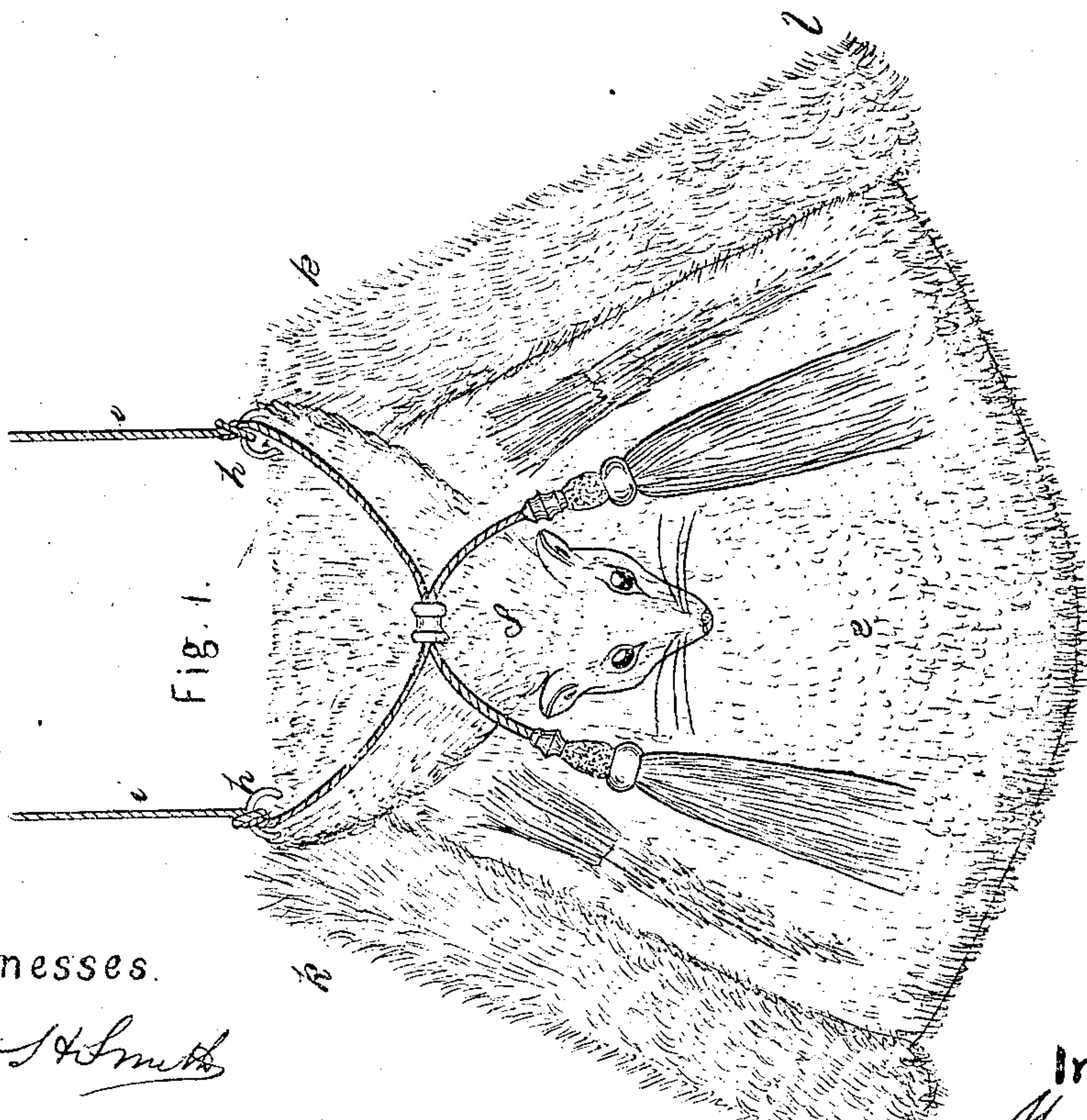
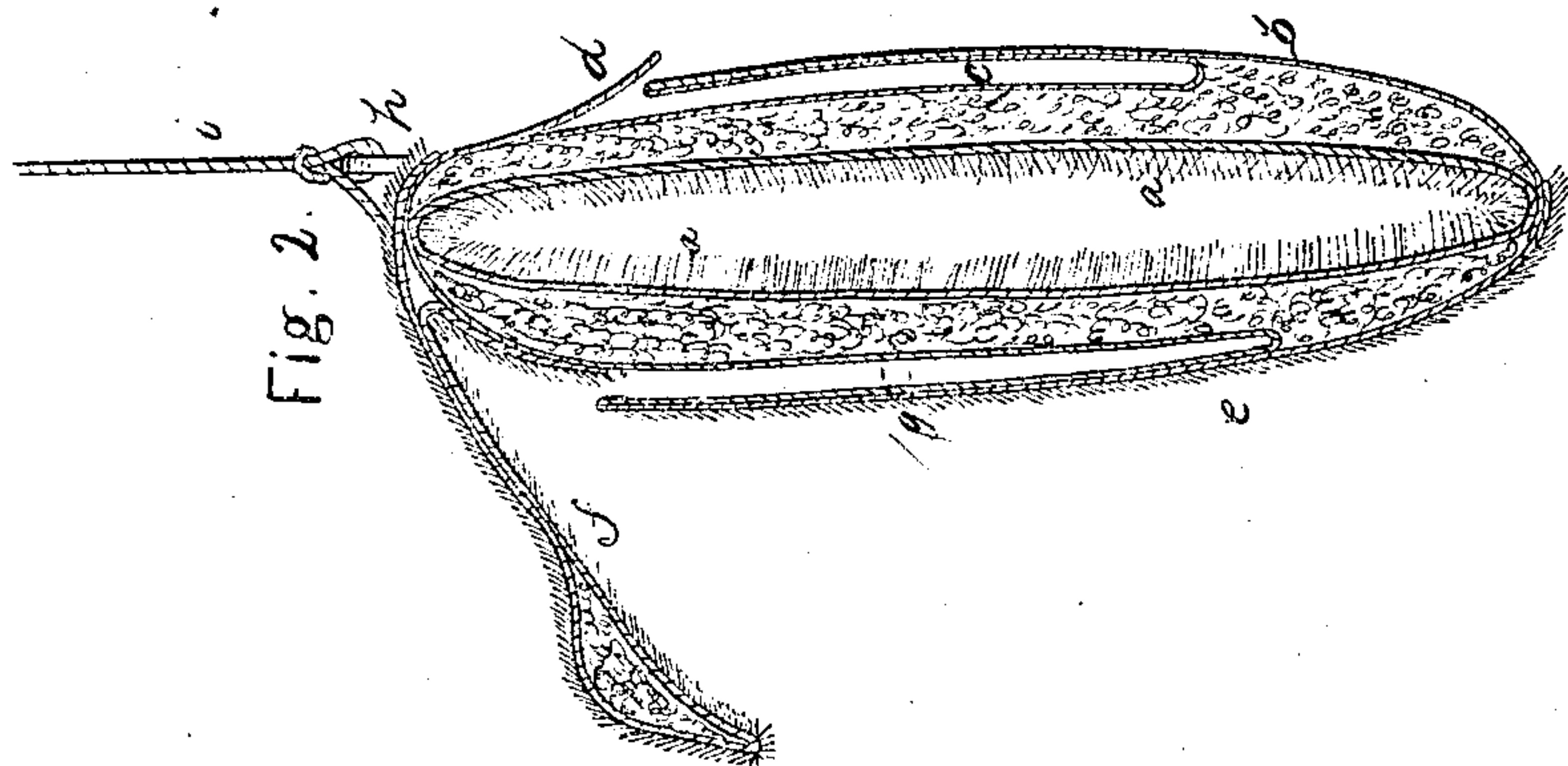


