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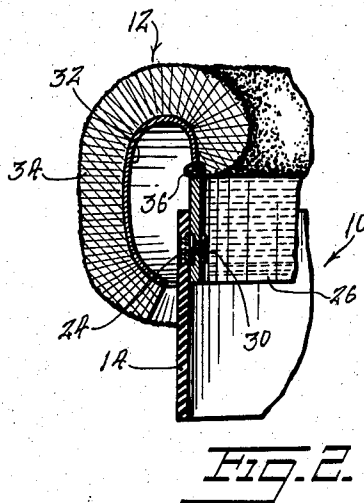
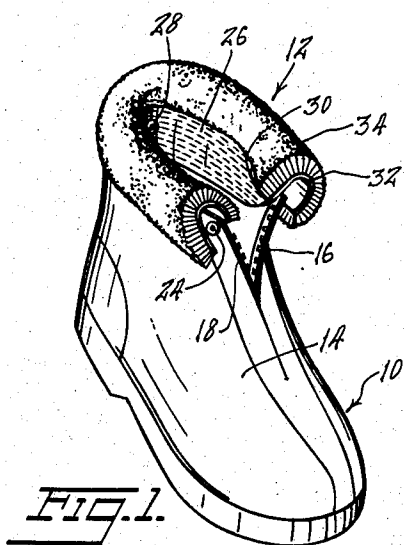


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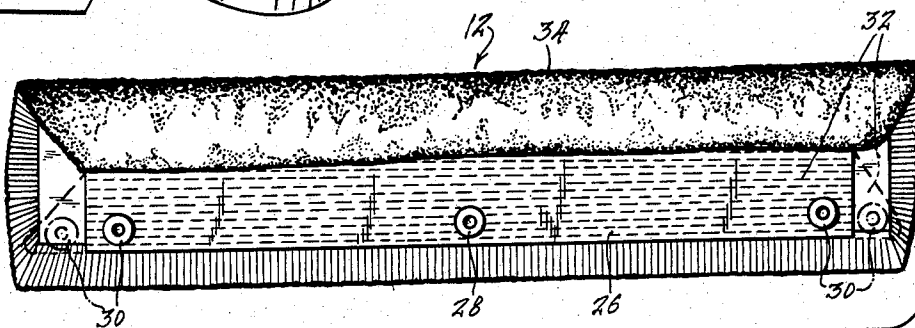
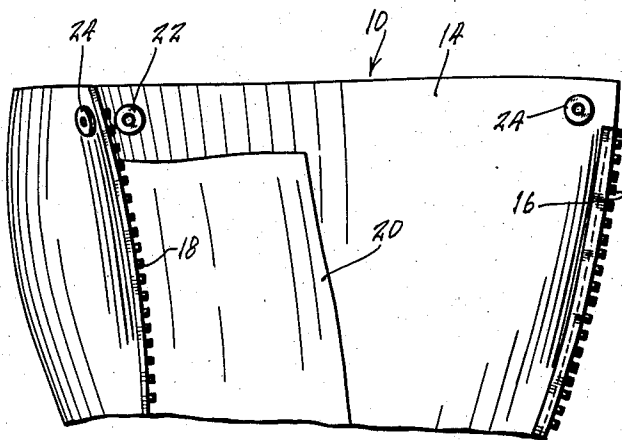


