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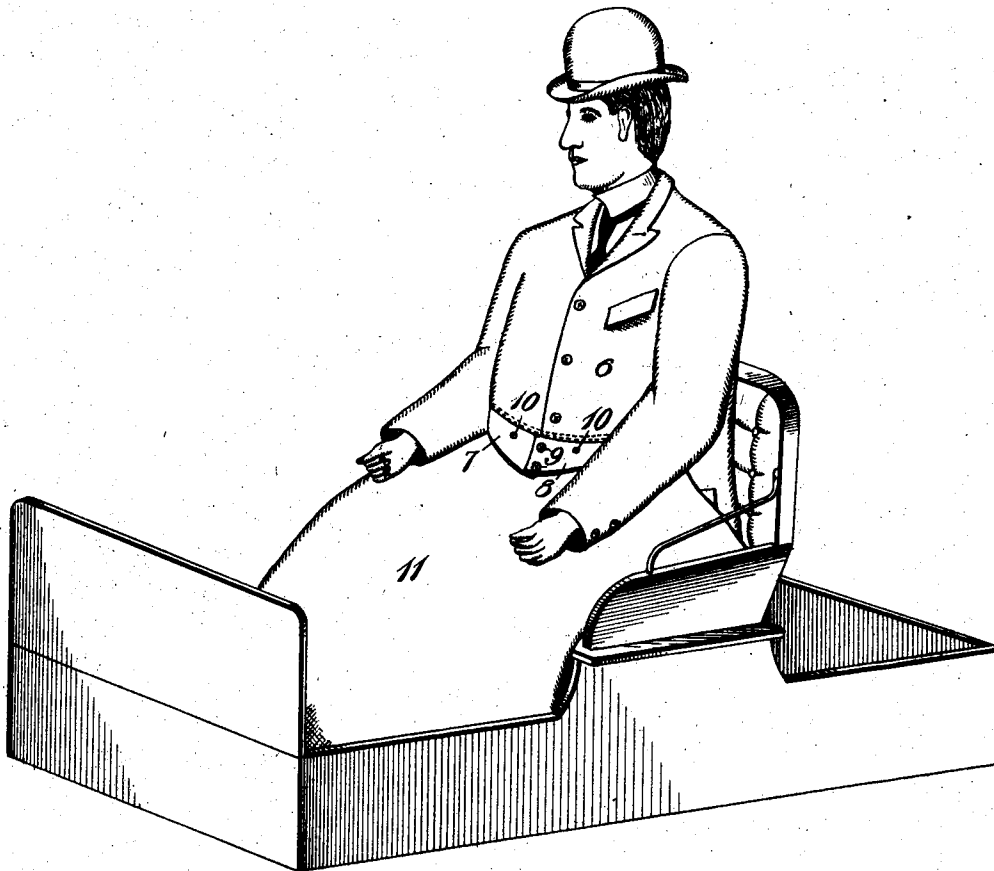


Fig. 1.

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Fig. 2.

