

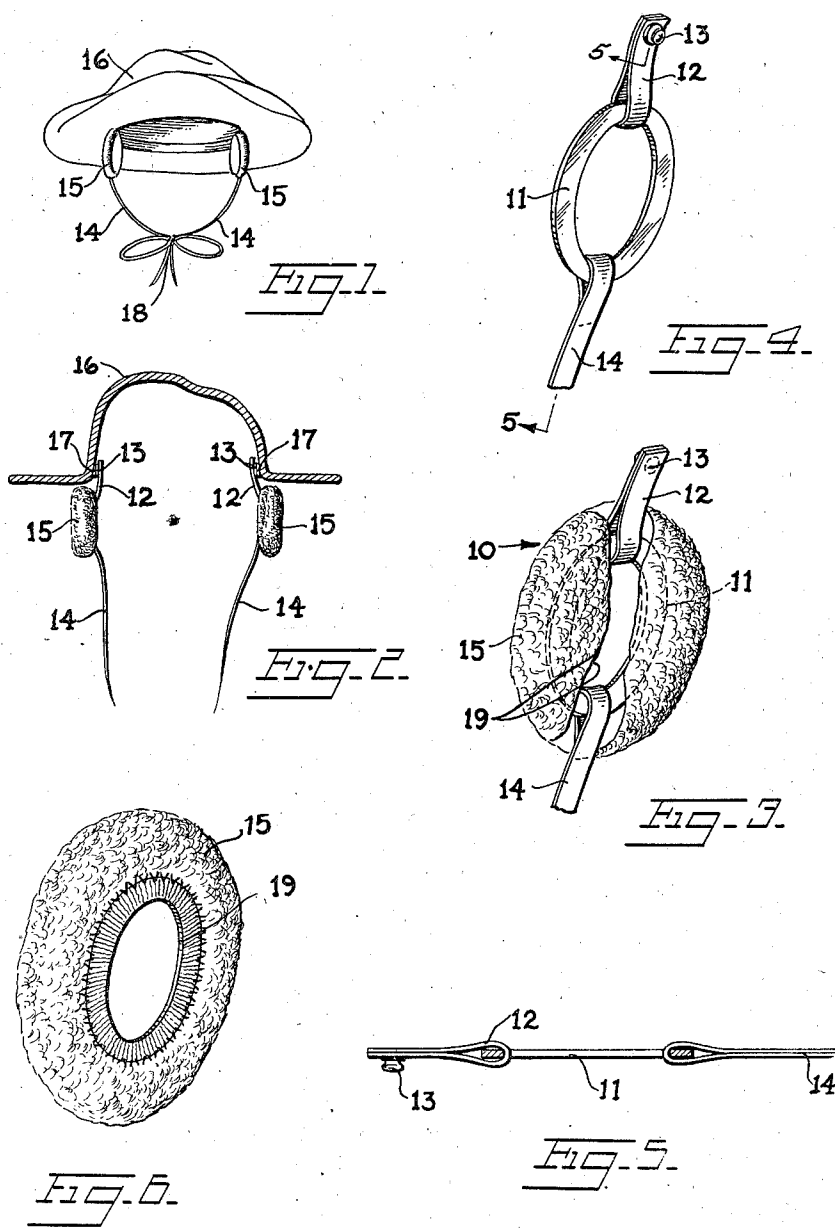
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The present invention relates to earmuffs and more particularly to earmuffs which are detachably connected to a hat and including means for tying the muffs in place, further means adapted to receive muff coverings of various colors, textures, etc.

An object of the present invention is the provision of an earmuff of novel design and function.

A further object is the provision of a muff in which the outer covering can be changed to harmonize with various costumes.

Another object is the provision of a muff attached to the hat and which may be secured in place by tapes or straps adapted to tie under the chin of the wearer, thus providing additional protection against the earmuff or hat blowing off in a strong wind.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawings forming a material part of this disclosure:

Fig. 1 is a front perspective view of a hat with the earmuffs in accordance with the present invention attached thereto.

Fig. 2 is a vertical lateral section of the same, showing the fastening means.

Fig. 3 is a perspective of an earmuff with a portion of its covering broken away to reveal the associated tapes and fastening means.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of an earmuff frame with the associated tapes and fastening means.

Fig. 5 is a section on the line 5-5 of Fig. 4. Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the muff covering, removed from its supporting ring.

Referring now in detail to the drawings, each earmuff 10 comprises a ring or similar annular member 11, a tape 12 engaging said ring and having a fastener element 13 at its free end. A long tape 14 extends from a portion of the ring 11 diametrically opposite the tape 12 and a covering member 15 of a pliable material normally surrounds and covers the ring 11. A hat 16 is provided with a pair of snap fastening elements 17 each adapted to engage the fastener elements 13 of the tapes 12 for detachably fastening a pair of earmuffs to diametrically opposite sides of the hat 16. Tapes 14 may be tied under the chin of a wearer as at 18 (Fig. 1).

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The covering member 15 is a circular sheet member preferably of textile material, and has a circular elastic band 19 sewn on its periphery which when stretched is of greater diameter than ring 11. When the elastic band is not stretched it contracts the periphery of the covering 15, as shown in Fig. 6.

A variety of coverings 15 may be kept on hand to harmonize with various costumes, and by tying tapes 14 as at 18, the muffs 10 and hat 16 are kept secured on the wearer's head in all weather conditions. The muffs 10 may also be removed when it is desired to use hat 16 alone.

If desired a metal strip may be substituted for tape 12. When tape 12 is to be secured permanently to hat 16 it is merely necessary to eliminate fastener element 13 and secure tape 12 by means of stitching or other suitable securing means.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise constructions herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:

1. An earmuff comprising, in combination, an annular member and a covering member, a tape looped around said annular member and comprising fastening means at its upper end adapted to engage complementary fastening means in a hat and another tape engaging said annular member and adapted to extend under the chin of a wearer.

2. As an article of manufacture, in combination, a hat, said hat comprising a snap fastening element, a ring, a tape looped around said ring and comprising a snap fastener element at its upper end adapted to engage said first mentioned snap fastener element, another tape engaging said ring and adapted to extend under the chin of a wearer, and covering means adapted to detachably cover said ring.

3. As an article of manufacture, in combination, a hat, said hat comprising a snap fastening element, a ring, a tape looped around said ring and comprising a snap fastener element at its upper end adapted to engage said first mentioned snap fastener element, another tape engaging said ring and adapted to extend under the chin of a wearer, and covering means adapted to detachably cover said ring, said covering

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means comprising a substantially circular sheet of pliable material greater in diameter than said ring and comprising elastic means.

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