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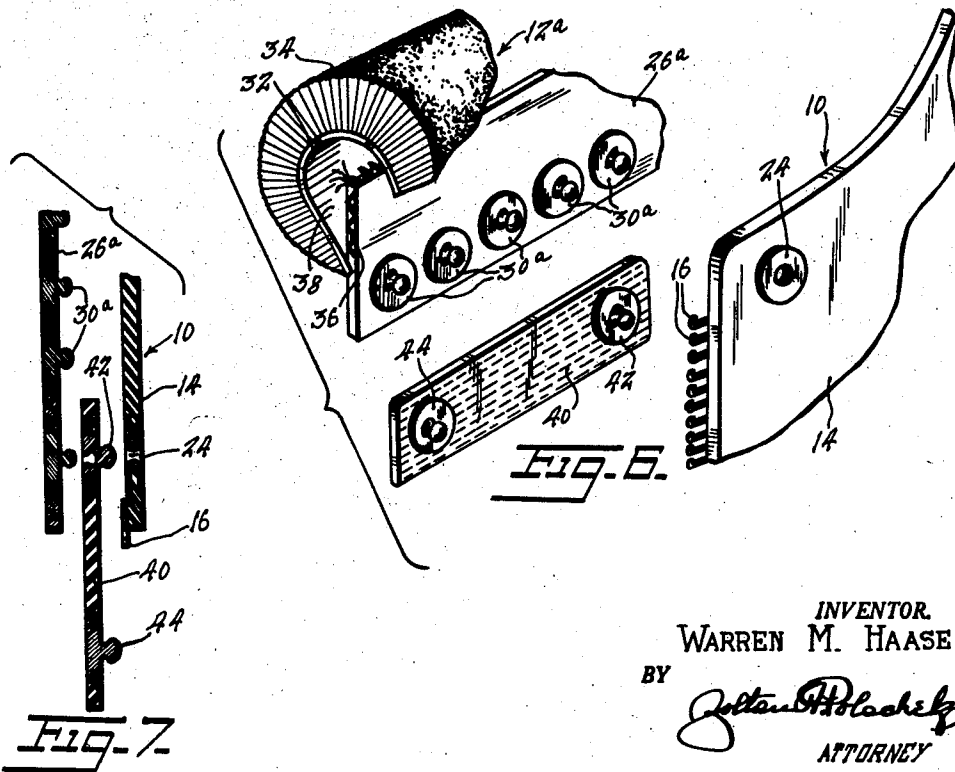
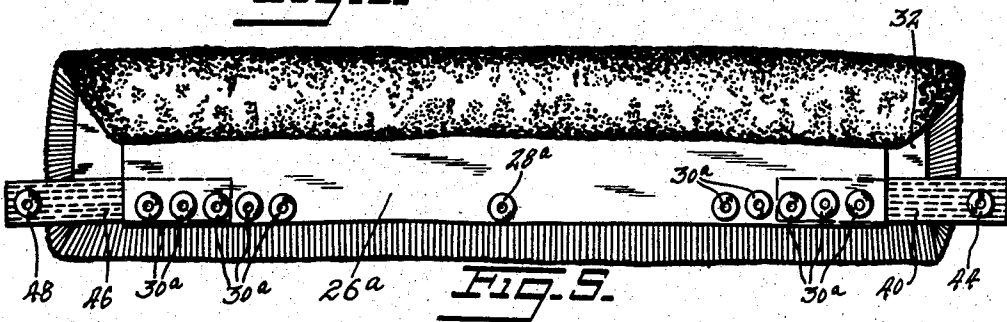
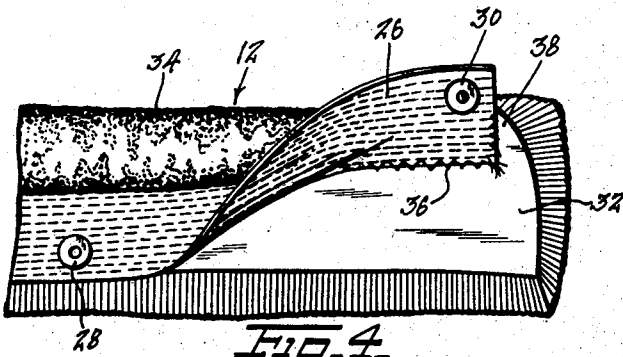
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This invention relates to storm boots, overshoes, and similar footwear. More particularly, the invention has reference to a removable fur cuff or trim strip adapted to be applied to the upper of a boot, to extend about the ankle, the article constituting the present invention being particularly adapted for use on ladies' boots.

