

J. RING.  
Combined Boas and Muffs.

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Fig. 1.

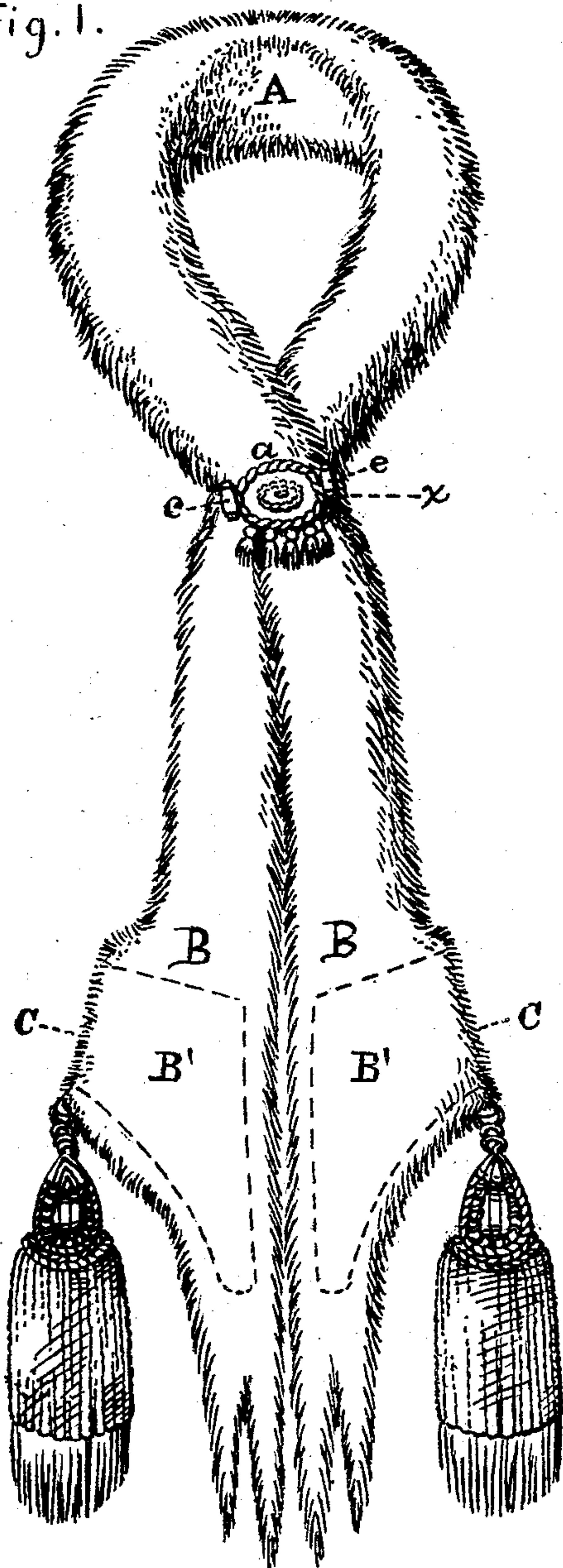
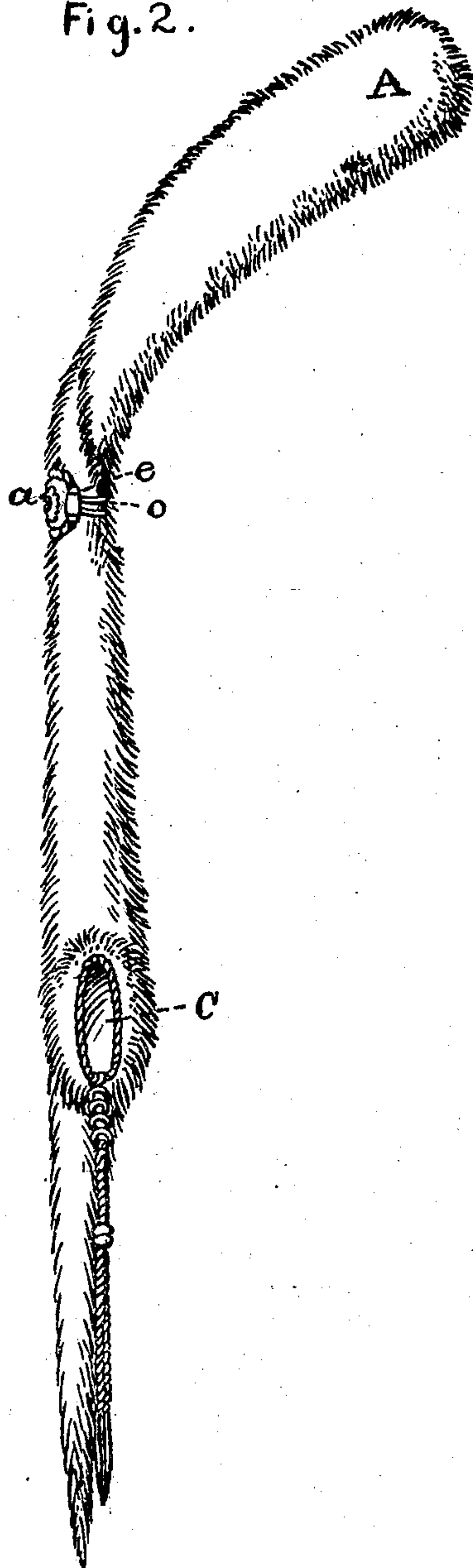


Fig. 2.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN COMBINED BOAS AND MUFFS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **147,173**, dated February 3, 1874; application filed January 13, 1874.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JACOB RING, of Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented an Improved Boa and Muff Combined, of which the following is a specification:

My invention relates to certain articles usually worn by ladies in cold weather, known as boas and muffs; and consists in certain modifications in the construction of the same, and novel combination of parts, as hereinafter shown and described.

In the accompanying drawing, which illustrates my invention and forms a part of the specification thereof, corresponding parts being designated by similar letters, Figure 1 represents a front view of my improved boa and muff. Fig. 2 represents a side view of the same.

My invention may be described as follows: In the drawing referred to, the boa, designated A, after passing about the neck, crosses at a point indicated by X, where it is fastened, leaving the other parts suspended therefrom, as shown in Fig. 1. Toward the lower extremities, and at a convenient distance from the fastening, the boa is widened. The widened parts, being indicated by B, are provided with the pocket-openings C for the hands, and so constructed as to be readily used instead of the muff in common use. The fastening *a* is attached to the front side of the boa, and has the two buttons *c* and *e*. At the button *e* a loop, *o*, made of elastic cord, is fastened, and is passed about the doubled boa behind, to, and

looped over the button *c*. B' B' represent the pockets, with a downward inclination, and their lower ends closed, formed in the widened part of the boa, and having entrance-openings C, each being complete in itself, forming a pocket to receive the articles usually carried by ladies, thereby avoiding the necessity of a pocket in the dress, the pocket above referred to being sufficiently large to hold all articles desired; at the same time, being in the position shown and described, they answer the purposes of a muff.

By this construction, a convenient article is provided to protect the neck from cold, and also answers the purpose of a muff for the hands.

I am aware that a victorine, cape, or collar has been used having openings extending transversely entirely through the lower ends of the same, and I do not therefore, broadly, claim such device; but

Having described my invention, I claim as a new article of manufacture—

A boa, A, with ends widened and provided with pockets B' B', with a downward inclination, and their lower ends closed, and having an entrance-opening, C, when constructed substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

Witness my signature hereto this 13th day of January, 1874.

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