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FIG. 1.

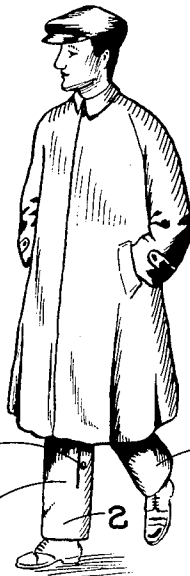


FIG. 2.

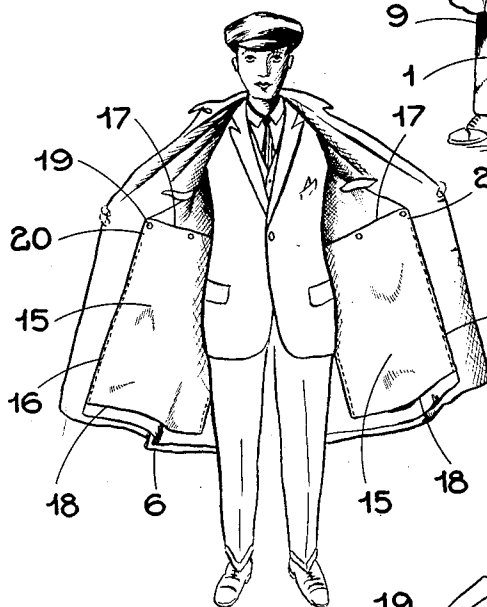


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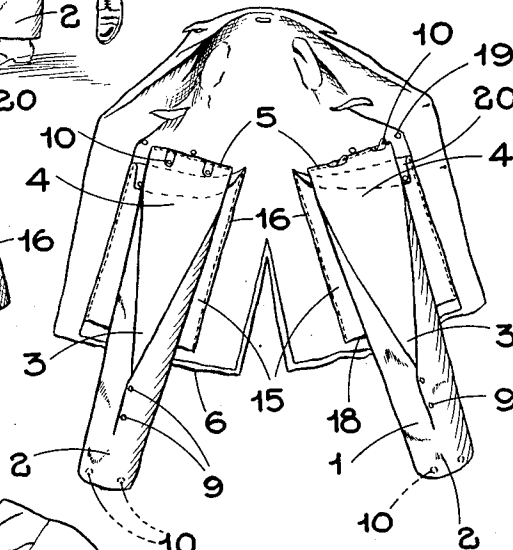
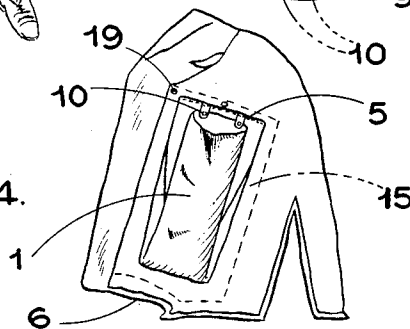


FIG. 4.



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This invention relates to greatcoats, rain-coats, capes or other types of coat such as are commonly worn out of doors, and the object of the present invention, generally stated, is to provide an overcoat which will give an improved protection to the wearer's legs.

The primary object of the present invention is to suspend suitable leg protecting members from the overcoat in such a manner that they can be readily folded up out of sight when not in use.

A further object of the invention is to suspend the leg protecting members in such a manner that they will swing freely when the wearer is walking without dragging the skirt or lower part of the overcoat or causing it to swing in an unnatural manner.

A further object is to provide a simple construction of leg protecting member which can be folded flatly and neatly underneath the overcoat without causing a bulky appearance, and which can be at the same time placed around the lower part of the legs of the wearer quickly and without difficulty when required.

A still further object of the present invention is to provide a cover or pocket within the overcoat which is adapted to cover the leg members completely when in the folded position and serves to hide them from view, and at the same time maintains them in a flat and correctly folded position and prevents them becoming rucked.

Referring to the drawings:—

Figure 1 is a view of an individual wearing an overcoat made in accordance with this invention with the leg protecting members in use.

Figure 2 is a view showing the coat in an opened-out position, with the leg protecting members in the folded position.

