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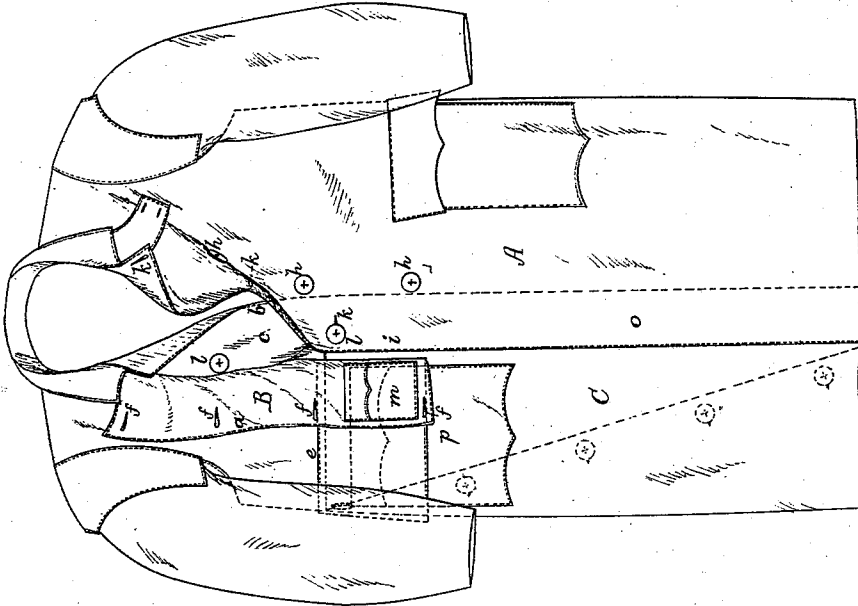
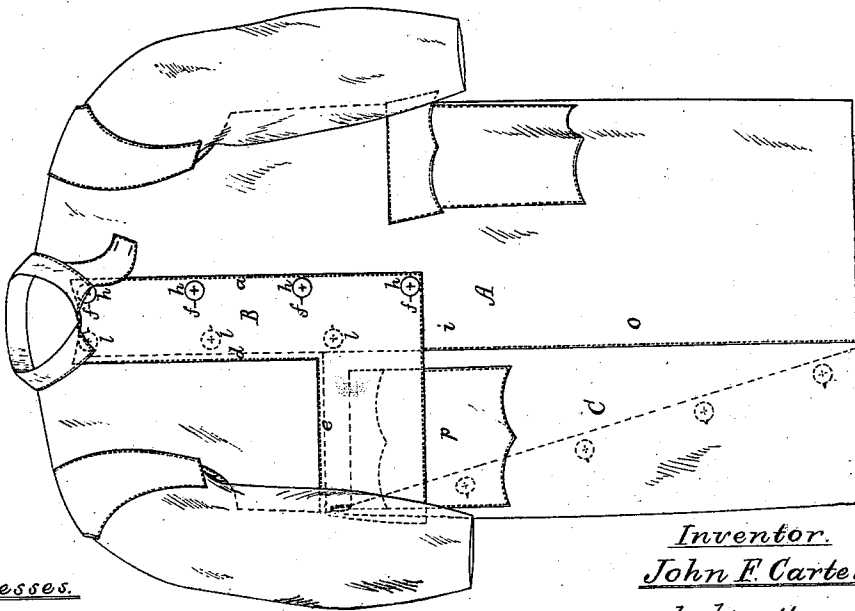


Fig. 1.



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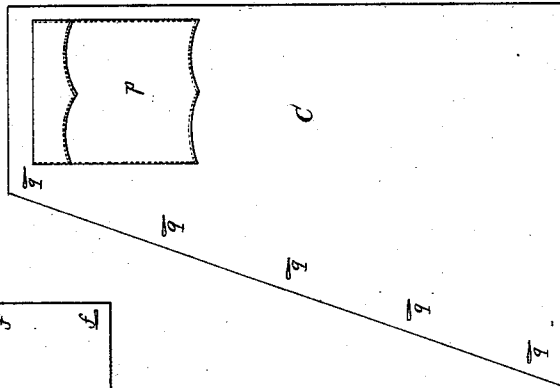


