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GLOVE FOR JEWELRY DISPLAY

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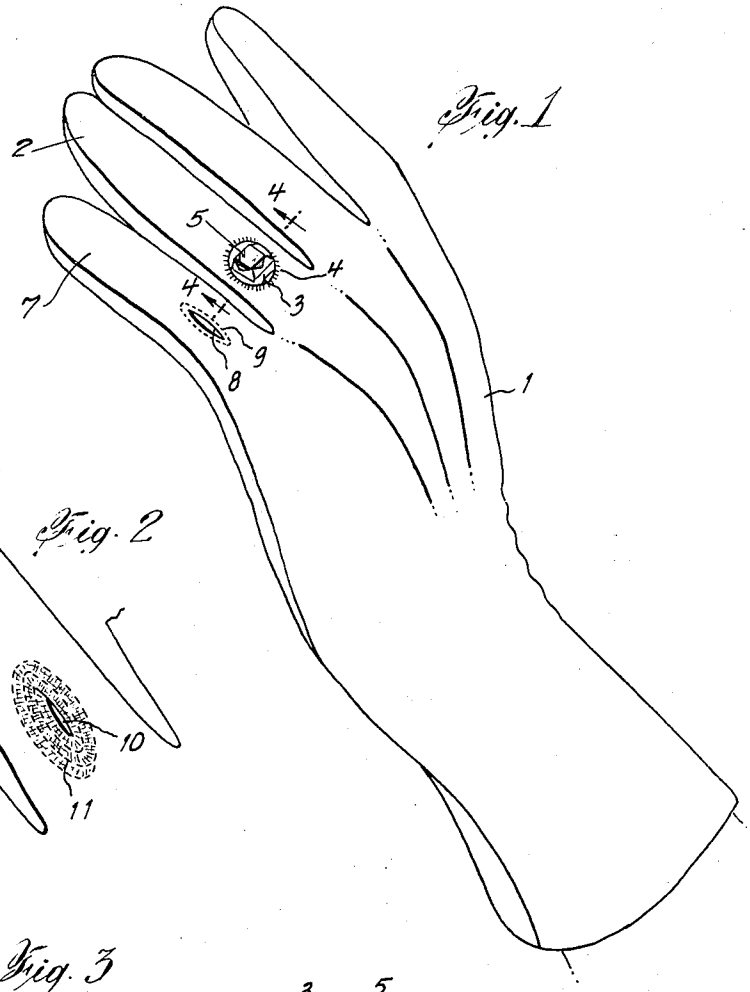


Fig. 1

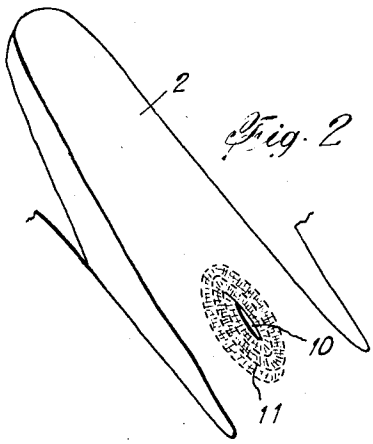


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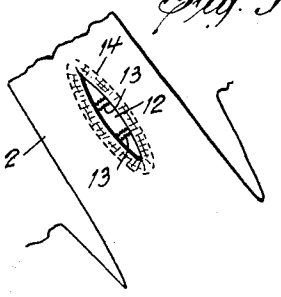


Fig. 3

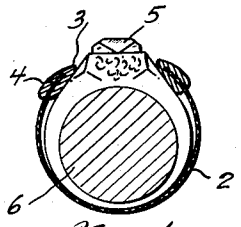


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The present invention is directed to gloves, more particularly to a structure of glove wherein suitable provision is made for the display of rings worn by the user while the gloves are on the hands.

It is highly desirable in connection with women's gloves to provide means whereby rings worn on the fingers may be displayed in spite of the fact that gloves are worn. This becomes desirable on many occasions. When ordinary gloves are worn on hands having rings thereon, the gloves become distorted and bulges are formed on the fingers of the gloves, due to the presence of the rings. In time, particularly with lightweight and dressy gloves, the rings tend to wear through the gloves and thus destroy their usefulness.

It has been previously proposed to provide a glove with a relatively large opening on a ring finger thereof and to provide a relatively long slit communicating with the opening and provided with a zipper arrangement. A flap was provided to cover the zipper in an attempt to conceal the unsightly character thereof. This structure was not at all suitable for the purpose since it had an opening of large size so that when a ring was not worn, it gave the appearance of a torn glove. Because of the size and shape of the opening, it did not fit all rings and as a result of such disadvantages it has never gone into commercial use.

