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Fig. 1.

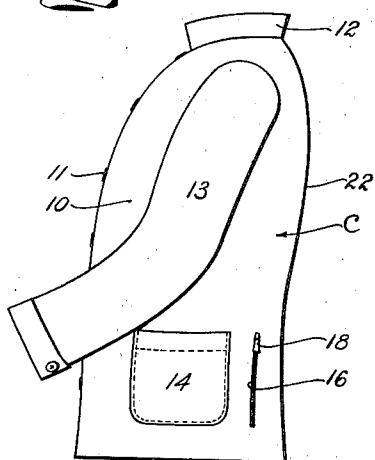


Fig. 2.

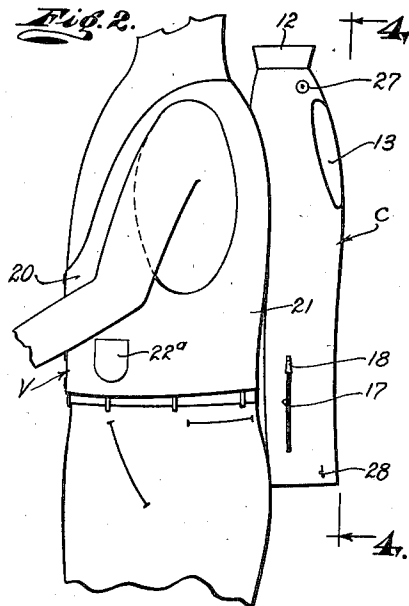


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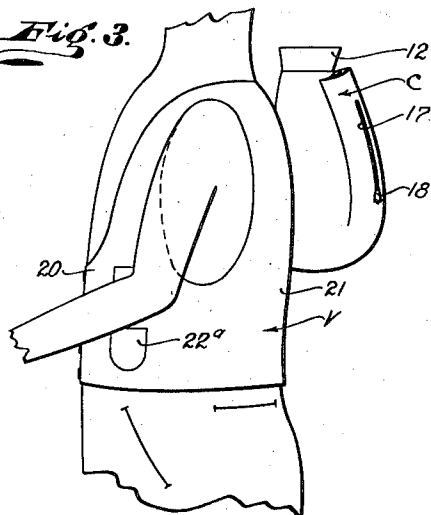


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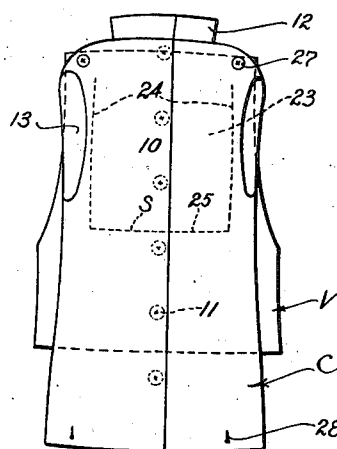
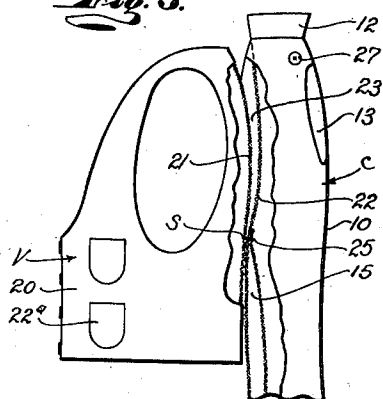


Fig. 5.



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This invention relates to wearing apparel and relates more particularly to a coat for hunters, hikers, persons in military service, etc. A general object of the invention is to provide a jacket or coat that is adapted to provide ample protection and warmth when needed and that is not burdensome and does not cause discomfort to the wearer when such warmth and protection is not required.

The warmth and protection of a coat is required by hikers, hunters, and those in military service during certain times of the day but at other times of the day a coat is not required and becomes burdensome as it must be worn to the discomfort of the wearer or must be carried over his arm where it interferes with his free movement.

Another object of the invention is to provide a coat that may be worn with the usual comfort and ease when a coat is required and that may be readily arranged as a compact pack on the back of the wearer when not required for warmth or protection.

Another object of the invention is to provide a vest and a coat combined in one garment in a manner that allows the coat to be worn over the vest in the usual manner and that allows the coat to be reversed and easily and quickly made into a compact bundle or pack to be carried on the back, the vest being worn as a garment and as a convenient and comfortable means for carrying the coat.

Another object of the invention is to provide a combination garment of the character mentioned in which the coat may have the usual pockets and in addition thereto may have pockets for carrying game, etc., that are conveniently accessible for use when the coat is worn in the usual manner as well as when the coat is reversed and made into a pack on the back of the wearer.

