HAND POCKET FOR GARMENT SLEEVE

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The invention described herein, if patented, may be manufactured and used by or for the Government for governmental purposes, without the payment to me of any royalty thereon.

The invention relates to body garments having sleeves or a sleeve for a body garment and has particular relation to a cold weather garment such as an overcoat, a jacket, a parka or the like.

Such garments are usually worn with gloves but after long spells out of doors the cold may penetrate the gloves requiring that the gloved hands be placed in the garment pockets. However, this is not always possible as where the pockets are already filled or where they are too small to accommodate the gloved hands.

With the foregoing in view, it is an object of the invention to provide a garment sleeve having a pocket capable of accommodating a hand, a glove or gloved hand, said pocket being located interiorly of the sleeve in the region of the wrist opening.

A further object is to provide a sleeved garment having pockets formed in the lower portions of the sleeves adjacent the wrist openings.

Other objects and advantages reside in the particular structure of the invention, combinations and arrangements of the same with one or more garment sleeves, all of which will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art upon reference to the attached drawing which illustrates one form of the invention in connection with the following specification wherein the invention is described and claimed.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a garment to which the invention has been applied;

Figure 2 is an enlarged fragmentary view of one of the garment sleeves;

Figure 3 is a transverse sectional view taken substantially on the plane of the line 3—3 of Figure 2; and

Figures 4 and 5 are, respectively, fragmentary longitudinal sectional views taken substantially on the planes of the lines 4—4 and 5—5 of Figure 3.

Referring specifically to the drawing wherein like reference characters designate like parts in all views, 10 designates generally any suitable cold weather garment such as the parka illustrated. The parka 10 includes sleeves 11 having lower edges 12 defining wrist openings 13. The sleeves 11 each have an inner side 14. The term inner side is one of convenience and means that portion of the sleeve which is adjacent to or faces the body of the garment 10 when each sleeve 11 is allowed to hang naturally. That portion of each sleeve which is then remote from the garment body is designated as the outer side of the sleeve. The lower end of each sleeve includes a wrist covering portion and a subjacent portion which extends downwardly to cover a substantial portion of the wearer's hand.

A pocket 15 capable of easily receiving therein a gloved hand is located inside each sleeve 11 in the region of the wrist opening 13. In the form illustrated, each pocket is upwardly opening and includes a section of flexible heat insulating material such as the padded material 16 having side edges 17, 17, a bottom edge 18 and a top edge 19. Any suitable means such as the transverse line of stitching 20 and the longitudinal lines of stitching 21, 21 secure the bottom and side edges respectively of each pocket 15 to its sleeve 11. Preferably, the arrangement is such that the lower edges 18 of the pockets are substantially flush with the lower edges 12 of the sleeves 11. Also, it is preferred that the pockets 15 be located on the inner sides of the sleeves 11. This arrangement is desired so that the normally partially flexed fingers 22 tend to seek the interior of the pockets after the hands 23 have been withdrawn into the sleeves 11 and upwardly flexed or as the garment is being put on. In this connection, it should be noted that the sleeves 11 are slightly longer than in a normal dress garment as is usual in over-garments of this general type. This makes it easy for the gloved hands to be withdrawn into the sleeves when desired without removing the gloves.

In the form shown, the outer side of each sleeve 11 is likewise formed with a section of heat insulating material 24 which serves to balance the pocket 15 but which preferably is not formed as a pocket. The pockets 15 and pads 24 also serve to reduce the size of the wrist openings 13 and retard the entrance of air in a manner readily understood. Pads 24 also overlie the pockets 15 when the latter are in use to supplement the padded pocket material 16 in warming the hands.

Although the pockets 15 are primarily intended to receive gloved hands, it is obvious that they may not only receive and warm ungloved hands but they may serve as convenient pockets for gloves when the latter are not being worn.

It follows from the foregoing that the illustrated and described form of the invention is not only readily capable of accomplishing the objects of the invention but is capable of being applied to standard garments at low cost without otherwise modifying the same and without requiring special skills or apparatus.

Moreover, while there has been shown and described what is now thought to be a preferred embodiment of the invention, it should be understood that the same is susceptible of other forms and expressions. Consequently, the invention is not to be considered as being limited to the precise structure shown and described hereinabove except as hereinafter claimed.

I claim:

1. In a body garment having sleeves formed with open lower ends; the improvement comprising each sleeve having a wrist covering portion and a subjacent portion extending downwardly in covering relation to a substantial portion of the related hand of the wearer, means forming a hand receiving pocket in said subjacent portion of each sleeve interiorly thereof, each pocket having a free upper edge defining an upwardly opening mouth in said wrist covering portion, and said mouths extending across substantial portions of the interiors of said sleeves to permit unaided access to said pockets by upwardly flexing the wrists and hands of the wearer.

2. In a body garment having sleeves formed with open
lower ends; the improvement comprising each sleeve having a wrist covering portion and a subjacent portion extending downwardly in covering relation to a substantial portion of the related hand of the wearer, means forming a hand receiving pocket in said subjacent portion of each sleeve interiorly thereof, each pocket having a free upper edge defining an upwardly opening mouth in said wrist covering portion, each sleeve including an inner side normally disposed adjacent said garment, and said mouths extending across substantial portions of said inner sides of said sleeves interiorly thereof to permit unaided access to said pockets by flexing the wrists and hands of the wearer upwardly and inwardly.

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