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AUTOMOBILE ROBE OR BLANKET

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Fig. 1.

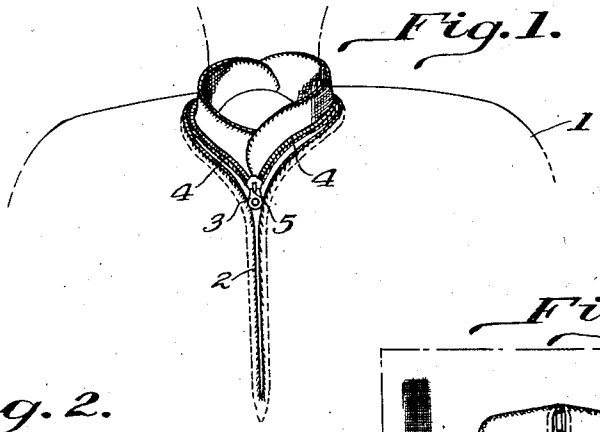


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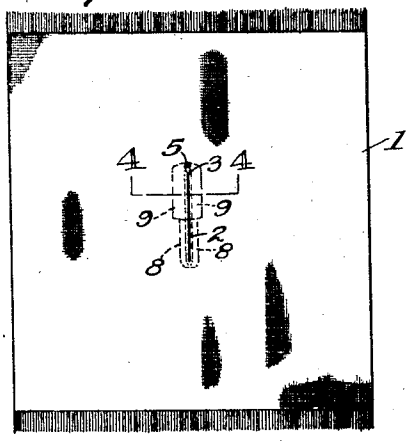


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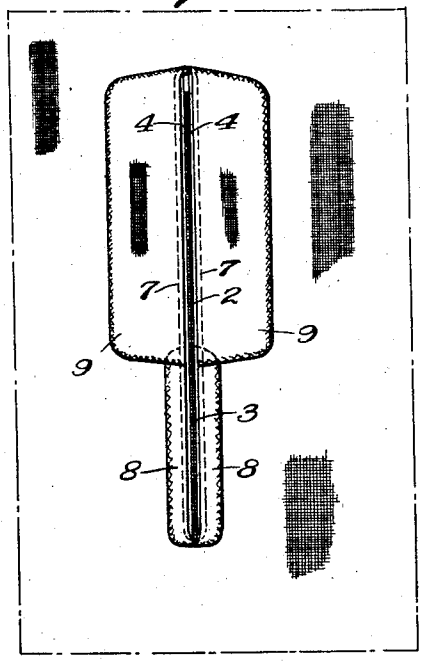
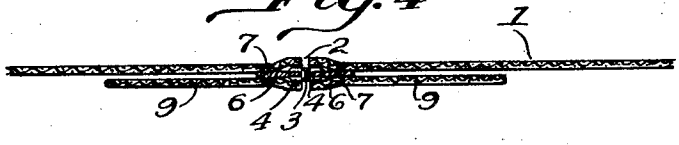


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This invention relates generally to robes or blankets and is directed more particularly to that type of robes or blankets used in connection with automobiles for the comfort of the occupants thereof.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a robe or blanket of this character which in addition to serving as a robe or blanket may be readily converted into a slip-over garment or cloak on the order of a poncho so that the user thereof will be protected against the cold and damp weather conditions.

Another object of the invention resides in the provision of a covering of this kind which is formed with a slit substantially centrally thereof and which slit or opening is of sufficient length to permit the placing of the garment over the head of the wearer, the invention also provides means for closing the opening so that the garment will fit snugly and comfortably around the neck of the person.

A further object is to make use of a metallic slide fastening device for closing and opening the slit which device is conveniently operated and when closed will effect the complete closing of the slit so that when the covering is not used as a slip-over garment, the same will be restored to blanket form.

A still further object of the invention is to provide an elongated flap on each side of the slit and one side of the blanket which flaps together will serve as a collar around the neck of the wearer to provide more comfort and to give the garment a more finished appearance, and to keep the fastener away from contact with the neck. It is a still further object to provide a container or casing for the robe or blanket to form a cushion or pillow which may be used by the occupants of the vehicle to render their position more comfortable.

With these and other objects in view, it will appear as the description proceeds, that the invention consists of a combination of elements and arrangement of parts hereinafter to be fully described and pointed out in the appended claims.