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IMPROVEMENT IN MUFFS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 53,760, dated April 3, 1866.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MORITZ MAHLER, a native of Hungary, temporarily residing in Montreal, Canada, have invented, made, and applied to use a certain new and useful Improvement in Muffs; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the said invention, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making part of this specification, wherein—

Figure 1 is a front view of said muff, and Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the same.

Similar marks of reference denote the same parts.

Muffs as usually made are circular, being the same, or nearly so, on all sides. They have been provided with fur or swan's down at the ends, and sometimes with a silk exterior. The side of the muff coming against the person becomes disfigured, and the muff is not convenient for the insertion or removal of the hands, being straight across the ends, and the muff is practically useless, except to keep the hands warm.

The nature of my said invention consists, first, in forming the back of the muff with a smooth surface of leather or other suitable material without hair, in which is a pocket for the introduction of any article of convenience or apparel, said muff not being liable to wear from contact with the person; second, in forming the muff wider at the bottom than at the top, in order that the ends may be at an inclination, so as to be much easier for introducing the hands, and at the same time the ends of the muff set much more closely to the wrist than with the ordinary muffs, for those generally have an open space below the hands in consequence of the forearms usually inclining downward; third, in providing rings on the upper part of the muff, to which cords are to be attached for sustaining the muff, thereby avoiding the necessity of passing the cord or string through the muff, and making a much neater and more durable mode of attachment than heretofore; fourth, in forming a pocket in the front part of the muff beneath a flap, thereby giving opportunity to make use of the muff in transporting any small articles and rendering the said muff much more useful than heretofore.

In the drawing, *a* is the interior lining of the muff; *b*, the back covering of the muff, formed of leather or other smooth material, and in which is the pocket *c*, covered by a flap *d*.

e is the front of the muff, formed with fur, and having an ornamental flap, *f*, hanging from the top over the pocket *g*.

h h are rings attached to the top of the muff, and *i* is the cord with tassels or other ornamental ends.

The muff is made narrower between the points *k k* than it is at *l l*, so that the ends are at an inclination, in order that the same may be better adapted to receive and fit around the hands and wrists.

The superiority of my said muff over all others will be apparent, for it is better adapted to use in consequence of its shape. It is much more durable and less costly, because less of expensive fur is required, and said muff is adapted to the reception and safe-keeping of many articles usually carried in the hand or loosely in the muff, and hence liable to loss, while the pockets provided by me are as safe as the reticule often carried separately.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The muff provided with a covering of leather or other suitable material without fur or hair on the side that comes next to the person, as and for the purposes set forth.

2. The muff formed wider at the bottom than at the top portion, so that the ends may be at an inclination, for the purposes and as specified.

3. Rings or loops attached to the upper part of the muff for the reception of the suspending-cord, as set forth.

4. A pocket formed in the front portion of the muff, and provided with a flap of skin or fur hanging from the top portion of the muff down over the front part of the same, as and for the purposes specified.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my signature this 12th day of September, A. D. 1865.

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