Another object of the invention is to provide a garment of the character mentioned that embodies a large spacious pocket between the connected back portions of the vest and coat capable of carrying game, etc.

A further object of the invention is to provide a convertible garment of the character mentioned that is simple and inexpensive of manufacture and that is an attractive and practical garment.

The various objects and features of my invention will be fully understood from the following detailed description of a typical form and application of the invention, throughout which de-

scription reference is made to the accompanying drawing, in which:

Fig. 1 is a side elevation of the garment provided by this invention illustrating the coat worn in the usual manner. Fig. 2 is a side elevation showing the coat folded or reversed at the back of the wearer. Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2 illustrating the reversed coat made into a compact pack. Fig. 4 is a rear elevation, being a view taken substantially as indicated by line 4—4 on Fig. 2, and Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 2 with the garment removed from the wearer and showing a portion broken away to illustrate the pockets.

The article of apparel provided by the present invention includes, generally, a coat proper, C, and a vest V connected with or combined with the coat C.

In accordance with the broader principles of the invention the coat C may be varied considerably in character depending upon the purpose or intended use of the garment. The particular coat C illustrated in the drawing is in the nature of a hunting coat, it being understood that the invention is not to be construed as limited to the use or employment of this particular type of coat. The coat C includes a back 22 and the usual breast or front portions 10 that may be closed by buttons 11. The coat C is provided with a typical collar 12 and the usual sleeves 13. The coat C may be provided with any desired number of pockets of various characters. In the drawing I have shown side patch pockets 14 on the coat C and a rear game pocket 15 in the lower rear or tail portion of the coat. In accordance with the invention the game pocket 15 is readily accessible when the coat is being worn in the usual manner as well as when the coat is reversed and worn as a pack on the back of the wearer. An opening 16 is provided in the exterior of the coat C to communicate with the game pocket 15. A similar opening 17 is provided in the inner side of the coat C to communicate with the pocket 15. The pocket openings 16 and 17 may be in the nature of vertical slits and may be closed by suitable releasable slide fasteners 18. The coat C may be formed of any desired material and may be lined and finished as found practical.

The vest V is adapted to be worn under the coat C in the usual manner and may be worn when the coat C is not required to form a carrier for the coat as well as a vest. The vest V may be a sleeveless low-cut close fitting garment buttoned or otherwise secured down the front.

The vest V illustrated in the drawing includes the usual front portions 20 and a back 21. In practice the vest V may be somewhat shorter than the coat C and may be provided with the usual pockets 22^a.

It is an important feature of the invention that the coat C and the vest V are connected together to constitute a single garment or piece of wearing apparel. The inner side of the coat back 22 is attached to the outer side of the vest back 21 so that the vest V may be worn in the usual manner and the coat C may be worn in the usual manner over the vest V or may be reversed at the back of the wearer or folded in a pack and carried on the back of the wearer, when the vest is worn as illustrated in Fig. 3 of the drawing. It may be found desirable to permanently connect the vest V and coat C by stitching.

In the preferred construction the coat C and vest V are connected so that a pocket 23 is left or formed between the opposing parts of the coat and vest. A substantially U-shaped line of stitching S connects the inner side of the coat back 22 with the outer side of the vest back 21. The line of stitching S has spaced substantially vertical side parts 24 and a horizontal lower portion 25 extending between the vertical portions 24 leaving a spacious open topped space forming the pocket 23. The upper ends of the portions 24 of the stitching are spaced some distance below the coat collar 12 while the horizontal portion 25 of the stitching is preferably spaced above the pocket openings 16 and 17. If desired or found practical the horizontal portion 25 of the stitching may close the upper end of the game pocket 15. The pocket 23 formed as described above is conveniently accessible to the wearer when the coat C is reversed and worn at his back. When the coat is not required for warmth or protection the garment may be removed and the coat C reversed and rolled and held in the rolled and packed condition by means of the buttons 11 or by any other suitable means.

The invention provides means for holding or retaining the reversed coat C in a compact bundle or pack on the shoulders of the wearer. Releasable holding means are provided on the inner side of the coat back 22 adjacent the collar 12 and the tail of the coat whereby the lower portion of the coat may be folded upon the upper portion and releasably held in that position. In the simple form of the invention illustrated in the drawing spaced buttons 27 are provided on the inside of the coat back 22 adjacent the collar 12 and buttonholes 28 are provided in the lower portion of the coat back to cooperate with the buttons 27 to releasably hold the reversed coat in the folded or packed condition illustrated in Fig. 3 of the drawing.

