

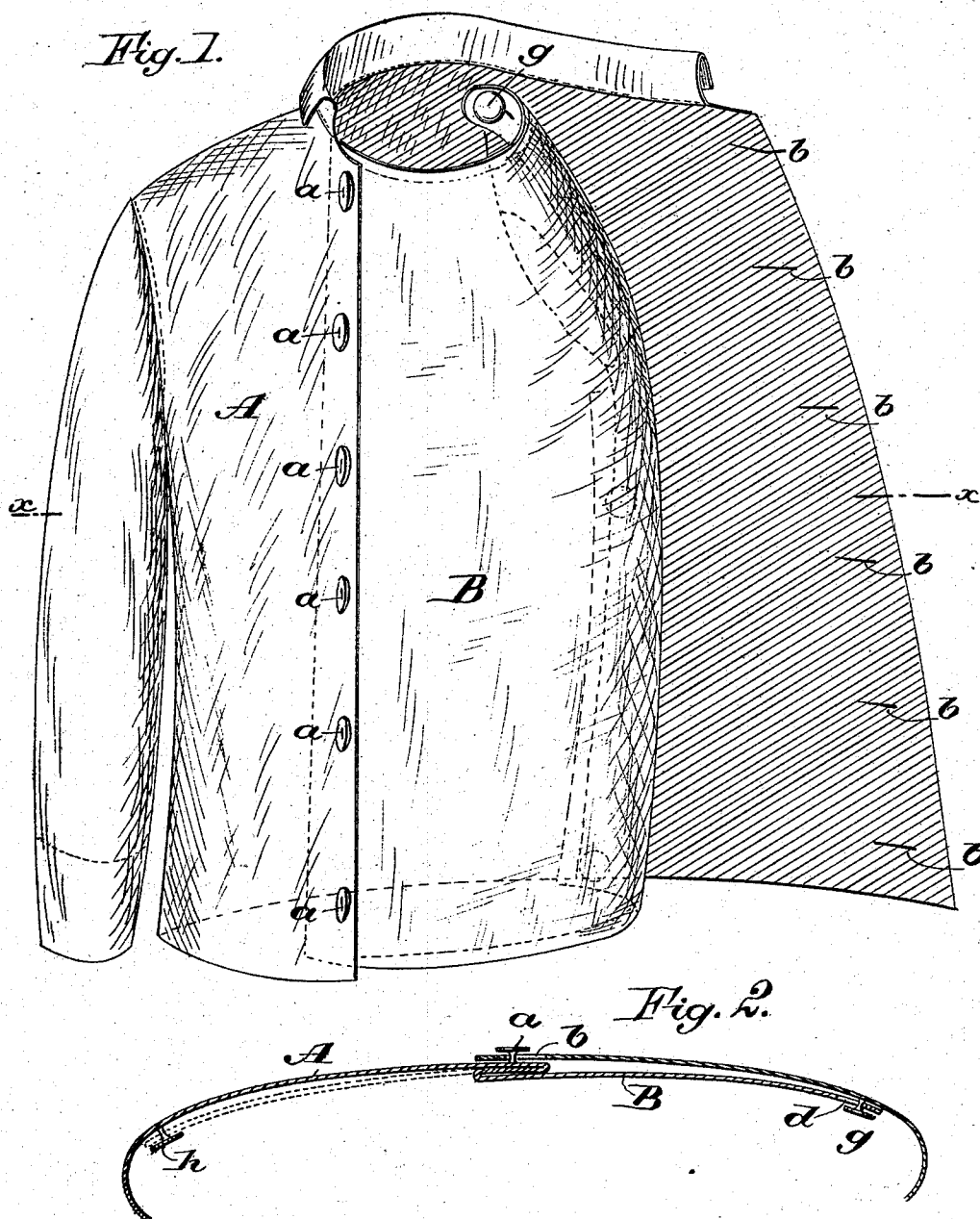
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, WILLIAM P. DODGE, of Prospect, in the county of Oneida and State of New York, and JOHN CUMMINGS, Jr., of Utica, in the county of Oneida and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Coat, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of our invention is to provide a new and improved storm-coat provided with an inner lap or apron, which fully protects the front of the body and the front and sides of the legs from rain and wind driven against the body.

The invention consists in a coat provided with a lap or apron fastened to or made integral with one edge of the front opening, and adapted to be folded and buttoned on the inner surface of that side to which it is fastened, or to the other side of the coat after having been passed over the front of the body, thereby preventing the rain or snow being driven through the front opening from wetting the inner garments.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of our improved storm-coat. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the same on the line *x x*, Fig. 1.

The coat A is provided in the usual way with a row of buttons, *a*, on one side of the front opening, and a row of button-holes, *b*, on the other side. That side of the coat on which the buttons are fastened is extended or enlarged to form an inside lap, apron, or storm-protector, B, which is provided at its free edge with a series of button-holes, *d*, through which buttons *h*, on the inner surface of the side of the coat of which the lap is formed, can be passed. The coat is also provided with buttons *g* on its inner surface at the opposite side of the coat. In case the coat is to be worn during fair or pleasant weather, the lap B is secured by the buttons *h* on the inside of that part of the coat of which it forms a piece; but during a rain or snow storm, or when it is very cold, the lap or protector B is placed over the chest, front of the body and legs, and is se-

cured by the buttons *g* to that part of the coat opposite to the one to which it is permanently fastened. Half of the front of the coat will always be double. When adjusted for storms, &c., the protector prevents the rain, snow, &c., from being driven through the front opening of the coat and from coming in contact with the body or inner clothing. Likewise, it keeps off the water and snow while driving, riding; or walking, especially while facing the storm.

The lap or protector B does not show except when adjusted for use and the coat is opened. It does not mar the appearance of the garment.

The above-described improvement can be applied on all kinds of coats, long and short, but is especially adapted for water-proof coats made of rubber, oil-cloth, or other suitable material.

We do not abandon or dedicate to the public any patentable feature set forth herein and not hereinafter claimed, but reserve the right to claim the same either in a reissue of any patent that may be granted upon this application or in any other application for Letters Patent that we may make.

We are aware that a lady's cloak has been provided with a muff-holder buttoned in front thereof, that a skirt-fly has been buttoned over the pocket of an overcoat, so as to prevent the access of water or snow, and that a lung-fly has been stitched on the inside of coat and over the diseased lung; but

What we do claim as new and of our invention is—

The apron B, having end hole, *d*, and end button, *h*, on one side, and a median button, *a*, on the opposite side, in combination with a coat-breast having the button *g* and hole *b*, as and for the purpose specified.

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