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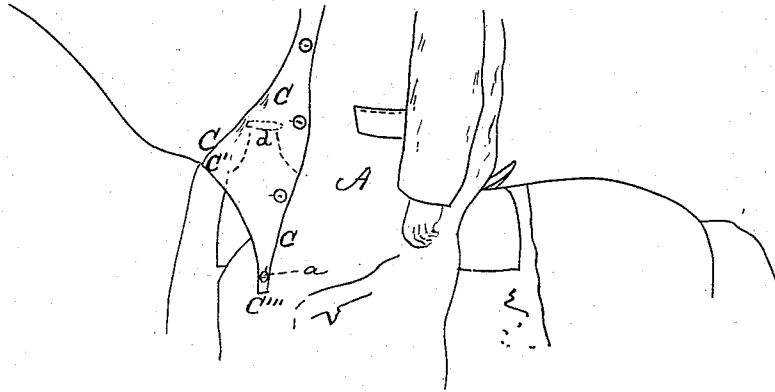


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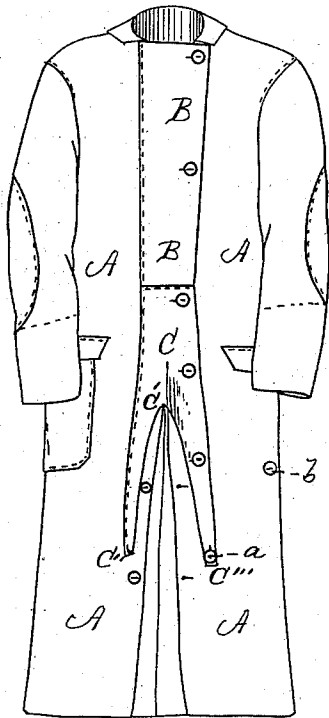


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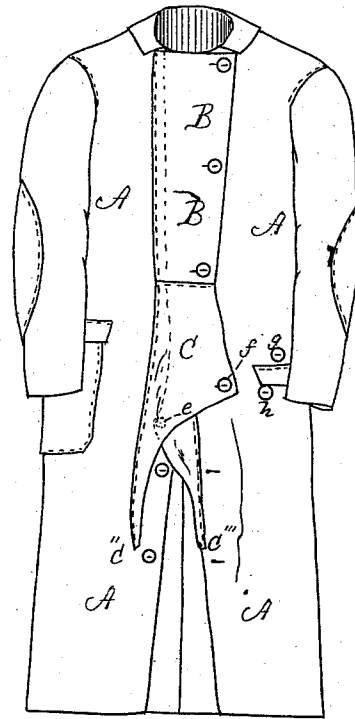


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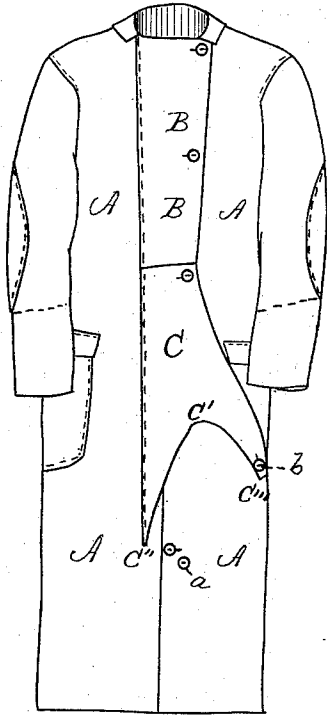


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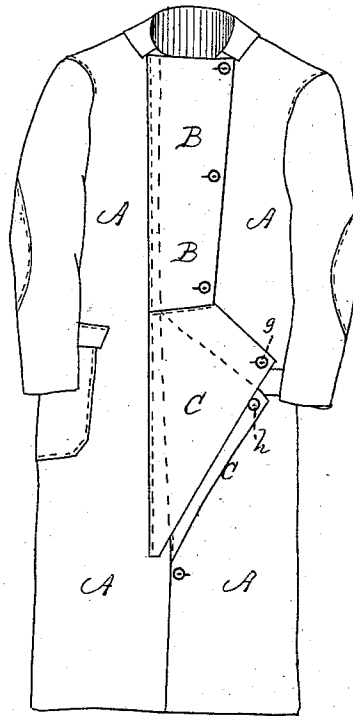


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ABNER J. TOWER, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Coats, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is an improvement in coats adapted to be used on horseback, and it relates particularly to that class of horsemen's coats which are oiled or otherwise rendered water-proof, so as to protect the wearer from the weather. This class of garments are in extensive use in certain portions of the country where the wearers are almost continually on horseback—as in herding cattle, for instance.

