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This invention relates to rain capes or cloaks and has for its general object to provide an improved hooded cape or cloak which can be worn in a number of fashions dependent upon the wearer's desires and weather conditions.

It is believed that the more particular objects of the invention as well as the means whereby the latter may be carried into effect, will be best understood from the following description of a preferred embodiment thereof illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which Fig. 1 is a front elevational view of the upper portion of a cape or cloak embodying the invention, and illustrating one manner in which the same may be worn; Fig. 2 is a similar view showing another manner in which the garment may be worn by the user; Fig. 3 is a sectional view, taken along the line 3—3 of Fig. 2; Fig. 4 is a front elevational view of the shield provided on the garment; Fig. 5 is a sectional view taken along the line 5—5 of Fig. 1; Fig. 6 is a front elevational view illustrating another way of wearing the garment, and Fig. 7 is a rear elevational view of Fig. 6.

In the drawings, the reference numeral 10 indicates the body portion of the garment which is shown in the form of a raincoat or cloak, open at the front and provided at its free or meeting edges with suitable complementary fastening devices, generally designated 11, for securing such edges together. In the form shown, such fastening devices comprise buttons and button holes; one set of which is located adjacently below the neckband 12. To the neckband 12 of the garment is secured the lower portion of a convertible collar and hood.

The hood 13 is provided with a front edge 14 (see Figs. 3 and 5), which frames the face opening and extends to the neckband 12; the lower ends of such front edge 14 being connected to the neckband at points spaced inwardly from the free edges of the body portion of the garment and so that when the latter is buttoned, such points of connection will be positioned adjacently one another as is shown in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings. Secured to the major portion of such front edge 14 is a collar 15, which may either be extended in a forward direction, as shown in Fig. 2, to provide a bonnet effect, or folded back onto the top and sides of the hood 13, as shown in Fig. 1, or worn around the neck as shown in Fig. 6. The collar 15 comprises two pieces of material 16 and 17 which are secured together along their front or outer edges by a line of stitches 18. The inner edges of the pieces 16 and 17 are secured to the front edge 14 of the hood which is gathered or folded to form pleats at the top of the hood. As will be seen more clearly in Figs. 3 and 5 of the drawings, the piece of material 17 of collar 15 is shorter in width than piece 16 thereof and is secured to the front edge 14 by a line of stitches 19

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which penetrates the material of piece 17 and front edge 14, but does not extend through the collar piece 16. A line of stitches 20 secures the inner edge of the wider piece 16 to the front edge 14 of the hood. Thus, the construction of collar 15 is such, that when the latter is folded back against the hood, the line of its fold will be along the inner edge of piece 17 thereof, thereby folding piece 16 in front of its line of connection with the hood and concealing the latter, as is shown in Fig. 5 of the drawings. The collar 15 is provided with buttons 21, 21 which are secured at its sides at points located inwardly of the outer edge of such collar and spaced upwardly a substantial distance from the lower ends of the collar, being approximately midway of the height of the collar when the hood is worn by the user. Secured to the central top portion of collar 15 is the female member 22 of a snap fastener.

The lower portions of the front edge 14 of the hood, from the lower ends of collar 15 to the neckband 12 is provided with hems 23, 23 within which are arranged elastic bands or strips which are secured at their ends to the ends of the hems 23, 23 and to the lower ends of collar 15 and the neckband 12. Thus, the hems 23, 23 are normally gathered or shirred and are free to expand when the hood is drawn over the wearer's head. As the lower ends of the front edge 14 of the hood are connected to the neckband 12 in the manner aforesaid, and as the elastic bands are connected to the lower ends of the collar 15, the collar 15 and the portion of the hood intermediate such collar and the neckband 12 are drawn tightly and snugly over the wearer's head, thus insuring a perfect fit of the hood on the wearer and at the same time, affording a maximum protection against the elements.

Covering the front opening of the hood is a shield composed of a body portion 25 made of fabric similar to that of the garment. The body portion 25 is made from a single piece of material folded along the top edge thereof to provide two similar layers which are sewed together along the outer side and bottom edges of the shield. The body portion 25 is provided with a straight top edge having a length greater than the width of the opening defined by the upper portion of the collar 15. The side edges of the body portion extend vertically from the top edge thereof to points approximately midway of its height, and then converge in a concave fashion to form a rounded lower end. In the upper portion of the shield, the two layers of fabric material are cut out to form a rectangular opening 26. The opening is closed by a sheet 27 of flexible, transparent material, such as a transparent thermoplastic material, whose edges are positioned between the two layers of fabric forming the body portion 25 and are secured to the latter by a line of stitches

28. The window 27 is made sufficiently wide so that as the shield is shifted up or down slightly, depending upon the manner in which it is worn, as will hereinafter appear more clearly, the wearer will always be provided with clear vision. The sides of the shield in the region of the window 27, are provided with loops 29, 29 of elastic material and adapted to engage the buttons 21, 21 provided on the collar 15. Provided at the lower end of the shield is an elastic loop 30 adapted to engage with the top button 11 on the free edge of the garment. At the top of the shield is provided a male member 31 of a snap fastener which is adapted to engage with the female snap member 22 provided on the collar 15.