It is believed that the utility and practicality of the garment provided by this invention will be readily understood from the foregoing detailed description. Under normal conditions or when the weather requires, the coat C may be worn over the vest V in the usual manner. When worn in this manner the pockets 14 as well as the game pocket 15 are conveniently accessible to the wearer. When the coat C is no longer required for warmth or protection it may be removed and the coat C reversed and rolled and maintained in this rolled condition by the buttons 11 or other suitable means. The vest may then be re-donned and the reversed coat worn or carried on the back as shown in Fig. 2 of the

drawing. If desired, however, the reversed coat may be folded into the more compact form and held in that condition by the cooperation of the buttons 27 with the button-holes 28 and worn as a bundle or pack on the shoulders of the wearer, as shown in Fig. 3 of the drawing. It will be apparent that both the pocket 15 and the upper pocket 23 are easily accessible to the wearer when the coat is worn as shown in Fig. 2 or is worn as shown in Fig. 3. When the reversed coat C is worn as shown in these figures it does not in any way hamper the movements of the wearer but is always accessible for use when required. The garment of this invention is inexpensive to manufacture and has a wide range of use.

Having described only a typical preferred form and application of my invention I do not wish to be limited or restricted to the specific details set forth, but wish to reserve to myself any modifications or variations that may appear to those skilled in the art or fall within the scope of the following claims.

Having described my invention, I claim:

1. A garment of the character described including a coat, a vest to be worn within the coat comprising front portions and a back portion, means connecting the inner side of the coat to the back portion of the vest whereby the coat may be reversed and carried on the wearer's back by means of the vest, and means on the coat for maintaining the same reversed and folded upon itself when thus carried on the wearer's back.

2. A garment of the character described including a coat, a vest to be worn within the coat comprising front portions and a back portion, means connecting the back of the coat to the back portion of the vest whereby the coat may be reversed and carried on the wearer's back by means of the vest, and releasable means for holding the coat folded upon itself in the form of a pack when in said reversed condition.

3. A garment of the character described including a coat, a vest to be worn within the coat comprising front portions and a back portion, means connecting the inner side of the coat to the vest whereby the coat may be reversed and carried on the wearer's back by means of the vest, and releasable fastening devices on the inner side of the coat for holding the coat folded upon itself when in said reversed condition.

4. A garment of the character described including a coat, a vest to be worn within the coat, the coat and vest having opposing adjacent back parts, and means connecting the coat to the vest whereby the coat may be reversed and carried on the wearer's back by means of the vest, said means comprising stitching attaching the back part of the coat to the back part of the vest and outlining a pocket space between said opposing adjacent parts of the coat and vest, the stitching being interrupted to leave an opening through which said pocket space is accessible.

5. A garment of the character described including a coat, a vest to be worn within the coat comprising front portions and a back portion, means connecting the back of the coat and the back portion of the vest whereby the coat may be reversed and carried on the wearer's back by means of the vest, and a pocket in the coat, there being an opening in the inner side of the coat communicating with the pocket whereby the pocket is accessible when the coat is in the reversed condition.

6. A garment of the character described in-

cluding a coat, a vest to be worn within the coat, means connecting the back of the coat with the back of the vest whereby the coat may be reversed and carried on the wearer's back by means of the vest, and a pocket in the coat, there being openings in the inner and outer sides of the coat communicating with the pocket whereby the pocket is accessible when the coat is being worn and when the coat is in the reversed condition.

7. In combination, a coat, a vest, means connecting the back of the coat with the back of the vest whereby the coat may be worn over the vest and may be reversed and carried on the wearer's back by means of the vest, said means comprising a substantially U-shaped line of securing means joining the back of the coat and vest and defining a pocket space between the backs of the vest and coat which space is accessible through the opening between the ends of said line of securing means, and a pocket in the coat whose interior is accessible when the coat is being worn and when the coat is in the reversed condition.

8. In combination, a coat, a vest, means con-

necting the coat with the back of the vest whereby the coat may be worn over the vest and may be reversed and carried on the wearer's back by means of the vest, said means comprising a line of securing means joining the backs of the coat and vest to outline a pocket space between the backs of the vest and coat, said line of securing means being interrupted to leave an access opening for said pocket space, and releasable means for holding the coat folded upon itself when in the reversed condition so that it may be carried in a compact pack.

9. A garment of the character described including a coat, a vest to be worn within the coat, and means connecting the inner side of the coat to the vest whereby the coat may be reversed and carried on the wearer's back by means of the vest, said means comprising a line of securing means joining the back of the coat and the back of the vest and outlining a pocket space between the same, said line of securing means being interrupted to leave an opening through which the pocket space is accessible.

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