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Fig. 1.

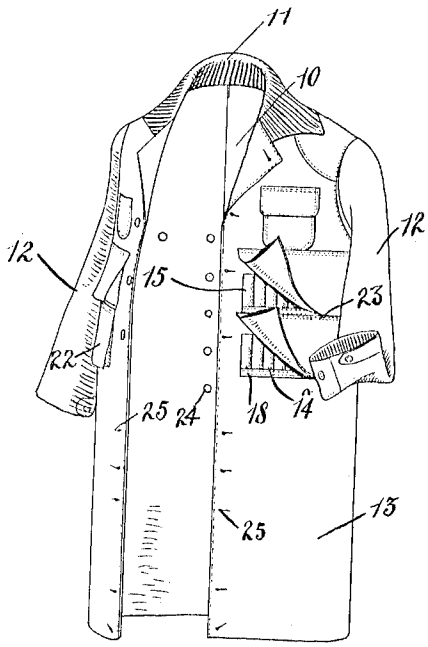


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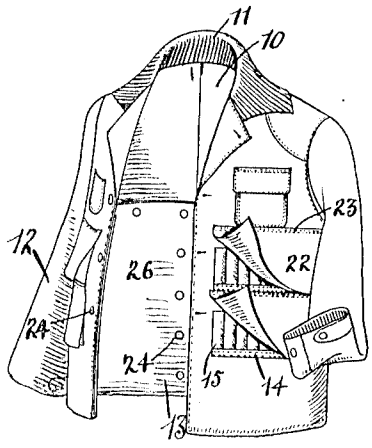


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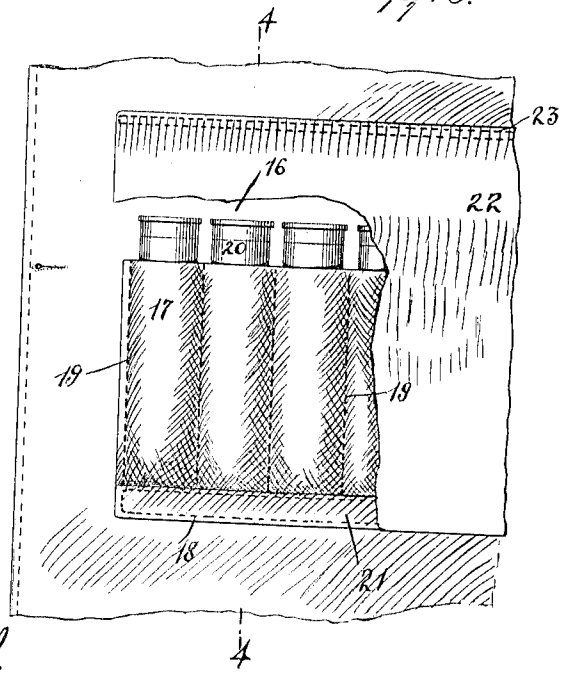
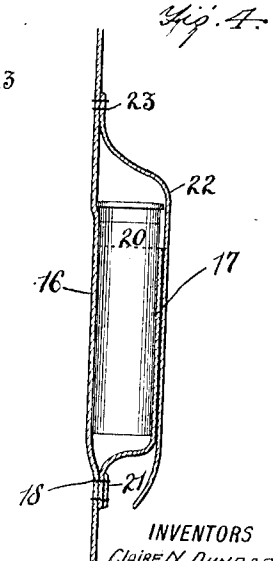


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, CLAIRE N. DUNBAR and JOSIAH W. BATCHELLER, Jr., citizens of the United States, and both residents of Kansas City, in the county of Jackson and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garments, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to garments for use in hunting and for other like purposes and has reference more particularly to a so-called shooting coat which comprises a body having one or more individual pockets or loops designed to hold cartridges, and a protective flap normally disposed over the pocket or pockets and covering the same.

The invention also relates to a garment of the class described which has the lower portion so arranged that it can be folded upwardly and fastened by means of buttons or other fasteners, to shorten the garment and at the same time provide a large pocket for carrying game and for other purposes of that nature.

An object of the invention is to provide a simple, strong and durable shooting coat which can be fashioned from any material adapted for the purpose, which is provided with one or more pockets, preferably in the form of loops, for carrying cartridges or shells, the same fitting snugly in the pockets and being held therein against accidental displacement, which is provided with protective flaps normally covering the pockets, to protect the shells therein from moisture or from injury due to other causes, in which the protective flaps do not interfere with the easy and rapid insertion of the shells into the pocket or their removal therefrom, and in which the weight of the cartridges is well distributed about the body of the garment.