From the foregoing description, it will be apparent that the hood of the garment may be worn in a number of different ways to produce different effects and to afford different degrees of protection against the weather. Thus, the hood may be worn off the head to provide a cape-like garment whose ornamental effects may be heightened by the choice of fabric material employed in making the hood 13 and collar 15. When the hood is worn by the wearer, the collar 15 may be worn either turned back to produce a hat effect or extended forward to provide a bonnet effect; the latter of which also affords more protection against the weather. When the hood is worn over the head, either with the collar turned back or extended forward, the shield may be worn to afford protection against wind or precipitation. Thus, as is shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings, the loops 29, 29 may be engaged with the collar buttons 21, 21 and loop 30 engaged with the uppermost button 11 to afford protection for the entire face except the forehead. Because of the elastic nature of the loops 29, 29 and 30, the shield will be held on the garment to protect the face from the forehead down. At the same time, proper ventilation for the user will be afforded through the sides of the shield. In order to provide a complete protection against severe weather, the snap members 22 and 31 are interlocked, thereby covering the entire face of the user. When the shield is so worn, it is shifted slightly upwardly with regard to the face of the user, but by reason of its shape and the form of window 27, such shifting does not detract from the protection it affords or the vision of the wearer. As is shown in Figs. 6 and 7, the hood may also be worn off the head with the collar 15 worn around the neck of the user to provide a military effect. In order that the collar may be worn in this fashion, cooperating separable fasteners, such as the hook and eye, 33, 32, respectively, the latter of which are secured to the lower ends of the collar 15 at points spaced slightly from the line of junction of the collar with the hood. It will be noted from Fig. 6 of the drawings, that when the collar 15 is so worn, the front portion of the hood immediately above the neck line 12 and defined by the hems 23, 23 is covered by the collar, while at the rear, the hood is worn below the collar 15 as is shown in Fig. 7 of the drawings.

I claim:

1. A garment comprising a body portion having a neckband and having free front edges, a hood connected to said neckband from a point spaced from one of said free edges to a point spaced from the other of said free edges, the front edge of said hood extending from one of said points to the other of said points and defining the face opening, said points being so lo-

cated on said neckband that when said free edges are closed in overlapped relation, the lower ends of said front edge lie adjacent to each other, a collar attached to said front edge and terminating short of the ends of the latter, said collar being composed of two outer layers of material joined together along their outer free edges, the inner edge of the upper layer of said collar being secured to the front edge of said hood and the lower collar layer being substantially greater in width than said upper layer and connected to said hood along a line spaced rearwardly from the front edge thereof, whereby when said collar is folded back on said hood along the inner edge of said upper narrower layer, the wider lower layer will be folded along a line intermediate its inner and outer edges to present a smooth, folded edge to the observer, elastic means provided along the end portions of said front edge and connecting the ends of said collar with said neckband, and fastener means provided on said collar for connecting a shield across the opening defined by said front edge.

2. A garment comprising a body portion having free front edges and complementary fastening devices for securing said front edges together, a hood connected to said body portion and having a front edge defining a face opening, a foldable collar attached to the front edge of said hood, a pair of fastening devices attached to one surface of said collar at points spaced substantially from the lower ends thereof, a shield having a window of flexible transparent material provided in the upper portion thereof, a pair of fastening devices attached to the sides of said shield and constructed to be interlocked with the fastening devices on said collar, and a fastening device attached to the lower end of said shield and constructed to be interlocked with a fastening device on the front edge of said body portion.

3. A garment comprising a body portion having free front edges and complementary fastening devices for securing said front edges together, a hood connected to said body portion and having a front edge defining a face opening, a foldable collar attached to the front edge of said hood, a pair of buttons attached to one surface of said collar at the sides thereof, and at points spaced substantially from the lower ends of said collar, a shield having a substantially rectangular upper portion and a tapered lower portion, a rectangularly-shaped window of flexible transparent material provided in the upper portion of said shield, stretchable loops attached to the sides of the upper portion of said shield and adapted to be interengaged with the buttons on said collar, and a stretchable loop attached to the lower end of said shield and adapted to be interengaged with a fastening device on the front edge of said body portion.

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