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FIG. I

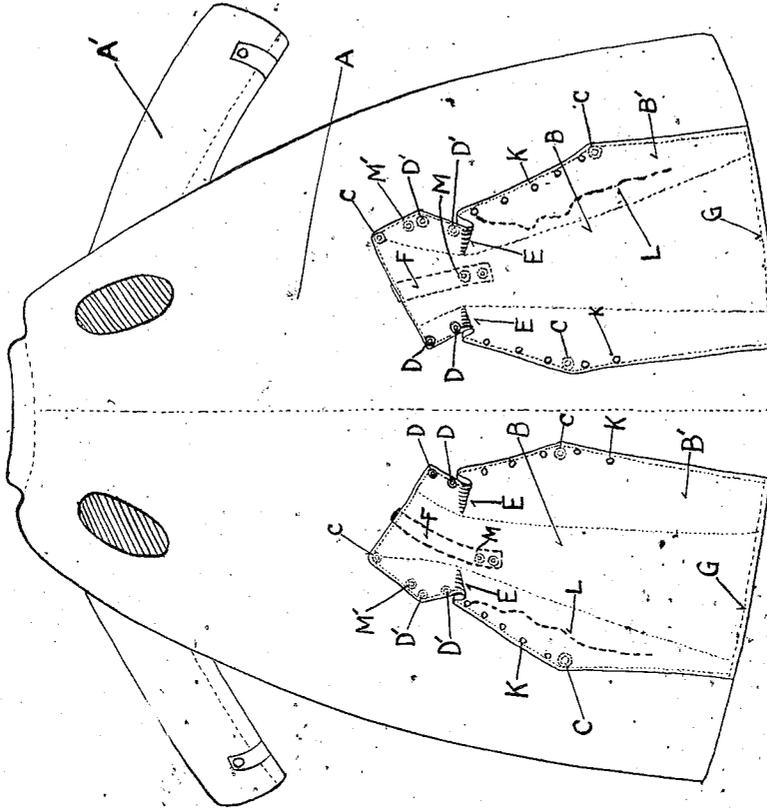
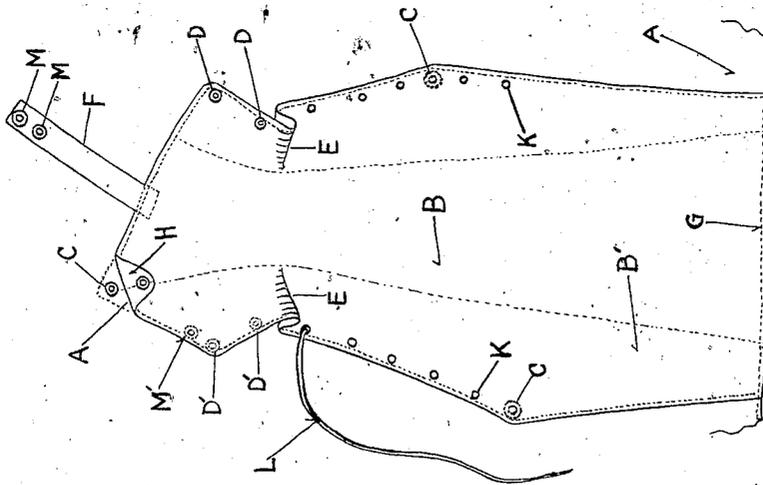