The present invention represents a continuation-in-part of my copending patent application Serial Number 374,596, filed August 17, 1953, now Patent Number 2,729,899 granted January 10, 1956, and the main object of the present invention is to provide a removable fur cuff of the type described and illustrated in said copending application, having the additional feature of adjustability to overshoes of various sizes.

In accordance with the present invention, the cuff includes means carrying the fur bearing strip, which means is extendible, so as to be fitted about overshoe uppers of various sizes. In this way, it is proposed to permit the removable fur cuff or trim piece to be made in only a few sizes, as compared to the number of sizes of overshoes in general use.

Another object of importance is to provide an article of manufacture as stated which will be so designed as to seemingly be a basic part of the boot itself when the cuff is attached to the boot, with the fact that the cuff is a removable member being concealed from the casual viewer.

Another object of importance is to provide a fur cuff as stated that will be comfortable when worn, will not damage the hose of the wearer, can be attached to or removed from the associated boot with a minimum of difficulty and loss of time, and can be manufactured at relatively low cost.

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 claim 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 perspective view of a storm boot or overshoe equipped with a removable fur cuff formed according to the present invention.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged, fragmentary vertical sectional view through the back portion of the cuff and overshoe upper.

Fig. 3 is an exploded front elevational view of the cuff and overshoe, a portion of the overshoe being broken away.

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary front elevational view of the cuff in which one end of the support strip has been turned upwardly to show in greater detail the construction of the end portion of the cuff.

Fig. 5 is a front elevational view of a modified form of removable cuff.

Fig. 6 is a fragmentary, exploded perspective view showing the cuff of Fig. 5 and an associated overshoe upper.

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Fig. 7 is a fragmentary, exploded horizontal sectional view of the modified cuff and overshoe upper.

The reference numeral 10 generally designates, in the several figures of the drawing, a storm boot, while at 12 there has been similarly designated the removable fur cuff or trimming constituting the present invention.

The overshoe includes the usual upper 14, opening down the front with the edges of the connectable front parts of the upper having cooperating slide fastener elements 16, 18 respectively. The upper, further, has the usual tongue 20, connected to one of the front parts thereof.

In accordance with the present invention, there is secured to the top edge portion of the upper a series of inwardly facing female gripper fastener elements 22, 24. Element 22 is at the back of the upper, while elements 24 are disposed at opposite sides of the front opening.

The removable trimming includes an inner or support strip 26 formed wholly from an elastic material and having outwardly facing male gripper elements 28, 30.

The element 28 is adapted for connection to the element 22, while elements 30 are adapted for connection, in a similar manner, to the gripper fastener elements 24 of the boot 10. As shown in Fig. 2, the strip 26 is adapted to fit inside the upper end portion of the boot, the elements 28, 30, facing outwardly so as to be detachably engageable with the gripper fastener elements 24.

A fur-bearing strip 32 is slightly greater in length than the strip 26, and also is substantially wider, as shown in Fig. 2 in the illustrated example, although the strips 26, 32, could if desired be made of approximately equal width. In any event, strip 32 carries over its full area fur 34, which fur faces upwardly, outwardly, and downwardly when the cuff is attached to the boot, in effect being rolled over the top edge of the boot as shown in Fig. 1 to provide an attractive trimming means for the boot.

By means of stitching 36, the outer, fur-bearing strip 32 is secured in edge-to-edge relationship to the inner or attaching strip 26, the stitching extending the full length of the strip 26. Referring now to Fig. 4, in its opposite ends, the fur-bearing strip 32 has approximately triangular, lateral projections 38 secured to the end edges of the strip 26 so that the fur at the ends thereof will cover to the maximum extent the inner, support strip 26. In use, the removable cuff is applied to the boot 10 as in Fig. 2, and the element 28 of the cuff is attached to the element 22. Then, elements 30 are attached to gripper fastener elements 24 of the boot.

In Figs. 5-7, there is shown a modified construction, wherein the removable cuff has been generally designated at 12<sup>a</sup>. This form of the device is attachable to the same storm boot as that shown in Fig. 1, and further, in this form of the invention, the fur-bearing strip 32 and the fur 34 are all identical to the corresponding components of the first form.

