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Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.

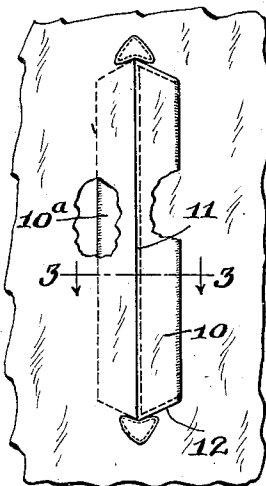


Fig. 3.

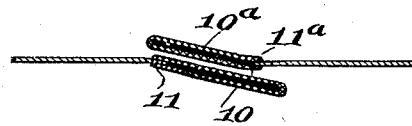
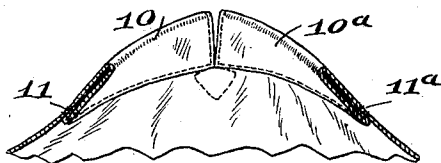


Fig. 4.



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My invention relates particularly to blanket or like coverings which are adapted for use as body garments of the poncho type by providing same with a head-opening slit.

5 And it consists essentially in the provision of special closure flaps for said opening, extending separately from the normally abutting edges of said opening in reverse directions and on opposite sides of the flattened covering, and adapted when the covering is applied as a garment over the head of a wearer, to serve jointly as half-collar neck-encircling edge-extensions; as fully described in connection with the accompanying drawings illustrating the same, and clearly defined in the subjoined claims.

Fig. 1 indicates the employment of my improved poncho as a body garment providing the effect of a V-neck sweater, the two reversely-extending opposite-side slit closures jointly encircling the neck of the wearer, with the spread permitted by the head-opening at the front, and the adjacent ends of the flaps overlapping.

25 Fig. 2 is a diagrammatic view of one side of the slitted portion of the flattened covering; showing one of the flat flaps in full lines (excepting that a small portion of it is broken away), and indicating the other-side flap in dotted lines (excepting as it is seen in full by breaking away a small portion of the covering fabric).

30 Fig. 3 is a cross-section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2, but showing the slit edges as slightly spread and the opposite flaps bent away from the plane of the flat covering; while Fig. 4 is a cross-section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1, looking rearward.

40 The covering A is preferably of flat-woven material suitable for ordinary blanket uses. This is provided with a midway slit as usual in ponchos, of sufficient length to provide a head-opening when spread.

45 I provide each edge of the straight slit with a flap extension, 10, 10^a, substantially in the plane of the flattened covering A but adapted to normally overlie the latter in reverse directions on the opposite sides; so as to show a single flap on each side of the covering, extending freely from its line of seam-

ing, 11, 11^a, with the respective slit edges of the covering, which edges are hidden in such seaming.

Thus in the flattened covering each side of the latter shows a single flap, overlying in opposite directions from the other, a single thickness of the covering, with the seaming, 11, 11^a, substantially in the line of the original head-opening slit. When the covering is employed as a garment the spreading of this opening to pass it over the head, carries the respective flaps to opposite sides so that they produce a two-part collar effect as indicated in Fig. 1 hereinafter further referred to.

65 The seaming 11, 11^a, of the separate flaps 10, 10^a to the respective edges of the head-opening slit in the covering A, may be effected in any known way. As shown each collar flap is preferably formed by longitudinally doubling-over a separate strip of material, with a strip of stiffening interposed between the folds so as to impart desired form-retaining quality in connection with desired flexibility; the free edges of each flap being suitably seamed to the corresponding slit edge of the covering as simply indicated.

75 It will be understood that my similar reversely arranged collar flaps, serve to jointly cover the head-opening slit in the covering with a single flap showing similarly on each side of the latter when the covering is flat.

80 When my improved covering is employed as a poncho garment, these separate reversely extending flaps 10, 10^a are spread to opposite sides of the head-opening so as to form neck-encircling half-collars as indicated in Fig. 1; the length of the head-opening slit in the covering which is required for applying the garment over the head, permitting of the forming of a V-shaped opening in the front so as to show the collar and tie of the wearer above the overlapped ends of the flaps, as illustrated. The bias-cut end 12 of the overlapping flap 10 is thus arranged substantially in line with the seaming 11^a of the opposite flap, and a very neat V-shaped collared-neck effect is produced. When it is desired that the neck be better protected, the garment may be merely raised so that the two-part collar

formed by the flaps will closely encircle the front of the neck; or they may be made to provide a two-part vertical collar by raising the garment at the rear and applying the same to the head as a hood.

The described stiffening of the separate collar flaps insures maintenance of their neat appearance at all times, and the bias-cut ends thereof when overlapped as illustrated, add to the ornamental effect of the two-part collar construction provided by my separate reversely arranged slit-closing flaps as essentially set forth.

What I claim is:

1. A poncho-like covering of flat material having a head-receiving slit the adjacent parallel edges of which have secured thereto separate slit-closing flaps extending over said sheet in reverse directions from said edges to close the slit therein, on opposite sides of the flattened material, said edge-secured flaps being adapted to serve as neck-encircling collar portions when the slit is opened by applying the cover over the head of a wearer.

2. A poncho-like covering of flat material having a head-opening slit the edges of which have secured thereto separate slit closing flaps extending therefrom in reverse directions on opposite sides of the flattened material; each of said flaps being formed of a longitudinally folded fabric strip with interposed stiffening material and having a bias-cut end, and said flaps jointly serving as neck-encircling half-collar edge-extensions the bias-cut end portions of which are adapted to overlap.

3. A poncho-like covering comprising; a sheet of material having a head receiving slit; and separate flaps joined to said sheet and extending in reverse directions over said sheet to close the slit therein, said flaps serving as neck-encircling collar portions when said slit is opened by applying the sheet over the head of a wearer.

4. A poncho-like covering comprising; a sheet of fabric having a head receiving slit; and separate flaps joined to opposite sides of said sheet and extending in reverse directions over said slit to cover the latter at each side of said sheet, each flap being formed of a longitudinally folded fabric strip with interposed stiffening material adapted to cause said flaps to extend substantially upright from said sheet for forming neck-encircling collar portions when said slit is opened by applying the sheet over the head of a wearer.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature.

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