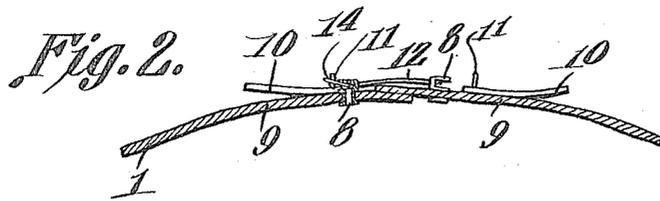
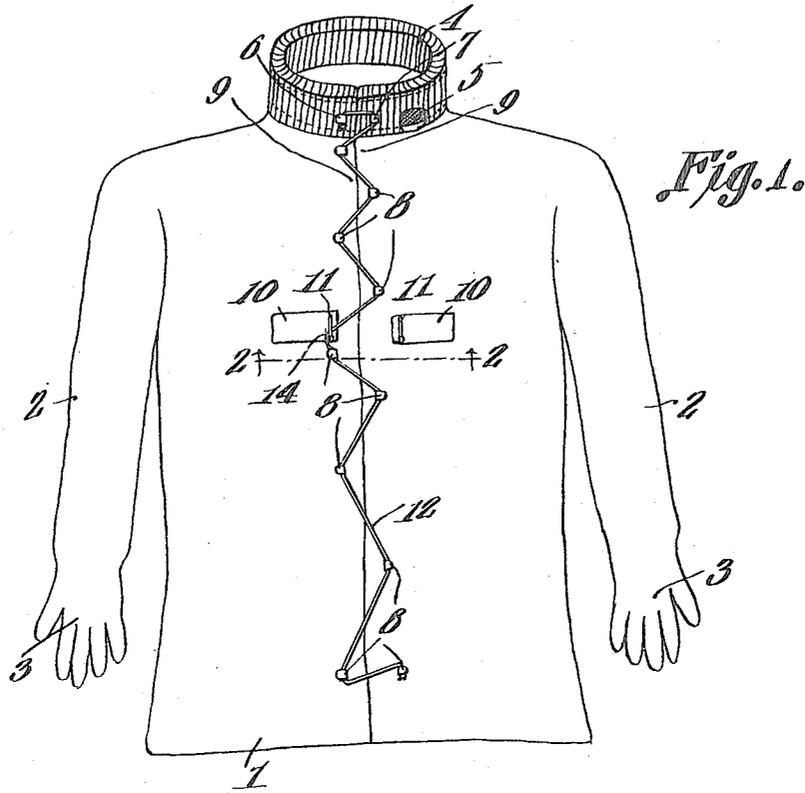


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM SIHLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Decorah, in the county of Winneshiek and State of Iowa, have invented a new and useful Coat, of which the following is a specification.

The device herein disclosed, is a garment adapted to be worn by stokers, by persons required to tend a furnace, and by others, with whom a protection of garments is an object.

The invention aims to provide a garment of the class described which will afford adequate protection, both to the hands, and about the neck, and to the trunk as well.

Another object of the invention is to provide novel means whereby the coat may be removed readily without soiling the coat through contact with the gloves.

Another object of the invention is to provide novel means whereby the edges of the coat be drawn together, a resilient collar being, simultaneously, contracted about the neck.

It is within the scope of the invention to improve generally and to increase the utility of, devices of that type to which the present invention appertains.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinbefore described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention can be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the drawing: Figure 1 is a front elevation; and Fig. 2 is a transverse section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

In carrying out the invention there is provided a coat 1 which may be of any desired length.

The sleeves of the coat are denoted by the reference 2, the sleeves 2 being formed integrally with gloves 3. The coat 1 is equipped with a resilient collar 4, in which an elastic strip 5 may be mounted. Eyes 6 and 7 are secured to the collar 4 upon opposite sides of an opening which is in the front of the collar. Other eyes 8 are secured to the flaps 9 of the coat, in alternating relation upon opposite sides of the median plane of the coat. Flexible tabs

are provided, the inner ends of the tabs 10 being secured to the flaps 9 of the coat, upon opposite sides of the median plane of the coat. The tabs 10 are secured detachably to the flaps of the coat, and any suitable devices may be employed to this end. In the present instance, although not necessarily, safety pins 11 are employed. A draw string 12 is shown, one end of which is secured to the eye 6, the draw string 12 being thence trained about the eye 7 and about the eyes 8 in order. If desired, the draw string 12 may be extended through one of the securing devices 11, as indicated at 14.

In practical operation, the coat 1 is donned in the usual manner. The draw string 12, being engaged with the eyes 6, 7 and 8, may be pulled upon, whereupon, the coat proper will be drawn together at the front, and simultaneously, the resilient collar 4 may be contracted about the neck of the wearer. When, as shown, the draw string is passed as shown at 14, through one of the securing devices 11, the upper portion of the draw string will be prevented from swinging about, while the garment is being put on, it being noted that the eye 6 to which one end of the draw string 12 is secured, and that securing device 11 through which the draw string is passed as indicated at 14, lie upon the common side of the dividing line of the coat, so that the coat may be put on readily, when the draw string 12 is engaged with one of the securing devices 11 and with the eye 6. Considerable tension is required in order to draw the body of the coat together, and simultaneously, to contract the collar 4. If tension be applied to the draw string 12, when the draw string is engaged with one securing element 11 and with those eyes 8 which lie above the securing element 11, the engagement between the draw string 12 and the securing element serves to hold the tension thus obtained, and subsequently the draw string 12 may be engaged with those eyes 8 which lie below the securing element 11 through which the draw string passes.

It will be understood readily that owing to the fact that the gloves 3 are formed integrally with the sleeve 2, it will be impossible to soil the cuffs of the wearer. Obviously, by contracting the resilient collar 4 about the neck in the manner hereinbefore described, the entrance of ashes and dirt into the neck will be prevented. The gloves 3 are more or less soiled after the stoking

operation has been completed, and to prevent an undue soiling of the body portion of the coat 1, the gloves 3 may be engaged with the tabs 10, to effect a separation of the flaps 9 of the coat, and to effect a removal
 5 of the coat. The body portion of the coat, therefore, is not soiled, during the process of removing the coat. The tabs 10 are readily detachable from the body portion of the coat,
 10 and may be removed, for washing, or destruction.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:—

15 In a garment of the class described, a coat comprising front flaps; short flexible strips

having their inner ends located close to the longitudinal edges of the front flaps; and means for securing the inner ends of the strips detachably to the flaps, the strips extending from the respective securing means
 20 in opposite directions and having their outer ends free and disposed upon the flaps and at the front of the garment.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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