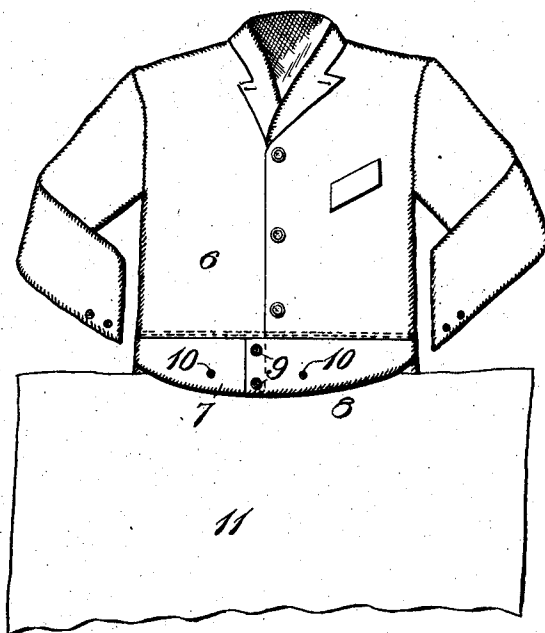
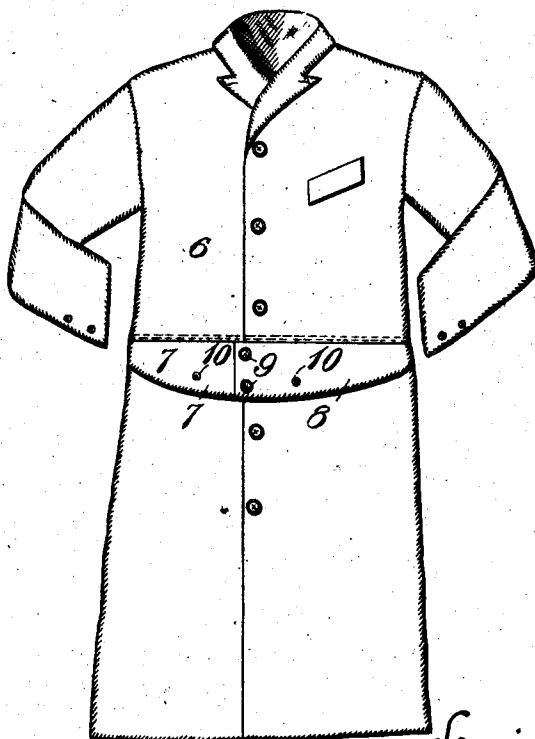


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEWIS CASS SKINNER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Catawba, in the county of Catawba and State of North Carolina, have invented new and useful Improvements in Lap - Robes and Coats, of which the following is a specification.

This invention consists of means whereby a lap-robe may be worn or applied to a coat, particularly when used by a rider or driver in a vehicle, in such manner that water cannot enter within the covering so formed.

When a lap-robe is applied to an ordinary coat, rain driving in against the coat is apt to run down between the coat and the lap-robe and thence down onto the seat or into the bottom of the buggy-box, which is quite disagreeable. The present invention is designed to remedy this condition by providing a flap attached to the front of the coat, under which the upper edge of the lap-robe may be held, so that water falling on the front of the coat will flow down over the flap and onto the outside of the lap-robe.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the invention, showing the manner of its use. Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the coat with the lap-robe attached thereto. Fig. 3 is a similar view of the coat with the robe removed.

Referring specifically to the drawings, 6 indicates an overcoat, which, except as hereinafter stated, need not be of any particular form of construction. A waterproof coat is best for the service intended. Sewed to the two fronts of the coat, at or about the waist-line thereof, are flaps 7 and 8, which may conveniently be made to extend to the side or under-arm seams of the coat. One of these flaps overlaps the other and is secured by buttons of other fasteners, as indicated at 9. These flaps are provided on the under side with suitable fastening devices, such as the

ordinary snap-fasteners indicated at 10, for the purpose of engaging corresponding parts at the upper edge of the lap-robe 11, which may be of ordinary construction and preferably waterproof.

In use when riding in the rain the upper edge of the lap-robe is placed under the flaps 7 and 8 and secured by the fasteners. Now any rain beating in on the front of the coat will run down the fronts and over the flaps 7 and 8, being thereby carried onto the outer side of the lap-robe. The coat can be used without the robe by unfastening and removing the latter. By the means shown the water which ordinarily often runs through between the meeting edges of a coat onto the vehicle-seat may be stopped and carried down outside the lap-robe. The arrangement is such as not to interfere with the closing of a double-breasted coat, because the respective flaps can be made wide and narrow accordingly.

The invention will be found very useful for physicians and others whose duties require them to drive out in rainy weather.

I claim—

1. The combination with a coat having flaps extending across the front thereof, of a lap-robe the upper edge of which is inserted under the flaps and detachably fastened thereto.

2. A coat the fronts of which have flaps extending across the outside thereof at the waist, the flaps being secured to said fronts at the upper edge and loose at the lower edge, so that a lap-robe may be inserted thereunder.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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