FIG. II



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FIG. III

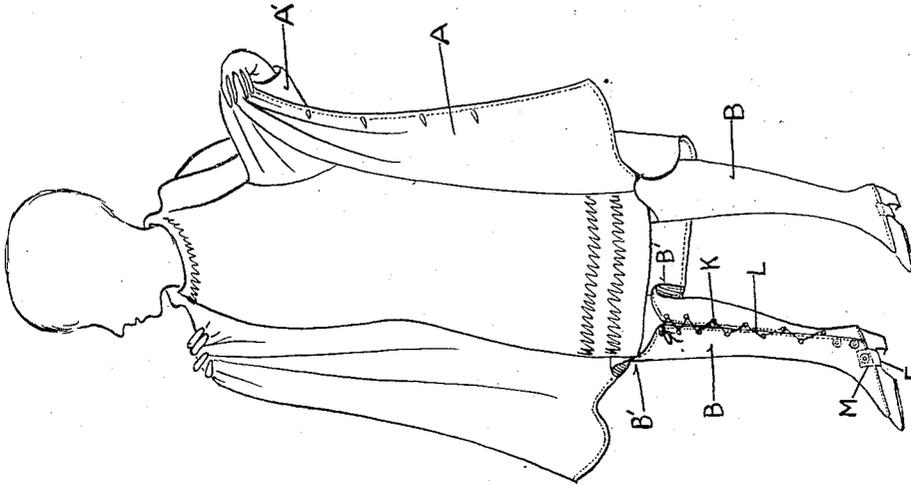


FIG. IV

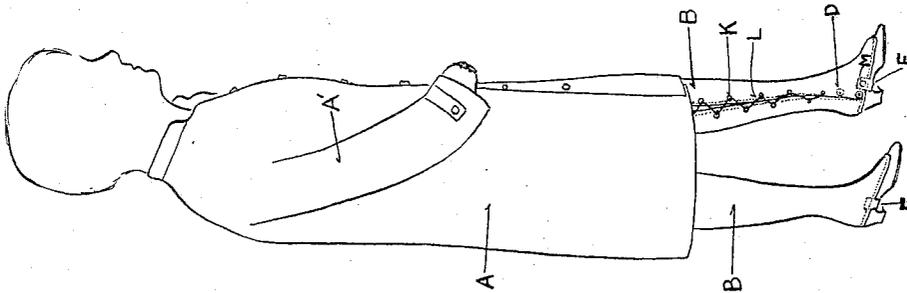
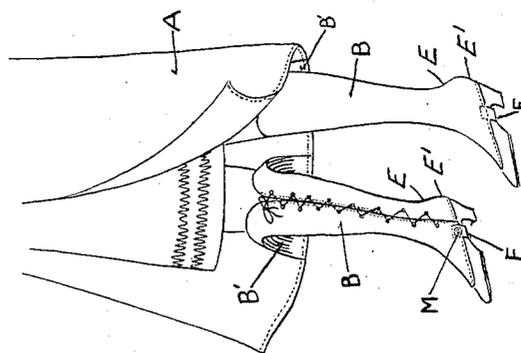


FIG. V



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My invention relates to weather-protecting wearing apparel and consists of the combination of a coat-like garment of any suitable material, preferably oiled silk, rubberized or other water-proof cloth, with two integral extension parts or two removable appendages on its lower edge in certain suitable places, said parts being of the same or suitable material and in form and fittings somewhat similar to gaiters with leg extensions above the lacings and not only adapted, at the option of the wearer, to be fully spread and folded upward at the lower edge of the coat and removably fastened up against the inside of the coat in such a way as to afford from the outside of the coat, no evidence of their presence while the coat is on the wearer, but also adapted to be easily unfastened from the inside of the coat and allowed to hang downward to be laced, or otherwise fastened about the legs and upper surface of the feet to protect them from the weather.

The general object of my invention is the production of a useful and neat looking combination coat and gaiter garment that in fair weather may be worn to resemble the ordinary weather coats in general use today; while, in case of rain or snow, my new garment can be quickly adjusted about the lower legs and feet so as to protect them also against cold or stormy conditions.

Some detail objects of my invention are: first, to provide a gaiter-like part composed of a gaiter and its leg-extension having its upper edge adapted to be joined to the inside of my weather coat in such a way that the connection shall be invisible while the garment is being worn normally adjusted for fair or stormy weather; second, to provide means for easily and securely fastening said gaiter-like parts spread out at full length and breadth up against the inside of the coat part of my new garment, so that the presence of these gaiter-like parts shall not be in evidence from the outside while my garment is being worn normally adjusted for fair weather; third, to provide in the formation of said leg-extensions above the lacing of the gaiter ample fullness in length of said leg-extension for free movement of the body and

limbs of the wearer in walking or running, sitting or bending over in any way, while the garment on the wearer is normally adjusted for stormy weather; fourth, to provide in a new gaiter a new-style vamp having a right-angular front or peak bordered by straight side-lines and adapted to afford a close and neat fit along the sides of the shoe vamp and also adapted to reach forward far enough to protect the fashionable low cutout, the lacing and open grille work of a lady's modern street sandal; fifth, to provide in a gaiter full and shapely heel and ankle portions consisting of the ordinary constriction loop E around the ankle part of the gaiter and the new and useful constriction E' in the lower border of the gaiter around the heel portion which together with the ankle constriction loop E forms the cup-like loop or heel pocket for encasing the ball of the undercut heel of the prevailing style of a lady's street sandal, when the gaiter-like part is fastened normally around the foot; sixth, to devise a novel arrangement in the attachment and carriage of the gaiter-like parts on the inside of the coat as worn in fair weather, whereby the gaiter-like parts, having been spread out full size to prevent bulging up against the inside of the coat, shall have the apex of the vamp-peak fastened uppermost at a predetermined point so fixed as to allow the normal top line of the leg-extension to rest in coincidence with the bottom line of the coat, while all the other border lines of said gaiter-like parts become set at acute angles to the normal vertical wrinkles, or gravity undulations of the coat part to prevent the outside appearance of cross-ridges in the body of the coat on the wearer; and finally, to provide suitable means for readily fastening said gaiters about the lower legs and feet of the wearer, so that they may not only afford a useful protection from the weather but also may show an attractive appearance of neatness in street dress.