A further object of the invention is to provide a shooting coat, the lower portion of which can be fastened up to form a large, game-carrying pocket, which thus permits the coat to be used as a short hunting coat or as a longer garment adapted to protect the wearer against inclement weather, and which can be easily changed from a short to a long coat, and vice versa.

The invention consists in the construction and combination of parts to be more fully described hereinafter and particularly set forth in the claim.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a shooting coat constituting an embodiment of our invention: Fig. 2 is a similar view showing a coat with the lower portion thereof buttoned up to shorten the garment: Fig. 3 is a side elevation of a portion of the garment, part being broken away to disclose the construction of the cartridge pockets; and Fig. 4 is a vertical section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

Before proceeding to a more detailed explanation of our invention, it should be clearly understood that while the garment is designed primarily for use as a hunting coat it can also be utilized for other, like purposes. As will be readily understood, it is desirable to distribute cartridges, particularly shotgun shells, about the body of a hunting coat, so that the weight of the shells can be more easily and comfortably carried. Furthermore, it is desirable that the shells be so arranged that they are readily available for use while at the same time they are protected against moisture, or injury due to other causes. To accomplish these purposes we have devised a hunting coat which has one or more pockets for cartridges, these pockets consisting of loops, each designed to hold preferably a single shell. The coat has associated therewith means for protecting the shells while in the pockets, as will appear more clearly hereinafter. To permit the coat to be lengthened or shortened as may be necessary or desirable, it is so designed that the lower part thereof can be folded upwardly and inwardly and fastened in this position. Any suitable fastening means can of course be employed. The folded portion of the coat thus forms a pocket of considerable dimensions, which can be advantageously employed for carrying game or other bulky objects.

Certain of the details of construction shown for example herewith, form no part of the invention, and can be varied in accordance with individual preference and special conditions, without departing from the underlying spirit of the invention.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, we provide a garment which in gen-

eral is of the customary construction. It has a body 10 provided with a collar 11, sleeves 12, and a lower part or skirt 13. At each side of the front of the coat, and extending around the sides toward the back is a superposed pair of shell pockets 14. Each pocket comprises a plurality of loops 15. The pockets are formed by securing by means of sewing or in any other suitable manner, to the material 16 of the body of the coat, strips or layers of fabric 17, attached thereto by lines of stitching 18 along the lower edge, and separated along vertical lines into separate loops, by lines of stitching 19, the loops being open at the upper ends in the usual manner, to receive the shells 20. A tape 21 may be stitched along the lower edge of the strip 17, of fabric, to strengthen the construction of the pocket. A normally depending, protective flap 22 is secured above each series of loops, by means of lines of stitching 23, extending along its upper edge. The flap depends over and covers the pockets, and is substantially coextensive therewith. This flap protects the cartridges in the pockets, and can be readily displaced to give access to the pockets. It will be understood that the pockets can be fashioned from any suitable material, preferably from an elastic fabric. The flaps 22 are advantageously fashioned from waterproof material.

The lower part or skirt 13 of the garment is so constructed that it can be folded upwardly and inwardly into the position shown in Fig. 2. We provide a plurality of fastenings consisting of buttons 24, adapted to engage in button-holes 25, for the purpose of holding the skirt in its raised position, as is clearly shown in Fig. 2. This disposition of the skirt shortens the garment to any desired extent, depending upon the location of the fastenings, and at the same time provides a pair of large pockets 26, open at the upper ends, and designed to receive game or other bulky objects. The fasteners are so disposed at the front edges of the body of the garment, as to permit the game-carrying pocket to be closed at the front edges. The buttons 24 provided intermediate the collar 11 and skirt 13 are lying in vertical series near the edges and midway of said edges of the body. The buttonholes 25 of skirt 13 are similarly lying in vertical series near the edges and midway of said edges of the skirt 13, each of said series of buttonholes being substantially in alinement with the button series of the body and each of said buttonholes in a series may engage any of the buttons in the alining series. In consequence of this, the depth of the pockets formed by the skirt with the body may be varied according to how many buttonholes of a series are engaging the buttons of an alining series.

Having thus described our invention, we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A garment of the class described comprising, a body having a lower portion foldable inwardly, said portion having a plurality of fastening means disposed in vertical series lying near the edges and midway of said edges, and said body having a plurality of fastening means inwardly disposed in their vertical series intermediate top and bottom of said body and near the edges and midway of said edges, each series of said fastening means in said portion being substantially in alinement with the series of fastening means in said body, and each of said fastening means in the series of said lower portion is adapted to operate with any of the fastening means of an alining series of the body, thereby the pockets formed by said lower portion and said body may be of different depth.

In witness whereof we have signed our names to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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