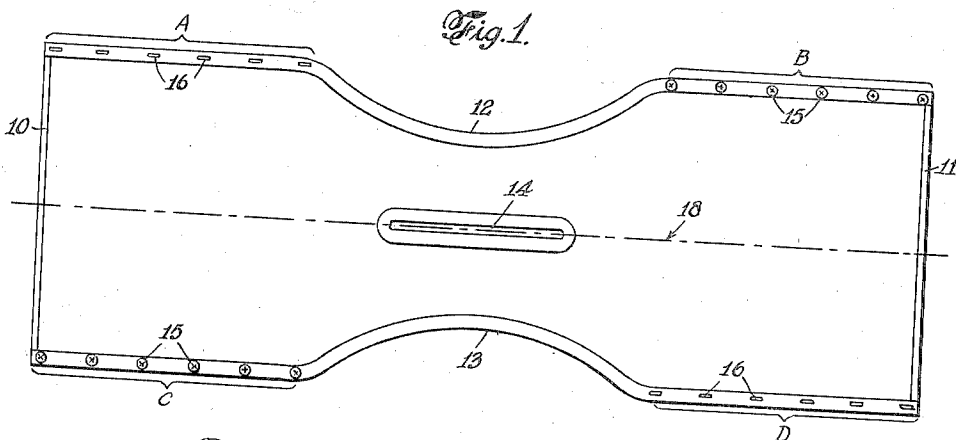
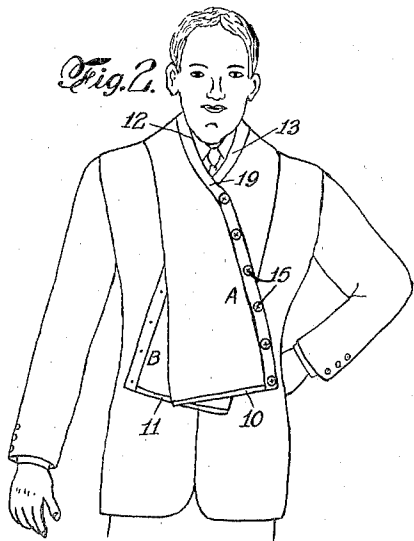
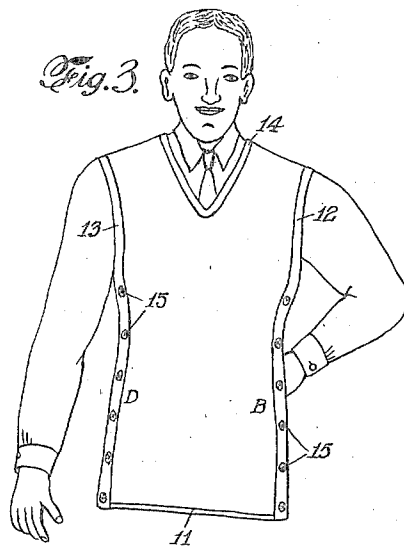
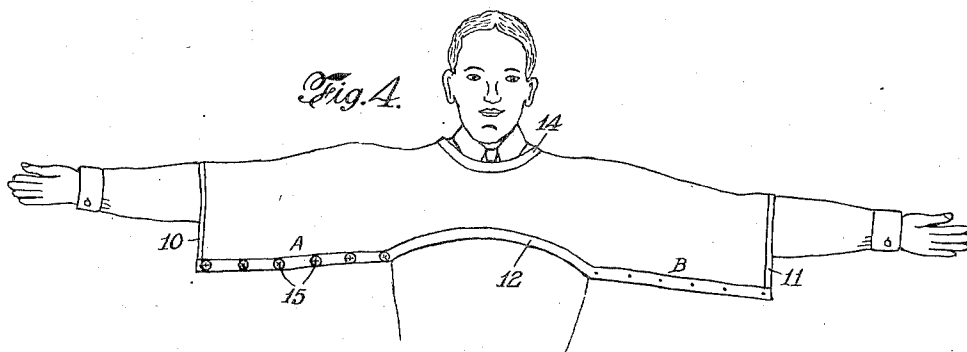


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The present invention relates to wearing apparel and has for its principal object the provision of a garment which may be worn as a muffler or scarf, a sleeveless sweater or a sleeved garment in the nature of a semi-coat.