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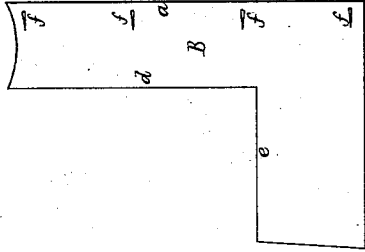
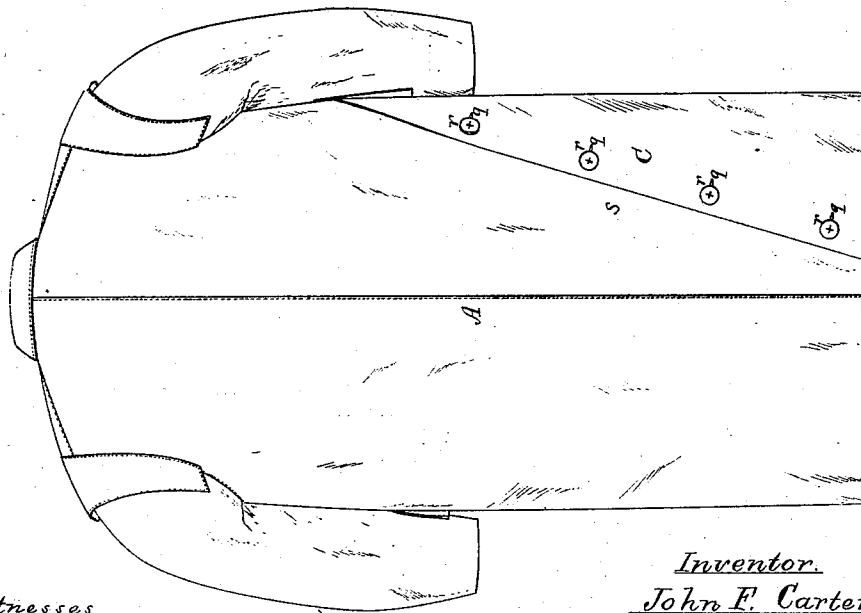


Fig. 5.



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IMPROVEMENT IN OVERCOATS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN F. CARTER, of Gloucester, of the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Overcoats; and do hereby declare the same to be described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 denotes a front view of an overcoat provided with my invention. Fig. 2 is a view of the skirt-fly, and Fig. 3 is a view of the breast-fly.

In carrying out my invention, I combine, with an overcoat as usually made, a breast-fly and a skirt-fly, arranged as hereinafter described and as represented.

In the drawings, A denotes an overcoat, and B and C the two flies. The breast-fly B, shaped as shown in Fig. 3, is laid on one side or lap, *c*, of the breast of the coat, so that the edge *a* of the fly may be even, or about so, with the edge *b* of the said coat-lap *c*. This having been done, the fly, at its inner edges, *d e*, is to be secured or fastened to the coat. The fly has a series of button-holes, *f*, made in it near its outer edge *a*, to button on buttons *h*, applied to the opposite lap *i* of the coat, which lap also has button-holes *k*, to engage with buttons *l*, fixed to the lap *c* and under the breast-fly. There is a cash-pocket, *m*, arranged in the lower part of the said breast-fly, the mouth of the pocket opening on the inner side of the fly.

The skirt-fly C, shaped as shown in Fig. 2, is sewed at one of its longer edges to or projects from the edge of the skirt *o*, in manner as represented. Such fly is furnished with a pocket in its upper part, as shown at *p*, and it also has at its outer edge a series of button-holes, *g*, to engage with buttons *r*, arranged in the opposite part *s* of the skirt.

The lower portion of the breast-fly, when the skirt-fly is buttoned, laps down over the upper part of the skirt-fly and the mouth of its pocket, and covers both, so as to prevent rain from getting into the pocket or into the space between the skirt and the skirt-fly.

From the above it will be seen that the breast-fly also constitutes a means of preventing water or snow for working between the breast-folds of the coat.

My improvement is specially intended for water-proof, or what are termed "oil-cloth," overcoats, such as worn by mariners, or coachmen, or firemen, and is to prevent their trousers from getting wet in rainy or snowy weather, especially when the party using them may be in a sitting position, as in such cases a common overcoat is very liable to gape open more or less where covering the trousers or legs thereof. The skirt-fly, when buttoned, and the part overlapped by it, effectually shield the trousers-legs, or protect them from rain or snow getting in contact with them when the party wearing the overcoat may be either sitting or standing.

The breast-fly, by lapping over the upper part of the skirt-fly, also protects such from water getting between it and the skirt part overlapped by it, or into the pocket of such skirt-fly.

Furthermore, the small pocket in the lower part of the breast-fly, and opening from the inner side thereof, becomes protected from rain by the fly, and is a very convenient addition to the garment.

In Fig. 4 the coat is represented as partially unbuttoned on the front, in order to represent certain parts of it more particularly. Fig. 5 is a rear view of it.

I claim—

1. An overcoat provided with skirt and breast flies, formed essentially as represented, and arranged to operate with it and each other substantially as set forth.

2. An overcoat provided with skirt and breast flies, as, and arranged with it as, described, and having in the upper part of the skirt-fly a pocket so arranged that its mouth may be covered by the lower part of the breast-fly, or that part which laps on the skirt-fly when the garment is buttoned.

3. An overcoat provided with skirt and breast flies, as, and arranged with it as, described, and having in the lower part of the breast-fly a pocket arranged to open in the inner side of such fly, as set forth.

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