The object of the invention is to provide a storm-flap, which will, when the wearer of the coat is on horseback, lie over and in front of the pommel of the saddle in such a manner that, although the body of the coat is necessarily spread apart, the person's clothing and saddle are thoroughly protected from the rain, which otherwise could drive in and saturate the saddle and clothing, and be likely to chill and drench the person of the wearer at that point, often causing serious trouble.

In the accompanying drawings, in which similar letters of reference indicate like parts, Figure 1 is a view showing portions of a horse and rider, the latter wearing a coat embodying my improvement. Fig. 2 is an elevation or front view of the coat as it appears after the wearer has dismounted. Fig. 3 is a similar view of a modification. Fig. 4 is a front view of my improved coat with the storm-flap in position for walking. Fig. 5 is a similar view of the modification above referred to.

A represents the body of the coat provided with the storm-flap B. This storm-flap B is not new in this invention, and is usually retained in connection with my improvement, although it may be omitted. Stitched to the body A of the coat, at one side of the front opening, is my improved storm-flap C. The upper end of my storm-flap C is stitched to the flap B, or it may be integral with the latter. In case no flap B is used, the upper end of the storm-flap C is secured in any manner to the coat-body A. The storm-flap C (shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 4) is bifurcated at C', in order

to be adapted to the situation of the wearer when on horseback, and extends almost to points at C'' C'''. At C'' it is stitched to the body of the coat. At C''' it is, when used as a horseman's coat, buttoned over the button *a*, and when used for street wear, as shown in Fig. 4, buttoned over the button *b*, so as to remove the fullness which there would necessarily be in the flap C when the coat was buttoned all the way down.

It will be seen that the flap C in Fig. 1 completely covers the pommel (shown in broken lines *d* in Fig. 1) of the saddle and hugs the horse's back, so that no rain or snow can drive in. The saddle shown is the style commonly in use by the class wearing this style of garment.

In the modification shown in Figs. 3 and 5 the flap is made in two pieces, each of which is stitched to the main portion of the coat, one to each side. The effect and general appearance are the same as the flap shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 4, the two pieces of the former producing the same shape as the single piece forming the latter. When the flap shown in Figs. 3 and 5 is in position for riding, one half is buttoned over the button *e* (dotted lines, Fig. 3) and the other half over the button *f*, each half-flap being secured to a button on the opposite side of the coat. For street wear the two half-flaps C are both buttoned on the same side of the coat, as shown in Fig. 5, one lapping upon the other and secured upon the buttons *g h*.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a horseman's coat, a storm flap or flaps, C, secured to one or both sides of the coat, extending across the front of the same, of substantially the shape shown, and adapted to cover or lie in front of the pommel of the saddle, and thereby prevent the admission of rain, &c., at that point, substantially as shown.

2. In a horseman's coat, a storm flap or flaps secured to one or both sides of the coat, extending across the front of the same, and cut so that when placed in position for riding the ends C'' C''' extend downward and leave a central space, whereby the flap or flaps fit over the shoulders of the horse in front of the

pommel of the saddle and prevent the admission of rain, &c., at that point, substantially as described.

5 3. In a horseman's coat, the combination of the flap or flaps C and coat-body A, the latter being provided with two buttons or sets of buttons, or other fastening devices, by means of which the free end of the flap or flaps may be secured, one fastening device or set of fasten-

ing devices being situated near an edge of the coat for use on horseback and the other being situated farther from the edge for use when walking, substantially as and for the purpose set forth. 10

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