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Fig. 1.

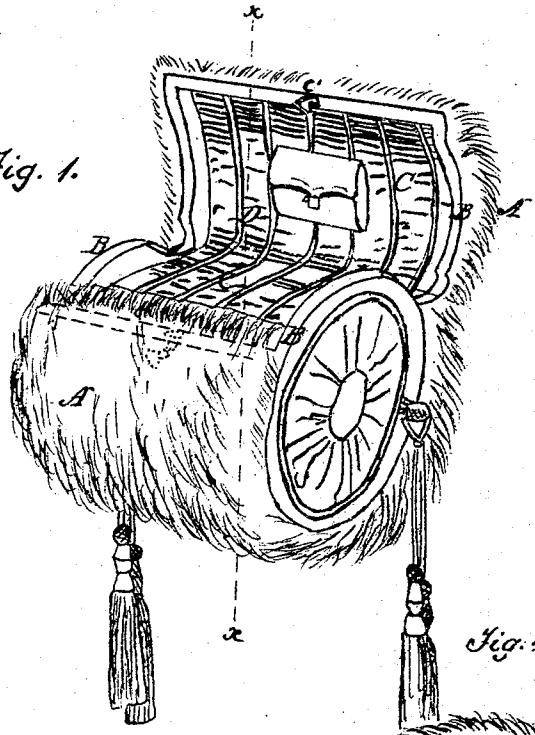


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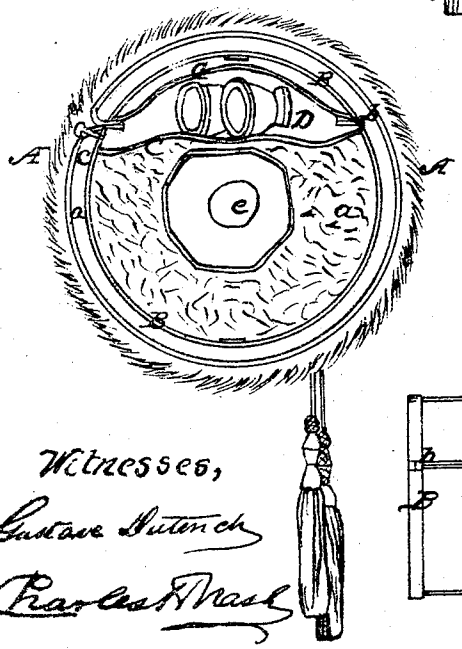


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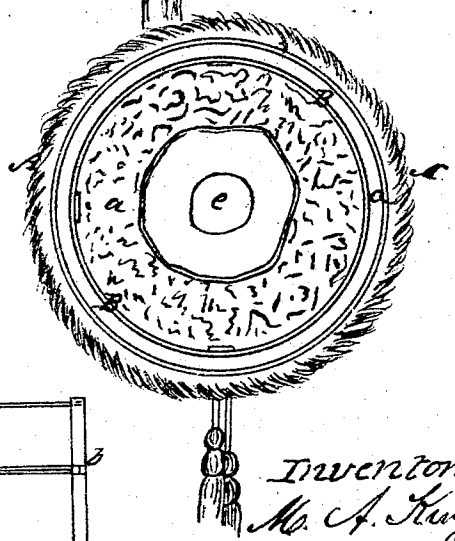
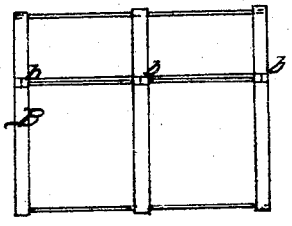


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN MUFFS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, M. A. KING, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Muffs; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved muff when open.

Figure 2 represents a vertical central section in the line *x x* of fig. 1, the muff being shown closed.

Figure 3 represents a rear face view of the skeleton frame.

Figure 4 represents a vertical central section of a modification of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The present invention relates to a new and useful improvement in muffs, which are designed to overcome the difficulties heretofore experienced in the ordinary muffs, which have a tendency to become flat and out of shape after being worn for a short time. This is accomplished in the present invention, by supplying the ordinary muff with a flexible steel or other suitable frame, made up of sections, applied to the interior of a muff for the purpose of giving steadiness and shape, and adapting the muff for use as a reticule or pocket, as shown in the accompanying drawings, and which will be more clearly understood from the following description, in which—

A represents the outer covering or fur of the muff, to the inside of which, between suitable stuffing *a a*, is secured a spring skeleton-frame, B, which is made in two parts and hinged together at *b*. To the opposite or front of the muff is secured a spring-lock, *c*, into which fits the catch *c'* of the upper section of frame B. To the upper part of the lower section of the frame B, and the under part of the upper section of said frame, is secured a silk or other suitable packing, C, which, when brought together, will form a convenient pocket, D, for carrying the handkerchief, pocket-book, &c., of the wearer. The pocket-book may be attached to the upper sacking *d*, as shown in the drawing, or placed loosely into the pocket, as desired. The fur of the lower section of the muff is so arranged as to hide the spring-lock *c* from view. The sectional frame B is arranged in such a manner as not to interfere with the ordinary opening *e* of the muff.

I do not limit myself to a sectional frame as shown in the drawing. The frame B can be made of a series of spring-rings, suitably secured to each other, as shown in fig. 4, or made of wire gauze.

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

A muff provided with the skeleton spring-frame B, made in sections, for the purpose of sustaining its cylindrical form, and adapting it for use as a reticule or pocket, substantially as shown and described.

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