All of these objects are attained in my present invention; and my new article of wearing apparel illustrated in the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, constitutes a serviceable and practicable

weather garment of attractive appearance embodying the aforesaid novel means, parts and accessories as well as other new and useful details of construction, arrangement and combination of parts, all of which together with their functions will be described in detail with reference to said drawings and will be definitely set out in the claims that follow the description.

In said drawings, Fig. I is an elevation of the inside of the coat part of my new weather garment fully spread, showing the gaiter-like parts composed of the leg-extension and the gaiter provided with my new rectangular vamp-peaks, all spread out full size and removably fastened up against the inside of the coat part, as adjusted for fair weather carriage, with the apexes of my vamp-peaks fastened uppermost and the normal top line of the leg-extension in coincidence with the bottom line of the coat, while all other border lines of said gaiter-like parts are set at acute-angles with any vertical lines of the coat.

Fig. II is an elevation of the outside of one of my gaiter-like parts, the right one, showing my rectangular vamp-peaks with their straight side-lines, also my new heel and ankle loops adapted to fit neatly around the ankle and closely around under the ball of the high, undercut heel, and also showing in detail the various parts and accessories used in fastening it in place for either fair or stormy weather.

Fig. III shows my new weather-protecting garment on the wearer, with the coat open and the gaiter-like parts properly adjusted and fastened about the feet and legs as worn in stormy weather. Also the front part of the coat is here lifted abnormally high showing the freedom of movement by means of the leg extension of the gaiter-like part, above the top of the lacing.

Fig. IV shows my combination weather-protecting garment on the wearer properly adjusted for stormy weather.

Fig. V is a detail view of the lower inside of my new combination weather-protecting garment with the gaiter-like extension parts properly adjusted and fastened about the feet and legs for protection in stormy weather. In this view can be clearly seen the elegant appearance of the close and serviceable fit of my new heel and ankle portions adjusted around the ankle and under the ball of the heel for stormy weather. In this view, also, the coat part is left open disclosing the normal wearing disposition of the long, upper portion of the gaiter-like appendage hanging in a loop down from the top of the lacing to the juncture of said extension part with the coat part.

This new article of wearing apparel has been invented and developed by me for general use where a weather coat would be de-

sirable in changeable weather conditions and especially for the protection of the legs and feet as well as the upper part of the body of the wearer in cold or stormy weather. Accordingly, with this general purpose and the special objects aforesaid in view, I will now describe my invention in detail, specifying the different parts and explaining the operations and uses of said parts and the combinations thereof in my new article of wearing apparel, as illustrated in the drawings hereinabove designated, in which similar characters point out and refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

But it should be noticed that in these drawings I have represented only the integral gaiter-like extension parts; that is, the ones stitched permanently to the coat part, whereas these gaiter-like parts might be, as I have said above, two removable appendages of the same general shape secured to the coat part with any suitable clasps without departing from the spirit of my invention.

It should be also noted that in case of the removable appendages, the upper portion, that is the part between the lacing and the attachment to the coat, may be omitted leaving only the gaiter with its lacing and my anchor clasps adapted, as explained, to be carried in fair weather spread out on the inside of the coat and also adapted in stormy weather, as aforesaid, to be adjusted and fastened about the legs and feet, but in this case not connected with the coat. So, also, any suitable form of lacing and clasps could be used in fastening the gaiter-like parts to their respective places, without passing beyond the scope of my invention, although I have illustrated only the plain cord lacing and the ball-and-socket clasps.

In Fig. I the letter A represents the coat part of my combination weather garment; and A' is the sleeve.

In Figs. I and II, B B represent my gaiter-like extension parts; while B' B' indicate that portion of said extension parts that reach from the uppermost of the lacing holes K K to the juncture line G with the coat part. In both these Figs., I and II, are clearly shown the anchor clasps C C, D D and D' D', which hold said extension parts spread up against the coat part, their normal disposition in fair weather; and in this instance I have used the ordinary ball-and-socket clasps; and the parts D D are pointed out as double clasps, being provided with both ball and socket; for they not only help hold said extension parts to the coat part when adjusted for carriage in fair weather, but in stormy weather they are used to clasp the gaiter about the foot at the back connecting with the sockets D' D'.