The main difference in this form lies in the support strip 26<sup>a</sup>. In this form of the invention, strip 26<sup>a</sup> is provided with an elongated, wide body which itself may be non-elastic, being formed perhaps of soft leather, or alternatively of foam rubber or similar material. The fur-bearing strip 32 is attached in edge-to-edge relationship to the support strip 26<sup>a</sup> by stitching 36 in the same manner as in the first form, as will be readily apparent from a study of Fig. 6.

A single, inwardly facing male gripper fastener element 28<sup>a</sup> is provided upon the strip 26<sup>a</sup>, medially between its ends, and this is connectable to the fastener element 22 of the boot. However, instead of a single gripper fastener element at each end of the strip 26<sup>a</sup>, a plurality of elements 30<sup>a</sup> is provided at each end, the elements at each end being arranged in a straight row disposed

longitudinally of the support strip 26<sup>a</sup>, and being of the male type as shown in Fig. 6, facing outwardly of the boot. To permit adjustment of the cuff to boots of different sizes, there are provided at each end of the strip body, relatively short elasticized tabs 40, 46. Tab 40 is provided with a combined male and female gripper fastener element 42 adjacent one end (see Fig. 7), while at its other end it has a male gripper fastener element 44 facing in the same direction as the male portion of element 42, said direction being outwardly of the boot.

The combined male element is per se known in the art, and is so designed as to have a rounded stud or lug projecting outwardly from one face of the associated piece of material, with a stud-receiving recess being formed in the opposite face.

In use of this form of the invention, the cuff is applied to the boot, and according to the particular size of the boot, the end gripper fastener elements 24 of the boot will register with a particular element 30<sup>a</sup>. Then, the tabs 40, 46 are interposed between the boot upper 10 and the strip body 26<sup>a</sup>, and the combination male-female element 42 is registered with element 24 and the particular registering element 30<sup>a</sup> and is then connected to both of these, thus attaching the tab to and between the body of the support strip 26<sup>a</sup> and the overshoe upper. The tab 40 projects forwardly from the strip body and upper, as shown in Figs. 5 and 7, and on the tab 46 there is provided a female gripper fastener element 48 adapted to engage the element 44, thus permitting the tabs to be connected at the front of the overshoe, with said tabs extending resiliently as necessary. In each instance, the cuff is readily attachable to an overshoe of a particular size, and the tabs permit overall extension thereof so that the tabs may be readily engaged across the front of the overshoe upper, thus to conceal any portions of the strip bodies that may project beyond the side edges of the upper.

It will be understood that the tabs 40, 46 will be considered as component parts of the inner or attaching strip 26<sup>a</sup>, and in this claim appended hereto properly classifiable as generic, the term "attaching strip," when read on the form of Figs. 5-7, embraces both the inelastic strip body and the elastic tabs.

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 that various changes and modifications may be made within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claim.

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

10 A removable cuff for an overshoe upper having snap fastener elements at upper corners thereof and another snap fastener element located midway of said corners, comprising a first strip of material having an outer fur finish, an attaching strip of substantially inelastic material secured along one long edge thereof to said first strip, said first strip extending slightly beyond the ends of the attaching strip, a snap fastener element secured to the attaching strip midway its ends to engage on said other snap fastener located on the overshoe upper, two series of longitudinally-arranged, closely-spaced snap fastener elements secured to the attaching strip, there being one of said series adjacent each end of the attaching strip, and a pair of elastic tabs, each of said tabs carrying a male-female snap fastener element at one end thereof, the male portion of the male-female fastener element on each tab being engageable detachably on one of the corner fastener elements of the upper while the female portion of the male-female fastener element is engageable on one fastener element of one of the two series of fastener elements on the attaching strip, the other ends of the tabs carrying complementary fastener elements to detachably engage said other ends of the tabs at the front of the shoe upper.

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