

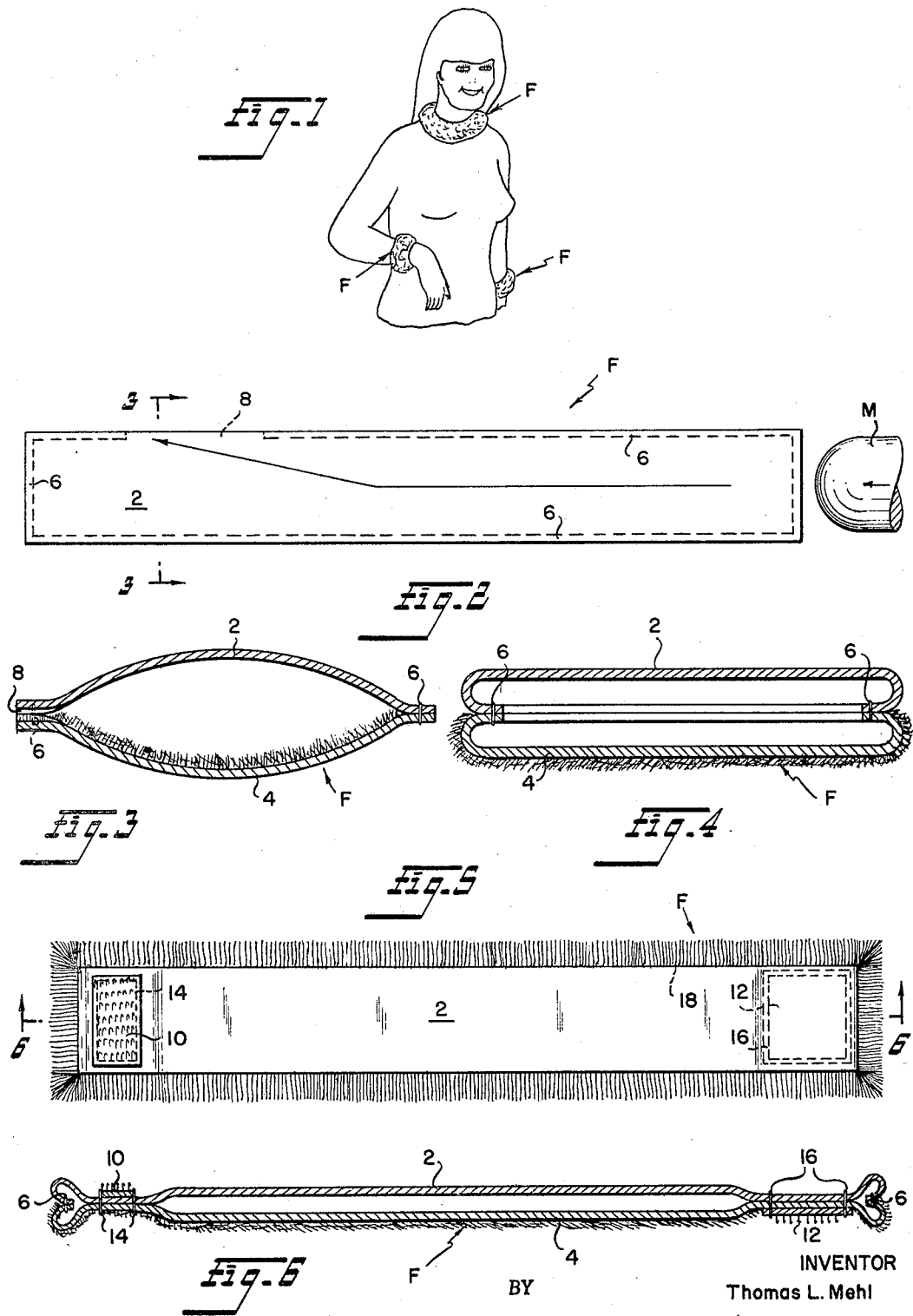
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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A decorative furpiece comprising a tubular sleeve including a fur member and a backing member; means for securing the members together at their marginal edges; the securing means forming a seam extending on the inside of the tubular sleeve; the sleeve having a first fastener including means for securing the first fastener to the outside of the fur member adjacent one end of the sleeve, and the sleeve having a second fastener for cooperation with the first fastener including means for securing the second fastener to the outside of the backing member adjacent the other end of the sleeve.

Objects and summary

For many years, fur scarfs and collars have been common articles of women's apparel. In recent years, high collars have been added to suits and the like which are made of fur. In many instances cuffs have also been added to the garment. Generally, these collars and cuffs are non-detachable. Where they are detachable, the collar or cuff as well as the suit must be designed with attaching means. Though scarves as an independent accessory have been utilized, in general, they do not have the appearance that they are part of the garment. Rather they are obviously accessories to the usual suit or other apparel.

It is an object of this invention to provide a furpiece which can readily be worn with various suits or the like and which will have the appearance of being a part of the suit, sweater, blouse, etc.

Another object of this invention is to provide a fur collar or scarf which is easily put on and which except upon very careful inspection, has no visible seams.

A further object of this invention is to provide a furpiece which has fastening means which can be easily engaged and disengaged with a minimum of discomfiture to the wearer.

Yet another object of this invention is to provide a furpiece which is simple to manufacture and which has great durability.

Still a further object of this invention is to provide a method for manufacturing a furpiece such as described herein.

