

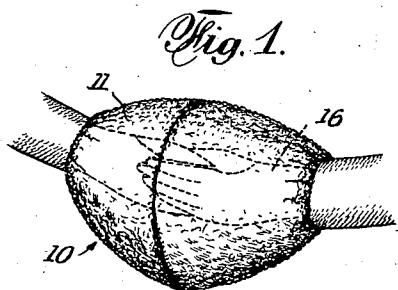
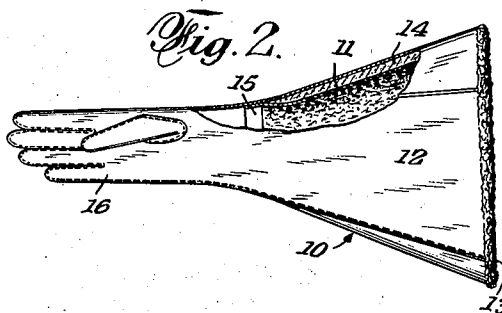
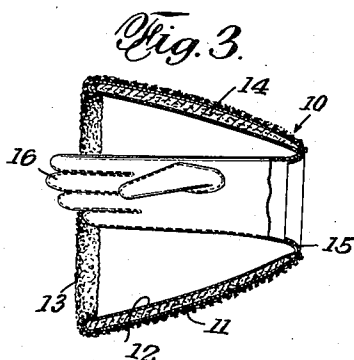
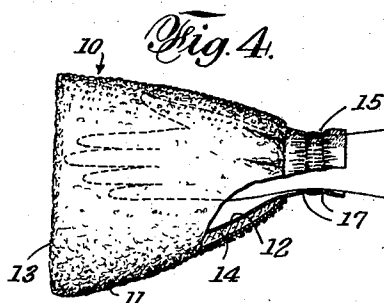
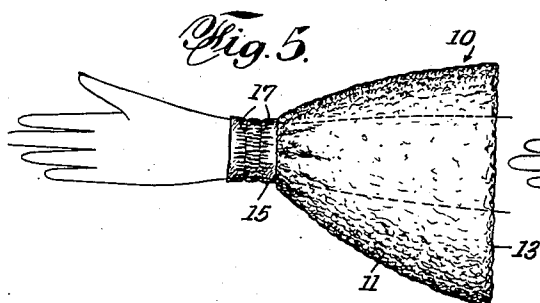
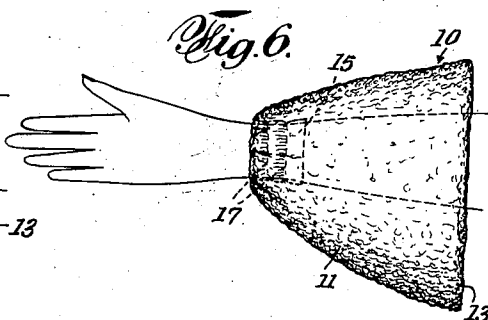
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Our present invention relates to articles of ladies' apparel and, more particularly, to coverings for the hands and to be worn over the forearms, of the type generally known as muffs.

Muffs of the type to which the present invention relates have heretofore been made as substantially open ended cylinders, of multiple layers of material, consisting of an outer face material, an inner lining, and intermediate layer of fabric in the form of padding or stiffening interlining. The outer face material is generally of a decorative nature, preferably harmonizing, by matching or by contrast, with the wearer's outer garment, and consisting usually of fur skins. Such muffs are made of a width and length sufficient to accommodate both of the hands and wrists of the wearer and are, necessarily, of considerable size and weight and, therefore, relatively clumsy, and in many respects, inconvenient. They continuously and exclusively occupy at least one of the wearer's hand and make it difficult, if not impossible, to perform any acts that require the use of both hands, such as the extracting of a key or change from a purse, the application of cosmetics, and the like. Furthermore, the frequent necessity for using both hands requires the frequent removal of the muff, sometimes in most inconvenient places, with resultant wear and tear, soiling and frequent loss.

It is the object of the present invention to provide muff like articles of apparel for use in lieu of a muff, which possess all of the desirable characteristics of muffs, namely, warmth, comfort and pleasing appearance, but possess none of their foregoing disadvantages, and which possess, in addition, many advantages and superiorities over the conventional muffs.

It is the object of the present invention to provide articles of apparel of the character described which do not constantly and exclusively occupy any of the wearer's hands and, consequently, do not require removal from the hand for the performance of any act, but which, on the contrary, leave both of the hands of the wearer free, at all times.

It is still another object of the present invention to provide articles of apparel of the character described which may be worn for warmth and comfort, over the hands, in muff-like fashion, but which, when no longer desired for such use, may still be conveniently and decoratively and ornamentally retained upon the arm, as a cuff over the forearm, without interfering in any

way, with the wearer's comfort or ability to use her hands.

Broadly speaking, the invention consists in the provision of hand covering apparel comprising two complementary muff-like parts or garment members, each adapted to be worn upon one of the hands and to receive therewithin the opposed hand, in one position, and to be folded back to serve as an ornamental cuff for the arm, in another position.

More comprehensively stated, each of the muff-like parts or garment members is of a hollow frusto conical form with both of its faces of a decorative fabric or material which is suitable for outer wear, and is preferably padded or stiffened by an interlining, and is provided, at its narrowed opening, with an unstiffened flexible portion whereby it is adapted to be held about the wrist and along which it may be folded to cover either the hand or the fore-arm.