The vamp strap F shown in full in Fig. II, with one end stitched to the gaiter B,

is adapted to pass under the instep to help hold the gaiter part in normal position for use in stormy weather; and the lacing string L also shown in full in Fig. II attached to one of the lower holes K, is adapted to fasten the gaiter part about the leg while in service and, thus, may be threaded through the holes K K or looped over auxiliary metal cleats on the eyelets of said holes. In Fig. I these vamp straps F F and the lacing strings L L are folded under the gaiter part for safe carriage in fair weather.

But on the outer ends of these vamp straps F F are two clasps M M, either one of which may be clipped into the socket part M' on the opposite side of the gaiter to compensate in the adjustment of the gaiter over a large or a small shoe.

In the detail view of my gaiter-like extension part, Fig. II, one corner H of the gaiter is turned back to show both parts of the ball-and-socket clasp C. In Figs. I and II the curving folds E—E shown on either side in the ankle zone of the gaiter part, represent the heel and ankle covering loops or portions of the gaiter-like extension part as they appear when said part is spread out and fastened against the inner side of the coat in fair weather. In Fig. V, these loops or constricted portions are shown fitted closely around the ankle and under the ball of the high undercut heel for protection in bad weather and for elegant appearance. In Fig. V is shown the constriction E', E' around the heel portions of the lower border of the gaiter which together with the constricted ankle portions E, E form a cup-like loop adapted to encase neatly the rounded part of an undercut shoe heel.

To understand fully the convenience, utility and efficiency, as well as the neat appearance, of my new combination weather garment, adapted to be worn in changeable weather conditions, the wearer, on going out, should put on the garment A A' B B' adjusted as it appears in Fig. I with the gaiter-like extensions B B' removably fastened up against the coat A for wearing in fair weather. The garment may thus be worn open or buttoned. But if the weather should turn cold or stormy or the walking should become sloppy, then the wearer, without taking off the coat, can easily loosen the gaiter-like extensions B B' from their anchorage on the coat A and fasten the vamp straps F F under the insteps with the clasps M M' and next fasten the heel and ankle loops E' E' and E—E around the ankle and the ball of the shoe heel with the clasps D—D and D'—D' engaging, and then with the strings L—L draw in the upper parts of the loops E—E closely around the ankle and continue this close lacing about the lower leg until the upper lacing holes are reached and the laces anchored. Then the leg extensions B'—B' of the gaiters

B will assume the appearance and wearing disposition as shown in Fig. V, B and B', when the coat A is open; but when the coat is closed as in stormy weather, the coat and extension will appear as shown in Fig. IV, a neat and efficient combination weather garment.

Having thus described the various features of my invention, the detail construction, arrangement and combination of its parts, as well as their functions, all involved in the art of making and using my new article of wearing apparel, what I consider in my invention as new, useful and ornamental or representative of elegance in dress and the features that I desire outlined and granted me in Letters Patent, I have set forth specifically in the following claims:

1. Wearing apparel consisting of the combination of a weather coat extending below the knee of the wearer and gaiter-like extension parts each fastened in a straight attachment line on either side along the bottom inside of said coat and adapted when fastened up inside said coat to be spread out fully for invisible carriage, right angular vamp-peaks on the gaiter parts, means for spreading said gaiter-like extension parts out at full length and width and fastening them up inside the coat consisting of means for detachably fastening the apices of the rectangular vamp-peaks uppermost vertically above said attachment lines to prevent the appearance of side-sagging in the skirt of the coat, said arrangement being adapted to allow the outer edges of said gaiter-like extension parts to rest fixed at acute angles with natural vertical undulations of said coat while on the wearer, as described.

2. In combination with a weather coat: a gaiter-like part of the same material composed of a gaiter with leg-extension; clips adapted to fasten the gaiter detachably over the foot and lower leg of the wearer; a right angular vamp-peak on the gaiter bordered by straight lines from the toe apex to heel clips and adapted when normally adjusted for stormy weather to protect with efficient and neat covering the lacing, low cutout and open grille work of a lady's modish street sandal; means inside of the coat as worn in fair weather, whereby the gaiter-like parts, having been spread out full size to prevent bulging up against the inside of the coat, shall have the apex of the vamp-peak fastened uppermost at a predetermined point so fixed as to allow the normal top line of the leg-extension to rest in coincidence with the bottom line of the coat, while all the other border lines of said gaiter-like parts become set at acute angles to the normal vertical wrinkles or gravity undulations of the coat part, to prevent the outside appearance of cross-ridges in the body of the coat on the

wearer; fastening clips along the border lines of the gaiter, vamp and leg-extension, and co-acting clips on the inside of said coat positioned to coincide with said fastening clips on the gaiter, substantially as described.

5 In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my signature this 8th day of April, 1927.

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