Figure 3 is a similar view of the overcoat showing the leg protecting members extended.

Figure 4 is a fragmentary view of the inside of the overcoat with the cover removed and showing the method of folding and suspending the leg protecting members.

In the form illustrated the leg protectors or members 1 are formed from a strip of suitable material which may be either similar to that used in constructing the coat, or of thinner or lighter texture as desired. The lower part of the strip has its edges

permanently united to form a tubular part 2, while extending upwardly from above the part 2 is an opening 3, the edges of which diverge until at the top 4, the leg member assumes a flat form and has its upper edge sewn to the inside of the coat at 5.

In order to preserve the natural appearance of the coat when walking, the edge 5 by which the leg members are suspended, is sewn to the coat at a point considerably above the lower edge 6 thereof, that is to say, above the point mid-way between the location of the armpits and the lower edge 6.

The lower parts of the edges of the openings 3 of the leg members are provided with press fasteners 9 or other fastening devices of suitable form which enable the edges to be fastened together. At the bottom of each of the leg members are two further press fasteners 10, or parts thereof, that are adapted to be engaged with complementary parts 10 provided on the upper ends of the leg members. By this means it will be seen that the leg members can be retained in a doubled or folded position when desired, by means of these fasteners 10. When in this folded position, the lower edge or fold of the leg members will not project below the edge 6 of the coat. In order to retain the folded leg members in a flat position and at the same time to hide them from view, covering members 15 formed from rectangular or other shaped pieces of cloth are sewn to the inside of the coat by their side edges 16. The upper edge 17 of these covering members is disposed slightly above the edges 5 by which the leg members are suspended, the lower edges 18 extending down far enough to completely hide the leg members when they are folded in position.

When required for use, the fastenings 10 are disengaged and the leg members drawn upwardly from behind the covering members 15 and allowed to hang downwardly in front of them. When in this position, the edge 17 of the cover members will be drawn down slightly so that it lies immediately beneath the sewn edge 5 of the leg members, and to allow for this, one side 16 of each of the covering members is left unsewn at 20 and a press fastener 19 is provided for enabling the upper cover to be detached from the coat when the leg members are hanging in the extended position. The wearer then passes his feet through the openings 3 and the tubular parts 2 of the leg members, and

then secures the lower edges of the openings to each other by the press fasteners, so that a tubular form is given to the leg members for the whole of the part which extends below the lower edge 6 of the coat.

The upper edge 17 of the covering member may be provided with a press fastener intermediately of its ends in order to secure it neatly to the inside of the coat when the leg members are folded.

What I claim then is:—

1. An overcoat including two members for protecting the legs of the wearer, said members being attached by their upper ends to the inside of the coat at points about midway between the armholes and the lower edge of the coat, fastening devices on the lower parts of said members, and fastening devices, adapted to co-act therewith, near the upper ends of said members, each of said members having a tubular lower portion, and an open sided upper portion which extends from the top to about the lower edge of the coat.

2. An overcoat including two members for protecting the legs of the wearer, said members being attached by their upper ends to the inside of the coat at points about midway between the armholes and the lower edge of the coat, fastening devices on the lower parts of said members, and fastening devices, adapted to co-act therewith, near

the upper ends of said members, each of said members having an open sided upper portion extending from the top to the lower edge of the coat, an intermediate portion having a longitudinal opening with fasteners and a lower portion of tubular form.

3. An overcoat including two members for protecting the legs of the wearer, said members being suspended within either side of the coat by their upper ends and adapted to hang down when required below the lower edge thereof, the points of suspension being located above the mid-way point between the lower edge of the coat and the armpits, fastening devices on the bottom of the leg members, complementary fastening devices on the upper parts of the leg members detachably engaging those on the bottom thereof in order to maintain said leg members in a folded position, and covering members having their side edges sewn to the inside of the coat and forming a pocket covering the leg members when in the folded position, the upper edges of said covering members being approximately on a level with the points of suspension of the leg members, whereby the leg members can be withdrawn upwardly out of the pockets and allowed to hang down on the outside thereof when desired.

In witness whereof I affix my signature.
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