In summary, this invention pertains to furpieces such as collars and cuffs which are attractive and neat in appearance and which serve as an accessory for a garment without the necessity of having to provide means for attaching the accessory to the garment either on the accessory or on the garment and yet which will have the appearance that it is part of the garment.

These and other objects of this invention will be apparent from the following description and claims.

In the drawings which illustrate the various embodiments of this invention:

FIGURE 1 is a side elevational view of the person utilizing the invention as a collar and cuff accessory;

FIGURE 2 is a plan view of the furpiece prior to the inversion and showing the mandrel and the direction of travel of the mandrel along the line of the arrow;

FIGURE 3 is an enlarged cross-sectional view taken along the lines 3—3 of FIGURE 2 and viewed in the direction of the arrows;

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FIGURE 4 is an enlarged cross-sectional view of the furpiece after the inversion of the sleeve and the closing of the opening through which the mandrel is forced and prior to the securing of the fasteners;

FIGURE 5 is a bottom plan view of the furpiece with fasteners secured;

FIGURE 6 is a cross-sectional view of the furpiece taken along the lines 6—6 of FIGURE 5 and viewed in the direction of the arrows.

FIGURES 1 through 6

FIGURE 1 illustrates a person wearing scarf and cuff accessories F as made by this invention.

In FIGURE 2 and FIGURE 3, the furpiece F is comprised of a backing member 2 and a fur member 4.

The backing member 2 and the fur member 4 are superimposed one on the other and are rectangular in configuration. They are secured together preferably by machine stitching 6 leaving an area 8 in which there is no stitching. Preferably, the area 8 is along one longitudinal side and adjacent one end of the sleeve which now has been formed by the stitching 6.

Upon the securing of the backing member 2 and the fur member 4 together in such a manner that the fur side of the fur member 4 is on the inside as illustrated best in FIGURE 2, the mandrel M follows the path of the arrow illustrated in FIGURE 2 and forces the right hand end of the sleeve through the opening or area 8 in which there is no stitching. Upon inversion the sleeve will have a cross-sectional configuration as illustrated in FIGURE 4 with the seam formed by the stitching 6 projecting inwardly of the sleeve on all sides. The opening area 8 is now hand stitched closed to completely close the sleeve or furpiece F. The hand stitching can be done in such a manner that the seam still projects inside. This would not be possible by machine stitching. It is possible that other means of securing can be used other than stitching, particularly if the materials used are imitation materials and can be adhesively secured or heat bonded together. In the case of real fur, securing can only be done by stitching.

Subsequent to the inversion of the sleeve and the closing off of the area 8, hook pile fabric fasteners 10 and 12 are secured to the tubular furpiece F. One fastener 10 is secured to the backing member 2 at one end thereof so as to be superimposed thereon and the other fastener 12 is secured to the fur side of the fur member 4 at the end of the sleeve opposite to the end to which the fastener 10 has been secured. The securing of the fastener 10 is done by stitching 14 which as will be noted in FIGURE 6 passes through both members 2 and 4. Similarly fastener 12 is secured by stitching 16 which passes through both members 2 and 4.

It will be noted in FIGURE 5 that the area marked 18 is that area which has been hand stitched and which was formerly the area or opening 8 in FIGURE 2.

It should also be noted that the fasteners 10 and 12 vary in size. Fastener 12 is substantially larger than fastener 10 and should be approximately twice the size of fastener 10. The reason for the difference in size is to permit some adjustment of tightness about the neck or wrist of the wearer.

The backing member 2 may be of any suitable material and the fur member 4 may be imitation or real fur. The fasteners 10 and 12 preferably are of hook pile fabric because this material may be colored to blend in with the color of the furpiece F. It is obvious that some other fastening means can be provided although it is not preferable since the velcro provides for ease in fastening and unfastening as well as ease in manufacturing and permits adjustment in the manner aforementioned. The adjust-

ment aspect is important and would be extremely difficult with other type of fasteners.

It will be obvious that slight changes in the method of manufacture can be afforded in that the fasteners 10 and 12 may be secured to the backing and fur members 2 and 4 prior to their being secured together in the manner illustrated in FIGURE 2. In so doing, the stitching 14 and 16 would not connect both members 2 and 4 as illustrated in FIGURE 6.

While the invention has been described, it will be understood that it is capable of further modifications, and this application is intended to cover any variations, uses or adaptations of the invention following in general the principles of the invention and including such departures from the present disclosure as come within known or customary practice in the art to which the invention pertains.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

1. A decorative furpiece comprising:

- (a) a rectangular fur member and a rectangular backing member,
- (b) means for securing said members together at their marginal edges to form a tubular sleeve having an enclosed pocket,
- (c) an internal seam extending around the periphery of said furpiece, the edges of said fur member and said backing member being intumed and held by said securing means and lying within said enclosed pocket,
- (d) said furpiece including a first fastener element of hook pile fabric secured at one end of said furpiece and a second fastener element of loop pile fabric secured at the other end of said furpiece,

(e) each of said first and second fastener elements being secured to both fur and backing members,

(f) one of said fastener elements extending along the longitudinal axis of said sleeve a greater distance than the other of said fastener elements to permit size adjustment, and

(g) one of said fastener elements being secured on the exposed face of said fur member and the other on the exposed face of said backing member so as to permit connection of the ends of said sleeve in face abutting relationship so as to form a substantially continuous circulet when connected.

2. A decorative furpiece as in claim 1 and wherein:

(a) said fastener elements are rectangular in configuration and of a width less than the width of said furpiece.

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