In another form of glove of the prior art, there was provided a series of circular openings behind the palm of the glove, but such openings were positioned in such a manner that they could not function to display any rings. The purpose was to provide openings which would give ventilation in the glove and facilitate the handling of articles by the wearer.

The present invention is intended and adapted to overcome the disadvantages and difficulties inherent in prior structures of the type described, it being among the objects of the present invention to provide a glove, particularly for ladies' use, which is adapted to display rings worn on the fingers in such a manner that the opening through which the ring is viewed is practically invisible.

It is also among the objects of the present invention to provide a glove structure having one or more openings in the ring fingers thereof, said openings being automatically adjustable so as to accommodate itself to the size, shape and character of the ring to be displayed.

It is further among the objects of the present invention to provide a glove structure having

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openings adapted to display rings, which openings are normally closed when a ring is not worn and which may be so formed as to constitute an embellishment on the glove.

In the accompanying drawings constituting a part hereof, in which like reference characters indicate like parts,

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a glove made in accordance with the present invention, showing the appearance thereof when it is worn on a hand having a ring thereon;

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary perspective view showing one of the fingers of the glove and a modified method of maintaining the slit in closed position;

Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2 of a still further modified form of the invention, and

Fig. 4 is a vertical cross-sectional view taken along the line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

In practicing the invention, there is provided a glove 1 of usual form and construction, having the usual fingers as a part thereof. As shown in Fig. 1, finger 2 which is usually called the ring finger of the glove, has a slit 3 therein near the base thereof and extending longitudinally of the finger. An elastic thread 4 is sewed into the edges of the slit opening in extended position or in tension so that the resiliency of the elastic thread tends always to keep the opening closed. The setting 5 of the ring extends through opening 3, thus spreading said opening, but because of the tension of elastic thread 4, there is a tendency to close the opening about the ring so that it is at all times maintained tightly closed except for the setting, which extends above the finger 2.

There may also be provided on the little finger 7 of the glove a similar longitudinal slit 8 having an elastic thread 9 sewed around the edges thereof. When no ring is worn on a finger, the slit is practically closed and is practically invisible.

In the modification shown in Fig. 2, a slit 10 is provided at the base of the finger, similar to those shown in Fig. 1. In order to provide an elastic means for keeping the slit closed when no ring is worn, a series of concentric lines of knitting 11 with an elastic thread in tension is sewed around slit 10. This not only provides an elastic means for closing the slit but it also provides a decorative effect or embellishment on the glove.

Referring to Fig. 3, there is provided a slit 12, here shown in slightly extended position for clearness. A pair of elastic threads 13 are sewn in tension across slit 12 so that when the tension is released, the slit will automatically become closed. When the glove is worn on a finger bearing a ring,

elastic threads 13 will become separated to an extent determined by the size of the ring which projects through the slit and between threads 13. By this structure, it is insured that if the ring setting is small relative to the length of the slit, only that portion of the slit which is occupied by the setting will be opened up. If desired, an elastic thread 14 may be stitched along the edges of slit 12 in addition to the cross threads 13, to insure closure of the slit when not in use.

Although the invention has been described setting forth several specific embodiments of the invention, the invention is not limited thereto as numerous variations in the details of construction may be made within the spirit of the invention. For instance, the slits may be in only one one of the fingers of the glove or in a plurality or even all of the fingers, if desired. The size and shape of the slit may be different from that shown herein. Embellishments of various kinds similar to 11 in Fig. 2 may be provided on all of the fingers of the glove, if desired even on those fingers where no slit appears. Thus the presence of the slits is fully concealed at all times from the view of the public. In place of the specific elastic means shown in the several modifications, other devices for producing the desired elasticity may be used.

These and other changes in the details of the construction may be made within the spirit of the invention, which is to be broadly construed and no to be limited except by the character of the claims appended hereto.

I claim:

1. A glove having a plurality of finger stalls, a portion defining a longitudinal slit at the base of the stall of the ring finger, said slit extending from said base at the upper surface of said glove and terminating short of the first joint of said finger, said slit being above the normal position of a ring on said finger, a plurality of elastic threads sewn longitudinally along both edges of said slit and across the ends thereof, said threads being sewn in tension, and a plurality of elastic threads transversely across said slit at spaced points, said transverse threads being sewn in tension, whereby said tensions hold the edges of said slit in contact when no ring is worn and hold said edges in contact with a ring when worn.

2. A glove having a plurality of finger stalls, a portion defining a longitudinal slit at the base of the stall of the ring finger, said slit extending from said base at the upper surface of said glove and terminating short of the first joint of said finger, said slit being above the normal position of a ring on said finger, a plurality of elastic threads sewn longitudinally along both edges of said slit and across the ends thereof, said threads being sewn in tension, whereby said tensions hold the edges of said slit in contact when no ring is worn and hold said edges in contact with a ring when worn.

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