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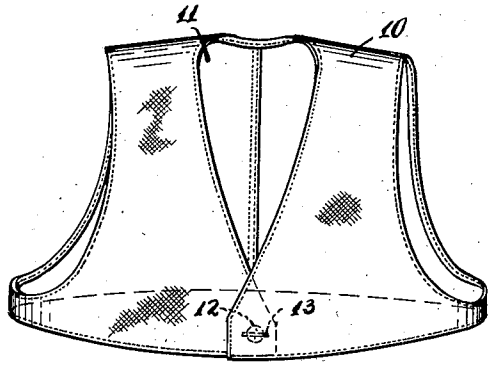


Fig. 1.

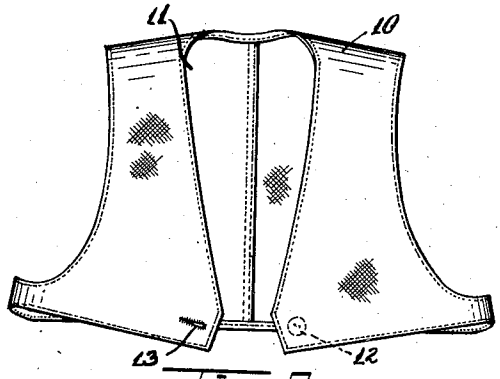


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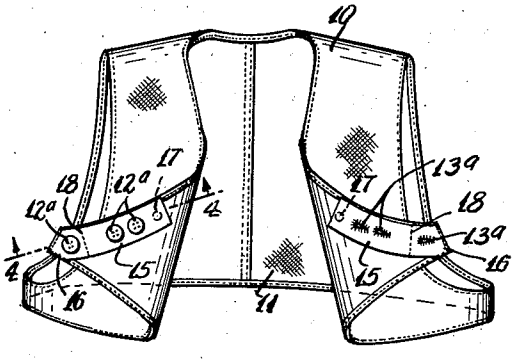


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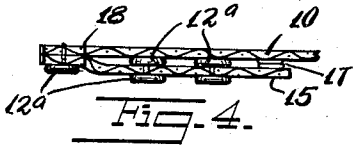


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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in a waterproof vest for hunters.

The invention has for an object the construction of a vest as mentioned which is characterized by the fact that it is constructed of red duck, or other red material, preferably waterproofed. The purpose of the red color is to clearly distinguish the hunters from animals and prevent shooting accidents.

A feature of constructing the vest of waterproof material is to protect the shoulders and back of the hunter in the event of a sudden downpour.

A still further object of the invention is the construction of a vest which has a means for closing an open front thereof. More particularly, the invention contemplates the construction of said means so as to be capable of being utilized to attach the side portions of the open front of the vest on the sides of a hunting jacket so that the vest may be worn in an open position and held down on the hunting jacket.

A still further object of the invention is the provision of extendable tabs or strips arranged upon the lower portions of the front portions of the vest, which tabs are to be provided with means by which the vest may be secured to the hunting jacket.

More specifically, an arrangement is proposed to permit a choice of fastening elements, upon the tab, to best accommodate complementary fastening elements on the hunting jacket.

Another object of the invention is the construction of a vest as mentioned, which is simple and durable and which may be manufactured and sold at a reasonable cost.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawing, and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawing forming a material part of this invention:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a waterproof vest for hunters constructed according to this invention.

Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1 but illustrating the vest in an open position.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a hunting vest constructed according to a modification of the invention, the front portions thereof being bent outwards to disclose the interior construction.

Fig. 4 is a sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

The hunting vest, according to this invention, comprises red duck, or similar material preferably waterproofed, in the form of a vest 10 adapted to fit over a hunting jacket and having an open front area 11, and a means associated with said open front for closing the same when desired. This latter means includes a button 12 upon one of the sides of the open front and engageable with a buttonhole 13 on the other of the sides.

The button 12 and buttonhole 13 are arranged exactly opposite to the customary arrangement of buttons and buttonholes on men's jackets. That is, the button 12 is attached upon the left side of the open front and on the inner face thereof. The buttonhole 13 is arranged on the right hand side of the open front. This is opposite to the arrangement on conventional jackets in which the buttons are on the right hand side and on the outer face of the opening of a garment, and the button holes are on the left hand side.

The feature of the arrangement of button and buttonhole upon the hunting vest resides in the fact that when desired, the button may be engaged through the buttonhole for closing the vest, and furthermore, in the open condition of the vest the button on the vest may be engaged through a buttonhole on the hunting jacket and a button on the hunting jacket engaged through the buttonhole in the vest. The vest is then connected with the hunting jacket and is open when the hunting jacket is open, and closed when the hunting jacket is closed.

In Figs. 3 and 4 a modification of the invention has been disclosed in which the vest is equipped with tabs or strips 15 adapted to be extended or placed in an inoperative position behind the vest, and associated with the means for connecting the vest with a hunting jacket. The feature of this arrangement resides in the fact that the vest is then adaptable for various designs of hunting jackets, and particularly styles in which the location of the buttons and buttonholes vary from each other. The strips 14 are secured by a transverse line of stitches 16 to the lower edge portions of the vest and normally extend upwards. They are held in this position by snap fasteners 17 mounted upon the end portions of the strips and upon the inner face of the material of the vest. Intermediate the lengths of the strips 15 there are buttons 12a on one of the strips, and buttonholes 13a upon the other of the strips.

A second line of transverse stitches 18, parallel to the stitches 16 but spaced between the lower-

most button and buttonhole and the other buttons and buttonholes serve to hold the lower portions of the strips fixedly in position. Thus, only the portions of the strips 15 above the lines of stitches 18 may be bent downwards. The lowermost buttonhole 13a shown in Fig. 3 is formed through the strip 14 and the material of the vest.

In the raised position of the strips the vest may be operated identically as the vest previously described. Should the lowermost button and buttonhole fail to fit the complementary buttonhole and button on a hunting jacket, then the strips 15 may be extended downwards. Each of the buttons 12a, except the lowermost button, is associated with a supplemental button 12a upon the inner face of the strip 15 as clearly shown in Fig. 4.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise constructions herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:—

1. In combination with a hunting jacket having an open front closable by buttons on the right side of the opening engageable with buttonholes on the left side, a vest for engaging over said hunting jacket comprising red material in the form of a vest adapted to fit over the hunting jacket and having an open front area, and means for closing said area, comprising a button on the left side of the vest engageable with a buttonhole on the right side of the vest.

2. A vest for hunters, comprising red material in the form of a vest adapted to fit over a hunting coat and having an open front area, and means for closing said open front, and including strips of material extended along the inner faces of the front edges of said vest and permanently attached at their bottom ends and releasably attached at their top ends, and buttons and buttonholes associated with said strips, whereby the strips may be extended and associated with buttons and buttonholes higher up or lower down on a hunting jacket.

3. A vest for hunters, comprising material in the form of a vest adapted to fit over a hunting coat and having an open front area, strips of material extending along the inner faces of the front edge of said vest, buttons on one of said strips and buttonholes on the other of said strips, stitches permanently holding one end of said strips to said vest, fastening elements releasably holding the other end of said strips in order to allow said vest to be used in hunting jackets of different design so that the buttons on said vest will engage the button holes of said hunting jacket and so the said button holes of said vest will engage the buttons of said jacket to hold said vest in a fixed position on said jacket.

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