, in which

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing a mitten in its closed position, and

Figure 2 illustrates the same mitten after the

front and back portions have been rolled back to form a cuff to the inner glove which is concealed by the mitten in Figure 1.

The mitten illustrated in Figure 1 comprises a bag-like member composed of leather, fabric, waterproof fabric, or any other material which may be, for example, heat-resisting or electrically insulating. The front portion A of the mitten is provided with a separate thumb stall A¹ and at its upper and outer edge is connected to the similar edges of a back portion B by means of a slide fastener C. This fastener, which has the usual sliding actuating member C¹, extends from a point approximately above the first finger along the top of the bag and down the side remote from the thumb to a point shortly above the wrist.

The wrist portion of the mitten is connected as by one or more rows of stitches D to the wrist of an inner glove E which fits the wearer's hand and is provided with separate stalls F for the fingers as well as with a separate thumb stall F¹. The whole of the mitten, except the wrist portion below the line of stitches D, is provided with a lining of fur, wool, or other suitable material, in the example illustrated a fur lining, indicated at G, being employed and the thumb A¹ being similarly lined.

When the slide fastener is fully opened, the front and back portions of the mitten can be turned backwards, in this way being reversed and forming a fur cuff as clearly shown in Figure 2, leaving exposed the inner glove as far as the wrist, so that the wearer can have free use of the thumb and fingers. The inner glove, with the cuff, thus forms a gauntlet, the cuff portion of which may be worn either over or within the coat sleeve. The opening to the thumb stall A¹ will not be noticeable because the thumb stall is lined with the same fur as the back and front portions A and B, whilst the empty thumb stall itself is concealed because it lies flat below the cuff. In some cases, if desired, a strap or tab fastener (not shown) may be provided by which the cuff can be made to grip the wearer's sleeve or wrist but if, as is preferred, the mitten is provided a short distance above the line of stitches D with an elastic insert indicated at H in Figure 1, it is usually unnecessary to have to resort to any separate fastening device for the cuff.

The inner glove may be lined, if desired, but it will be understood that when further protection, as from cold, is required, the mitten is rolled back and made to assume the position shown in Figure 1 in which all the fingers are wholly enclosed, so that the warmth of the hand cannot escape, the

mitten being opened and folded back only momentarily as when the wearer wishes to make use of the thumb and fingers, unless the conditions are such that it is possible to dispense with the outer
5 mitten and to rely upon the inner glove alone.

Obviously the invention is capable of considerable modification with regard to the choice of materials, the style of the inner glove, the form of closing or fastening means employed both for back
10 and front parts of the mitten and for the wrist and the particular means adapted to unite the inner and outer members together.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

15 1. A hand covering comprising an inner glove having a thumb stall and separate finger stalls, an outer mitten secured at the wrist to said inner glove having a separate thumb stall and a bag-like portion together adapted to enclose the entire
20 inner glove, and a slide fastening device extending along the top and down one side of the

bag approximately as far as the wrist on the side remote from the thumb, said fastening device adapted when released to enable the back and front portions of the bag and the thumb stall to be turned back to form a cuff and to expose the
5 whole inner glove except the wrist.

2. A hand covering comprising an inner glove having a thumb stall and separate finger stalls, an outer mitten secured at the wrist to the inner glove and having a separate thumb stall and bag-like portion together adapted to enclose the entire
10 inner glove, and fastening members which can be easily opened or closed extending along the top and down one side of the bag approximately as far as the wrist on the side remote from the thumb,
15 said fastening members adapted, when disengaged, to enable the back and front portion of the bag and the thumb stall to be turned back to form a cuff so as to expose the whole of the inner
20 glove except the wrist portion.

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