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RAINCOAT

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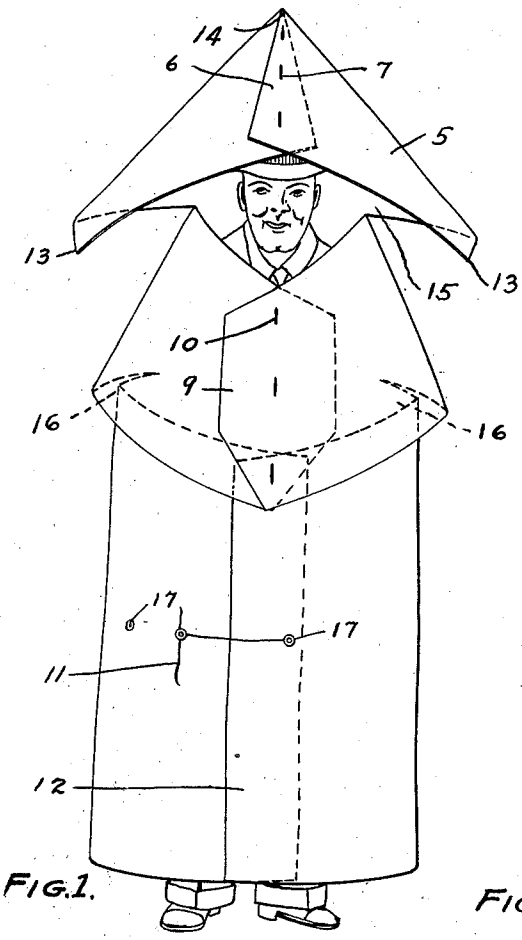


FIG. 1.

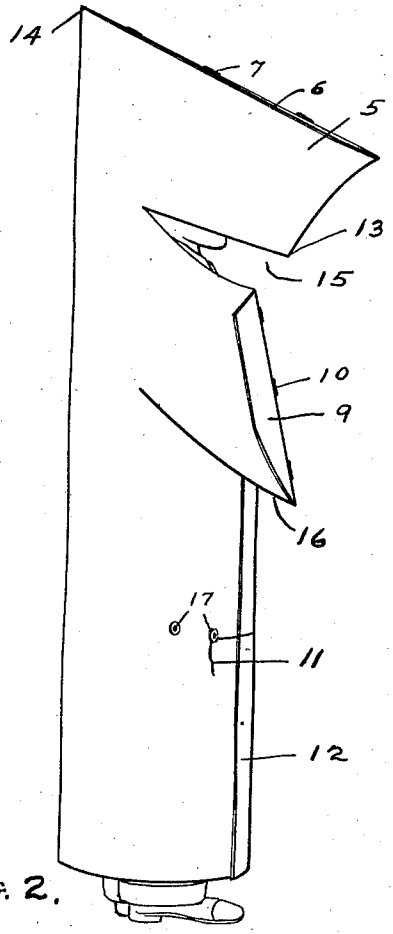


FIG. 2.

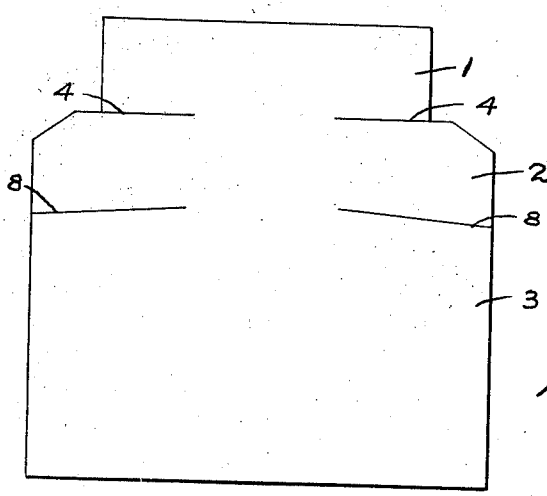


FIG. 3.



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This invention refers to clothing and more particularly to a raincoat made of an economical material such as paper, cellophane, or other light waterproofed materials. It has, among its objects, to provide a raincoat of this type that can be readily folded into a light and convenient package; that may be blanked out in a single piece; that will require very few foldings to give it the desired raincoat form; that will afford protection from above the head to the feet of the person utilizing it; and which will have ample room and facilities to enable the user to manipulate and use his limbs without inconvenient restriction. Other objects will become apparent as the invention is more fully set forth.

Raincoats have been made in the past of paper, but their form has made them inconvenient to use and difficult to manage. In this invention, the paper or material used is blanked out and folded over in three sets of pieces, two of which are closed with staples or other economical fastenings, ready for installation on the user, while the third is fastened together after the raincoat is on. It provides protection for the head and diverts rain away from the shoulders, yet the arms may be moved in and out of the outfit with facility.

