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WRISTBAND ACCESSORY FOR GLOVES

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FIG.1

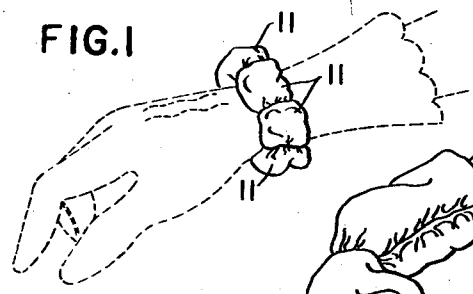


FIG.2

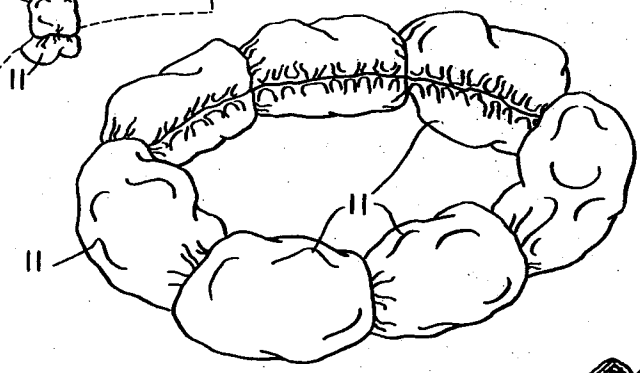


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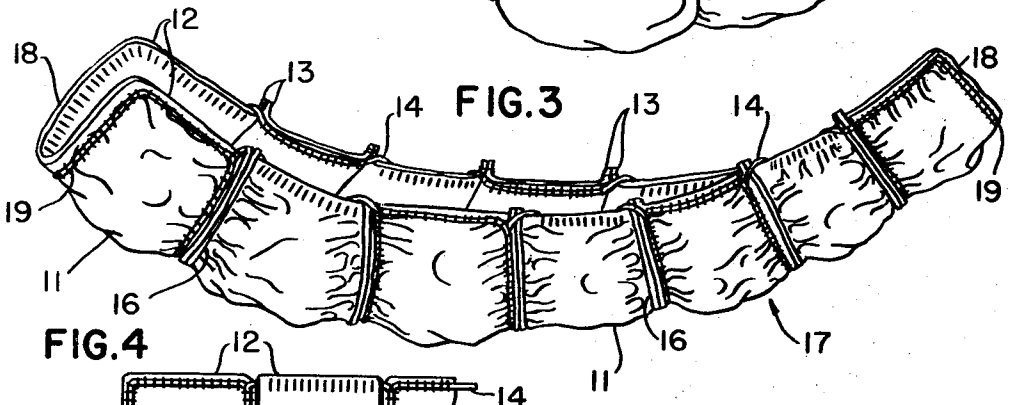


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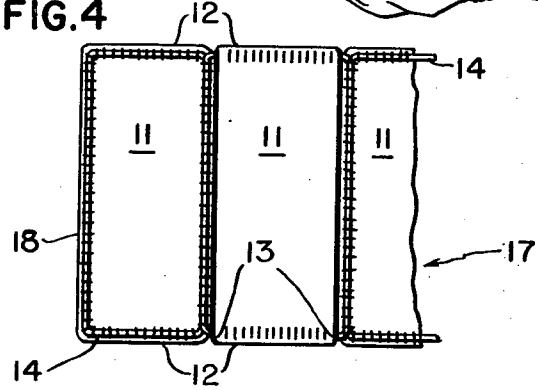
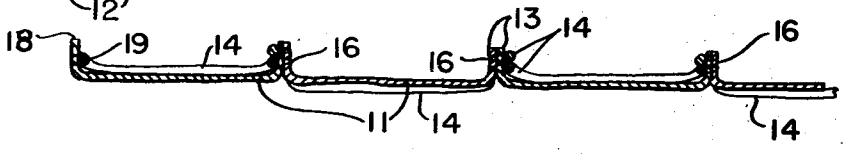


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The present invention relates to wrist ornaments, in the form of fabric wrist bands or wristlets, particularly adapted to be ornamentally and decoratively worn in association with gloves, especially by the ladies.

It is an object of the present invention to provide an ornamental, elastic, fabric wrist band of noval and decorative construction which may be conveniently worn by women, especially in association with gloves, to enhance the appearance of the gloves as well as that of the wearer.

It is also an object of the present invention to provide ornamental, elastic, fabric wrist bands of the character described, for wear with women's gloves, which are separate units and completely unattached to the gloves so that the same wrist bands may be worn in association with different gloves and the same gloves may be worn with different wrist bands, to provide and make possible a great variety in female glove adornment.

It is another object of the present invention to provide ornamental, elastic, fabric wrist bands of the character described which, though of substantially bulky and appreciable size and thickness, are, nevertheless, of hollow construction and, therefore, of yielding consistency and of light weight to make their use and wear comfortable and convenient as well as ornamental and decorative.

It is a further object of the present invention to provide ornamental, elastic, fabric wrist bands of the character described which are sturdy and durable and maintain their good appearance for long and serviceable periods of time and which are economical to produce as well as to use and wear.

It is a still further object of the present invention to provide simple, easy, convenient and economical methods for producing the ornamental, elastic, and flexible fabric wrist bands of the present invention.