Another object is to provide a garment which may ordinarily be worn as a muffler and quickly converted, when desired, into a sweater for the protection of the front and back or into a sleeved garment which protects the shoulders, arms and upper portions of the chest and back. A further object is to so form the garment that it is well fitting in all of its several uses.

Other objects of the invention are to provide such a garment which may be easily and economically manufactured from a variety of materials including knitted or woven textiles or other suitable sheet material.

For a full understanding of the invention and the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description of the present preferred embodiment thereof, which is to be taken in conjunction with the drawing in which:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of the garment completely spread out prior to its conversion into one of the three forms in which it may be worn;

Fig. 2 illustrates the garment as worn when converted into the form of a muffler or scarf;

Fig. 3 shows the garment as worn when converted into the form of a sleeveless pullover sweater;

Fig. 4 shows the garment as worn when converted into its third form of a sleeved semi-coat.

Referring to Fig. 1, the garment of this invention is formed from a flat sheet of material which may be initially knitted or woven, or cut from yarn goods, into the shape illustrated. As shown, this garment is in the form of an elongated strip, substantially longer than it is wide and preferably, though not necessarily, having a narrowed central portion which defines substantially rectangular end portions at either side thereof.

The sheet is formed with substantially straight parallel ends 10 and 11 which are at right angles to the parallel longitudinal edges A, B, C and D which extend inwardly for slightly less than one-third of the overall length. The edges A and B, C and D, join with inwardly extending arcuate portions 12 and 13, between which, and centrally disposed in the sheet, is an elongated opening 14. This opening 14 preferably extends longitudinally of the sheet and is of a size adapted

to pass over the head of the wearer when the garment is worn in certain of its forms.

The edges of the garment are preferably reinforced by seams, selvages, binding or the like, as indicated by the double lines.

A particular feature of the invention is the location and arrangement of fastening members which are provided along the edges A, B, C and D. In the embodiment illustrated, they are shown as buttons 15 along the edges B and C and button holes 16 along the edges A and D. It will be noted that the like elements of each set of fastening members are diagonally opposite one another when the garment is laid out flat, as shown in Fig. 1. Any other suitable types of fastening members such, for example, as hooks and eyes, grommets and laces, snap fasteners, or separable slide fasteners, (commonly called "zip-pers") may be used in place of buttons and button holes, Zippers being a particularly advantageous type of fastening to use.

When the garment is to be worn as a muffler or scarf, the upper and lower halves (Fig. 1) are folded upon one another along the broken center line 18. To maintain these two halves together and form a substantially tubular muffler, the buttons 15 along the edge C may be engaged in the corresponding button holes 16 along the edge A, and the buttons along the edge B may be engaged in the button holes along the edge D. The garment is then draped about the neck in the usual manner as shown in Fig. 2, with the edges 12 and 13 adjacent the neck. The arcuate form of these edges, which coincide when the garment is folded as a scarf, permits the scarf to lie snugly about the neck and to conform thereto without further folding. This form also provides a nice overlap in front, as shown at 19, for the protection of the chest. The portions A and B have been identified in Fig. 2, indicating the relative position of the parts in this condition of use.

To convert the garment into the form of a sleeveless sweater, the buttons along the edge B are engaged in the button holes along the edge A and the buttons along the edge C are engaged with the button holes along the edge D. This operation may be performed either before or after the garment is placed over the head in the position shown in Fig. 3, in which one end extends down the front and the other end extends down the back, the joined edges extending down the sides. When thus worn it will be noted that the slot 14 forms an attractive V-neck and that the arcuate portions 12 and 13 form the arm

holes of the sweater, the end 11 forming the bottom of the front and the end 10 forming the bottom of the back, or vice versa.

If it is desired to utilize the garment to protect primarily the arms and shoulders rather than the chest and back, the edges A and B are secured respectively to the edges C and D and the arms are inserted into the sleeves thus formed, the opening 14 being passed over the head in a direction at right angles to that shown in Fig. 3, the final form of the garment when thus used being illustrated in Fig. 4.

It will be noted that the buttons 15 may be passed through the button holes 16 from either side of the material so that the two halves thereof will lie flat against each other for use as a muffler, or will form an overlap without an extending seam when used as a sweater or semi-coat.