In the drawing which illustrates, by way of example, an embodiment of this invention:—

Figure 1 is a front view of the modification with the raincoat closed and in use on a person,

Figure 2 is a side view of Figure 1,

Figure 3 is an outline of the blank used to make the raincoat before folding,

Figure 4 is an enlarged detail showing the construction of the fastenings of the folds together, and

Figure 5 is an enlarged detail of the fastening used on one of the parts of the rain-coat for closing it in a temporary manner.

Similar reference characters refer to similar parts throughout the drawing.

In the construction shown in Figure 3 of the drawing, a blank cut in the form indicated makes up all the necessary material for the raincoat itself. It is in three parts, an upper or head section 1, an arm section 2 and a body section 3. Slits 4 provide the necessary division to permit the cap member 5, shown in Figure 1 to be made. This is done by folding the end pieces inwardly, bringing them overlapping together at 6 and securing same with the staples 7. The arm or cape section through the additional assistance of the slits 8, may be drawn in front and overlapped. It is also stapled together on its front pieces 9 with the fasteners 10. The body section as overlapping portions 12 in the front which are provided with a temporary string 11 and button closure 17 which serves to tie the same together.

The head section forms a large overhanging hat with extending lips 13 and a peaked or apexed top 14, as indicated in Figures 1 and 2. This covers the head completely and sheds the rain or snow freely away from the body of the user. It also protects the user from side and rear winds, making a very comfortable and convenient arrangement for the user, even saving his hat from the elements.

As this cap portion is secured at the rear by a single flat portion of material, it provides a flexible arrangement that is convenient to the user.

It has an opening at 15 in front of the user's face.

The arm or cape section extends over the body portion with an overlap, providing an open space underneath it at 16, that permits the user to move his arms freely in and out of the raincoat at the front. The rear portion is completely closed in as shown in the drawing. The body portion overlaps and is closed by the fastener 11, the user being able to do this by extending his arms down through the opening at 16.

In putting the raincoat on, the user, simply leaves the body section open and lifts the cap and arm sections, which are preferably permanently tied together, over his head and allows the raincoat to settle down on his shoulders and over his head. He then ties the fastener 11 and the whole raincoat is set to meet the weather. Cellophane may be used to advantage for this raincoat and looks well. It is light, stands the wear to an appreciable extent, and is completely waterproof. The same features appertain to oiled paper, treated paper, and light cloth, all serving to give an economical arrangement. Under the form shown, the raincoat can be quickly and reasonably manufactured, and pressed together in the desired shape with great facility.

It also takes but a moment to put on and when not in use, can be carried like a convenient package, and is in a form suitable for paper or cellophane.

While but one form of the invention is indicated in the drawing, it is not desired to limit this application for patent to this particular form, or in any other way, otherwise than limited by the prior art, as it is appreciated that other constructions could be made that would use the same principles and come within the scope of the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:—

1. A raincoat of the class described having an overhanging peaked cap, a cape disposed below the cap and overshadowed thereby and integrally connected therewith at the rear thereof, and a body section disposed below the cape and integrally connected therewith at the rear thereof, said cap being arranged to shed rain off the same and away from the cape and body section and to embrace the head and shoulders of the user while permitting an opening to be provided in the front thereof, said cape being arranged with its front portion spaced away from the body section and sufficient to permit the arms of the user to be protectably moved between the cape and body portion, and means for tying the cap, cape, and body sections closed, the cap, cape and body section all being made from a single piece of material of substantially rectangular shape.

2. A raincoat of the class described comprising a blank of substantially rectangular shape with its upper portion providing a cap section extending from the upper end edge of the blank to a pair of slits extending from the side edges toward the center line thereof, but spaced therefrom, to leave a large uncut panel wide enough to cover the wearer's back, the edge portions of the section formed between the slits and the upper edge being bent over towards the front and overlapped at their edge portions and fastened to each other, and forming a cap apexed over the center line plane of the blank, a cape section extending from the aforesaid pair of slits to another pair of similar slits disposed adjacent the middle line of the blank, the edge portions of the cape section being bent over towards the front of the blank and directly under the cap and overlapped and fastened to one another, a body section extending from the last mentioned slits to the lower end edge of the blank having its side edge portions bent over in the front and overlapped and fastened, the upper edge portions adjacent the slit being brought under the cap and overlapped thereby, the folds made by the bending of the said edge portions making the cap and cape provide an opening for the face of the wearer to appear unobstructed and the whole garment to fit on the wearer and rest on his shoulders and form in conventional wearable manner.

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