Several embodiments of the garments of the present invention are shown in the accompanying drawing. It is to be understood, however, that such embodiments are shown by way of illustration only, to make the principles and practice of the present invention more readily comprehensible, and that it is not intended that the invention be in any way limited to the structural details thereof, but that, on the contrary, the broadest scope for the invention is intended that is consistent with the state of the art and with the claims which are hereinafter appended.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a complementary pair of garment-members forming the article of apparel of the present invention associated, integrally, with a pair of gloves, and shown as worn in muff position, covering the hands;

Fig. 2 is a view in elevation and partly in section showing one of such garment members disposed in position to cover the fore-arm;

Fig. 3 is a view in elevation and partly in cross-section showing the same garment member when worn in muff position;

Fig. 4 is a view in elevation and partly in section of a second embodiment of the present invention, showing a garment member of such embodiment worn in muff position;

Fig. 5 is an elevational view of the same in cuff position; and

Fig. 6 is a similar view of the same illustrating another arrangement for wearing it in cuff position.

Referring more specifically to the accompanying drawing, and designating by the same ref-

erence characters the same or similar parts in each of the several figures; each of the complementary garment members, generally designated as 10, is of an open ended tubular, preferably frustro-conical form, and may be constructed of multiple fabric or material layers, to have a pair of faces, 11 and 12, each made of a fabric or material of a decorative or ornamental nature, suitable for outer wear. At least one of the faces, such as the face 11, may be formed of a fabric that matches or harmonizes with an outer garment. Thus, for example, face 11, may be made of fur skins to match a fur coat or of cloth of a color harmonizing or contrasting with the color of a cloth coat. The faces 11 and 12 are joined to one another at the edges of the garment openings with one of the faces, such as 11, partly overlying the edge of the face 12, at the wider end of the article as at 13. Each article 10, may also be provided with an intermediate layer, 14, of material or fabric for the purpose of stiffening or padding for warmth.

Each of the members 10, is provided, preferably at its narrower end, with an unstiffened readily flexible sleeve-like fabric portion, 15, adapted to fit about the wrist part of the arm.

When desired, each of the sleeve-like portions, 15, may be formed to be continuous with another garment, either integrally or by attachment. One embodiment illustrating such construction is shown in Figs. 1 to 3, inclusive, of the drawing, wherein the garment member 10 and its sleeve, 15, are associated with a glove 16. The particular mode of construction shown consists in making the sleeve 15, and face 12, of the garment continuous with and an extension of the glove 16, so that the entire member 10, appears, when in position, as in Fig. 2, as an enlarged gauntlet portion of the glove.

Figs. 1 and 3 of the drawing illustrate the combined muff and glove garment worn in muff position with the glove in place on the wearer's hand and the muff-like portion folded over at its base, along the unstiffened sleeve portion 15. It will be noted that the muff-like part 10 of the garment is of a length substantially sufficient to cover the glove to the ends of the fingers when it is folded thereover. It will be further noted that when the wearer's hands are brought together, the ends 13, of the members are juxtaposed and effectively close the interior of the members to the atmosphere, providing the appearance, warmth and comfort of a muff.

Fig. 2 shows the garment member worn as a glove with the stiffened muff-like portion, 10, worn away from the glove 16, and serving as a cuff for the arm of the wearer.

While the glove 16 is shown as continuous and integral with the sleeve 15, and one of the faces of the muff-like garment 10, it will be readily understood that such construction may be modified to have a garment 10, stitched by its sleeve, 15, to the edges of a glove 16, without making

the two integral, in a manner readily understood and not thought necessary to illustrate.

It may here be stated that, if desired, the garment member 10, may be joined in a similar manner to the sleeve of a coat or the like instead of to a glove and may then be similarly conveniently worn either as a muff or a cuff.

Another form for the garment of the present invention is illustrated in Figs. 4 to 6, inclusive, of the drawing, wherein the garment is shown in unitary uncombined form, and the sleeve-like portion 15, which is joined to the narrower end of the muff-like garment 10, is provided with one or more elastic bands 17, annularly arranged thereabout gather and restrict the sleeve-opening and resiliently clasp the sleeve-like portion 15, about the wrist to keep the weather out and at the same time, render the sleeve-like portion 15, ornamental.

Of the three figures illustrating the construction and use of the second embodiment, Fig. 4 shows the same when worn in muff position, with the sleeve-like portion 15, extending upon the wrist in the direction of the arm. Fig. 5 shows the same when worn as a cuff, with the sleeve-like portion in the direction of the hand; and Fig. 6 shows the same worn as a muff with the sleeve-like portion in the direction of the arm, with a garment sleeve fitting between the sleeve-like portion 15 and the face 12, of the garment member 10.

It will be readily seen that to change the garment member of the second embodiment from muff to cuff position, or vice-versa, the garment member may be folded over along the sleeve portion or it may be only necessary to remove the garment from the wrist, turn it, and insert the hand through the end opposite the one through which it was first inserted.

What we claim as our invention is:

1. An article of apparel comprising, in combination with a glove, a muff portion consisting of multiple fabric layers arranged in tubular form said muff portion having a close fitting wrist end whereby it is connected to the glove and a wide open end capable of receiving a hand, said muff portion being sufficiently long to extend from the wrist back over and cover at least a portion of the hand on which it is worn, so that when used with a similar device on the other hand a complete muff will be formed when the hands are joined.

2. An article of apparel comprising a muff portion consisting of multiple fabric layers arranged in tubular form said muff portion having a close fitting wrist end and a wide open end capable of receiving a hand, said muff portion being sufficiently long to extend from the wrist back over and cover at least a portion of the hand on which it is worn, so that when used with a similar device on the other hand a complete muff will be formed when the hands are joined.

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