It has been found that suitable dimensions for the sheet shown in Fig. 1, for a person of average build, are as follows: Width 18 inches, overall length 50 inches, length of the edges A, B, C and D 15 inches, and of the intermediate narrowed portion, that is to say the chord subtended by the arcuate portions 12 and 13, 20 inches. The length of the neck opening 14 should be about 10 inches. These dimensions may be suitably varied in accordance with the material used and to provide garments for persons of varying sizes. If the material is highly stretchable, as would be the case with certain types of knit fabrics, these dimensions may be reduced and reliance placed upon the stretchability of the material to obtain a proper fit.

As will be apparent, the convertible garment herein described is particularly useful for sportsmen and those in the military and naval service who may wish to have readily at hand a garment which may quickly be converted to various uses, thus avoiding the necessity of encumbering themselves with a variety of garments. Instead of being made from knit or woven fabrics of the type usually used in scarves and mufflers, the garment may be made from any suitable waterproof material, in which case it is particularly useful, in case of rain, for providing substantial protection to the arms and shoulders and the upper portions of the chest and back when used in the form shown in Fig. 4.

It is to be understood that the embodiment shown and particularly described is merely for the purpose of illustration and that various modifications may be made therein within the purview of the claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A convertible garment adapted to be worn as a scarf draped around the neck, a sleeveless sweater covering the upper part of the torso and a sleeved garment covering the arms and upper portions of the chest and back, comprising a strip of textile material having a width sufficient to pass half way around the torso of the wearer and a length not exceeding substantially twice the measure from the center of the neck to the wrist of said wearer, said strip having a centrally disposed opening of sufficient size to be passed over the head of said wearer, and the end portions of the strip carrying on their lateral edges two complementary types of fastening means, one of said types being on two diagonal-

ly opposite ones of said edges, and the other of said types being on the other two diagonally opposite ones of said edges.

2. A convertible garment adapted to be worn as a scarf draped around the neck, a sleeveless sweater covering the upper part of the torso and a sleeved garment covering the arms and upper portions of the chest and back, comprising a strip of stretchable textile material having a width sufficient to pass half way around the torso of the wearer and a length not exceeding substantially twice the measure from the center of the neck to the wrist of said wearer, said strip having a centrally disposed opening extending along the longitudinal median line of said strip and of sufficient size to be passed over the head of said wearer, and the end portions of the strip carrying on their lateral edges two complementary types of fastening means, one of said types being on two diagonally opposite ones of said edges, and the other of said types being on the other two diagonally opposite ones of said edges.

3. A convertible garment adapted to be worn as a scarf draped around the neck, a sleeveless sweater covering the upper part of the torso and a sleeved garment covering the arms and upper portions of the chest and back, comprising a strip of stretchable textile material having a width sufficient to pass half way around the torso of the wearer and a length not exceeding substantially twice the measure from the center of the neck to the wrist of said wearer, said strip having a centrally disposed slit extending along the longitudinal median line of said strip and of sufficient size to be passed over the head of said wearer, whereby said garment has a V-neck when used as a sleeveless sweater, a close-fitting neck when worn as a sleeved garment, and a relatively straight folded edge when folded to wear as a scarf, and the end portions of the strip carrying on their lateral edges two complementary types of fastening means, one of said types being on two diagonally opposite ones of said edges, and the other of said types being on the other two diagonally opposite ones of said edges.

4. A convertible garment adapted to be worn as a scarf draped around the neck, a sleeveless sweater covering the upper part of the torso and a sleeved garment covering the arms and upper portions of the chest and back, comprising a strip of textile material having a width sufficient to pass half way around the torso of the wearer and a length not exceeding substantially twice the measure from the center of the neck to the wrist of said wearer, said strip having a centrally disposed slit extending along the longitudinal median line of said strip and of sufficient size to be passed over the head of said wearer, whereby said garment has a V-neck when used as a sleeveless sweater, a close-fitting neck when worn as a sleeved garment, and a relatively straight folded edge when folded to wear as a scarf, and the end portions of the strip carrying on their lateral edges two complementary types of fastening means, one of said types being on two diagonally opposite ones of said edges, and the other of said types being on the other two diagonally opposite ones of said edges.

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CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION.

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It is hereby certified that error appears in the printed specification of the above numbered patent requiring correction as follows: Page 1, first column, line 38, for the word "yarn" read --yard--; and that the said Letters Patent should be read with this correction therein that the same may conform to the record of the case in the Patent Office.

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