In the annexed drawing:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the robe showing the same in use as a slip-over garment;

Fig. 2 is a plan view thereof;

Fig. 3 is a view showing the reverse side of that of Fig. 2; and

Fig. 4 is a sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, the numeral 1 refers to my improved combination garment in its entirety. The garment or blanket comprises a rectangular piece of soft yieldable fabric, preferably woven fabric and of a weight and size suitable to permit of its use as a lap-robe or covering. Formed substantially centrally of the blanket is a slit or opening 2 of sufficient length to permit the placing of the blanket over the head of the wearer so that the blanket will form a covering or slip-over garment for the protection against inclement weather conditions.

To conveniently close the slit or opening 2, use is made of a metallic slide fastening device 3 of the kind commonly found on the market and which fastening device consists of a plurality of sectional side members 4 and a follower 5 for engaging and disengaging said members. By means of this fastening device, the slit may be closed in such a way that the garment will fit snugly around the neck of the wearer or the slit may be closed entirely when the convertible garment is to be used for a lap-robe or like purpose.

To conceal the fastening device 3 from view when the slit is closed and particularly when the garment is used as a lap-robe, the tape 6, to which the sectional side members 4 are stitched as at 7, is spaced a slight distance away from the edges confining the slit so that said edges will overlap the tape and the members 4, substantially closing the slit, giving the blanket or garment a neater appearance on the top side thereof. The under side of the blanket is also formed so as to substantially conceal the fastening device 3 by providing side pieces 8 and flaps 9 which overlap the tapes 6 and the sectional side members 4, and thus protect the latter from

being caught in wearing apparel when used as a slip-over robe or garment.

The flaps 9 which are considerably wider than the pieces 8 extend a distance substantially half way the length of the slit and are utilized as a collar to fit around the neck of the wearer when the robe is used as a slip-over garment. It will be noted that these flaps are attached to the blanket only on the side adjacent the slit or opening and that the flaps are not connected to one another at the end of the slit. This permits the flaps to lie flat upon the under side of the blanket and prevent bulkiness of the material.

In operation, when the blanket is to be converted into a slip-over garment, the slit is opened by the fastening device a distance sufficient to position the blanket over the head of the wearer. The flaps 9 are then raised and their forward ends overlapped if desired as shown in Fig. 1 to completely surround the neck and the fastening device closed to hold the collar in place. The turning up of the flaps 9 will position the side members 4 of the fastening device exterior of the collar where the same will be spaced from the neck by the material thereby preventing any possible injury or discomfort to the user of the garment. In removing the garment, these flaps will of course be turned under so as to lie on the under side of the blanket and the fastening device operated to close the slit fully restoring the garment to blanket form.

From the foregoing, it will be seen that a robe or blanket has been provided which not only serves as a lap-robe but may also be converted into a slip-over garment by the provision of an opening therein and a fastening device which may be operated to shut the opening and fit the garment around the neck of the wearer. The garment is also formed to include a neck band or collar which may be so arranged that when in use, the same will snugly fit around the neck of the wearer and when not in use will lie flat upon the under side of the garment.

The robe or garment will find many practical uses as for example at football games, outings and in connection with automobiles and especially by rumble seat passengers for protection against the elements. When the robe is not used as a covering, the same may be folded to fit an envelope or casing providing a cushion or pillow which envelope or casing may have its open side closed or opened with a similar slide fastening maintaining the blanket or robe in an orderly and compact condition.

What is claimed is:

1. A robe formed with a slit of a length sufficient to receive the head and neck of the wearer, slide fasteners attached to the side edges of said slit and extending the full length thereof, longitudinally extending flaps attached to the side edges of the slit and arranged flat on one side of the robe, said flaps being shorter in length than said slit and when extended therethrough serving as a collar around the neck of the wearer, the flaps when in this position will lie between the neck and the fastener and protect the former when said fastener is drawn up tight to hold the collar snugly in place.

2. A robe or blanket having a slit formed therein for the reception of the head of the wearer when the robe is used as a garment, longitudinally extending collar flaps sewed to the side edges of the slit and lying normally flat on one side of the robe, a fastener of the slide operated type attached to the side edges of the slit and arranged to lie between the robe and said slit, whereby when said flaps are extended through the slit to form a collar for the neck of the wearer, the flaps will protect the neck from the fastener and due to the manner of attachment to the edges of the slit will present a smooth surface towards the wearer.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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