The foregoing and other objects and advantages and superiorities of the ornamental wrist bands or wristlets of the present invention will become more readily apparent to those skilled in the art from the preferred embodiment thereof shown in the accompanying drawing and from the description following. It is to be understood, however, that such embodiment is shown by way of illustration only, to make the principles and practices of the invention more readily comprehensible, and without any intent of limiting the invention to the specific details therein shown.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of one preferred

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embodiment of a wrist band of the present invention shown as worn on a gloved hand, indicated in broken lines;

Fig. 2 is an enlarged perspective view of the wrist band by itself;

Fig. 3 is a plan view of the band at one stage of construction showing the multi-panel blank assembled in inverted state and partly closed;

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary, more or less diagrammatic plan view of one end of the blank, showing a number of associated panels and one way of assembling them with a constricting elastic; and

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary, more or less diagrammatic sectional view taken longitudinally through a blank such as shown in Fig. 4.

Referring more specifically to the accompanying drawing and to the illustrative embodiment of the invention shown therein, the wrist band of the present invention may be generally stated to comprise a tubular, circular fabric body with transverse shirring provided thereon at spaced intervals to divide the circular body into sections or segments having a puffed appearance.

The body of the wrist band and its appearance may be formed and provided by constructing the same from a plurality of oblong panels 11, which may consist of any sufficiently flexible material, such as any of the fabrics from which gloves are made, or other suitable material.

In the preferred embodiment illustrated in the drawings, the panels 11 are shown to have a pair of parallel shorter sides 12, and a pair of parallel longer sides 13; the shorter sides being disposed longitudinally relative to the completed wrist band and the longer side being disposed transversely thereof.

In the manufacture of the wrist band, the panels 11 are secured to one another, by sewn seams, by their longer, transverse edges 13 and are preferably simultaneously secured to an elastic band 14 held against a side of the seam flange, 16, formed by placing the outer face edges of the panels 11 against one another; the elastic being held, in the course of the sewing, in extended or tensed state so that when the seam is completed and tension is relaxed it causes the seam to be gathered or shirred.

After all of the panels 11 are secured to one another by their transverse edges 13, the completed multiple-panel blank, generally designated as 17, is formed into a tube by sewing the edges 12 to one another, likewise simultaneously incorporating an extended or tensed elastic into the seam, which is also formed by placing the outer faces of the edges 12 of the panels 11 against

one another, so that when the tension on the elastic on the seam is relaxed, the blank will assume a substantially circular position.

The free edges 18 of the blank, at least one of which may be provided with an elastic strand, 19, adjacent thereto, are then sewn together by hand with the elastic under tension to complete the wrist band.

In actual production, the connection of the panels 11 and the provision of the elastic along their seams as well as along their edges 12 may be formed in a single continuous operation by starting at one corner of a terminal panel 11, continuing along one or more edges thereof until it approaches one of the edges 13 which is then juxtaposed and sewn to an edge 13 of a third panel 11 and then run along an edge 12 of the third panel opposite the edge 12 of the second panel. This may be continued until the end of the blank is reached and the operation continued in the same sequence in the opposite direction to thereby provide elastic on all of the edges 12, the seams between the edges 13, being in the process, provided with double strands of elastic 14. In a preferred method, the elastic band 14 covers all the four edges of the reverse side of alternate panels and only the obverse edges 12 of the panels between the first named alternate panels.

This completes the description of the wrist band of the present invention and of the methods for making the same.

It will be readily apparent to anyone skilled in the art that the wrist bands of the present invention produced by the method described are of novel and highly decorative appearance and provide a dress accessory for women, particularly for wear with gloves, which enhances the appearance of the wearer as well as the appearance of the gloves. It will also be apparent that the wrist bands of the present invention may be made of numerous suitable types of fabrics or materials, including synthetic plastics, which may correspond in fabric as well as in color with the material of the gloves with which it may be worn or may differ from the gloves in fabric as well as in color or shape to thereby make possible an infinite variety of decoration.

It will further be apparent that numerous variations and modifications in the wrist bands of the present invention may be made by anyone skilled in the art, in accordance with the principles of the invention herein above set forth and without the use of any inventive ingenuity. I desire, therefore, to be protected for any and all such modifications and variations that may be made within the spirit of the present invention and the scope of the claims hereto appended.

What I claim is:

1. A wrist band, or the like, comprising a plurality of rectangular panels, said panels connected by corresponding edges to one another by shirred stitching to form an elongated blank, said blank having its longitudinal edges connected to one another by shirred stitching, said blank having its ends connected to one another by shirred stitching.

2. A wrist band, or the like, comprising a plurality of rectangular flexible panels, each of said panels connected by a pair of parallel edges to corresponding edges of companion panels by shirred stitching and each of said panels having its other parallel edges connected to one another by shirred stitching.

3. A wrist band comprising a plurality of rectangular panels of flexible material, each of said panels connected by a pair of parallel edges to corresponding edges of companion panels by rows of stitches including an elastic band section under tension, each of said panels having its other pair of parallel edges connected to one another by a row of stitching including an elastic band section under tension.

4. The wrist band of claim 3 wherein the said elastic band sections are continuous with one another.

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