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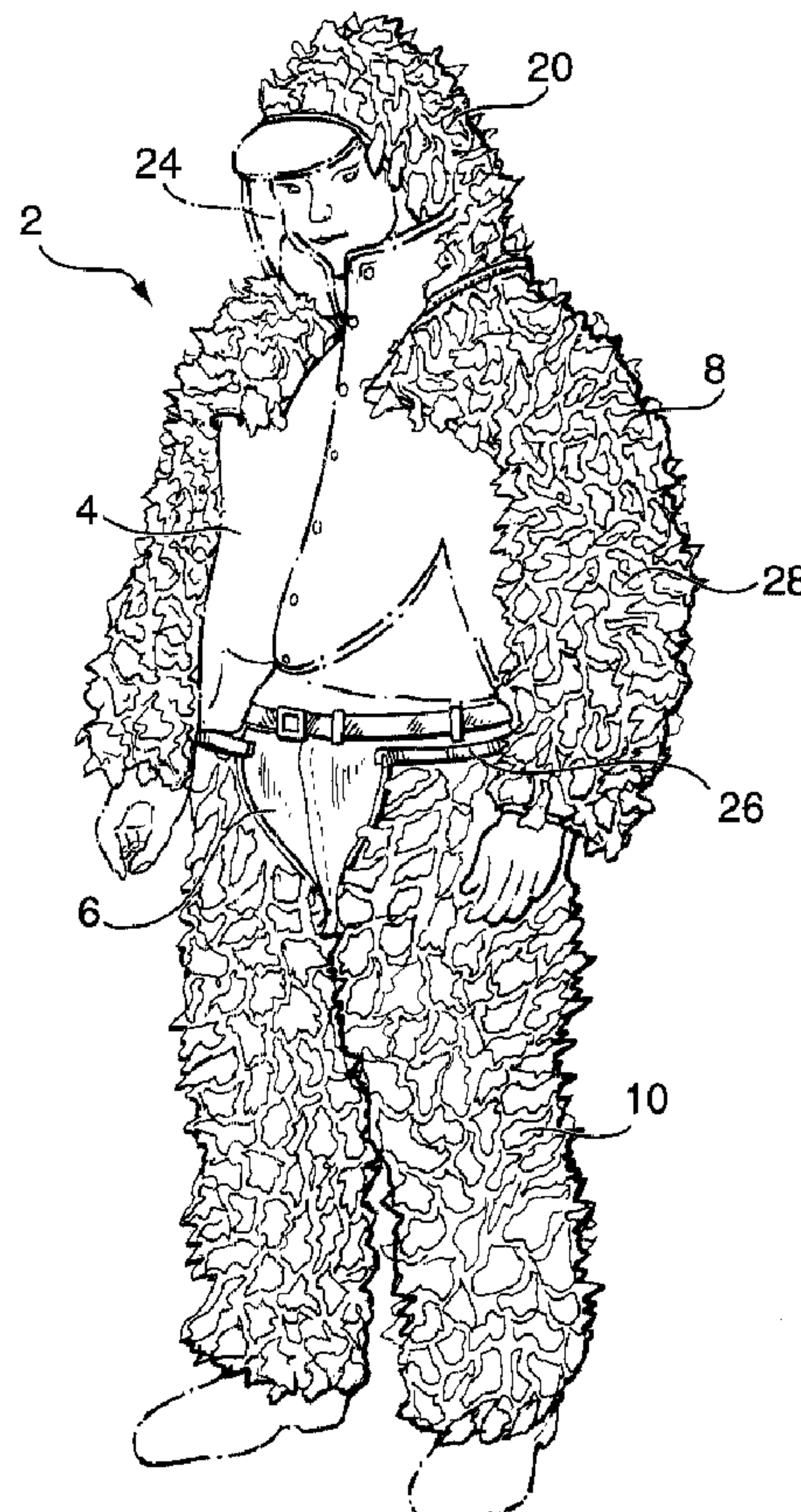
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(57) Abrégé/Abstract:

In combination, an outer garment and a three dimensional camouflage covering for all or a part of the outer garment, the three dimensional camouflage covering comprising an open mesh net base and a plurality of leaf or foliage appendages, in leaf or foliage simulating colour and shape secured thereto, means secured to peripheral portions of the three dimensional covering and to portions of the outer garment releasably to secure the three dimensional covering onto the outer garment in operable fashion.



ABSTRACT

In combination, an outer garment and a three dimensional camouflage covering for all or a part of the outer garment, the three dimensional camouflage covering comprising an open mesh net base and a plurality of leaf or foliage appendages, in leaf or foliage simulating colour and shape secured thereto, means secured to peripheral portions of the three dimensional covering and to portions of the outer garment releasably to secure the three dimensional covering onto the outer garment in operable fashion.

TITLE OF THE INVENTION**LEAFY CAMOUFLAGE SUIT****BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention relates to an outerwear garment which is
5 convertible to a three dimensional camouflage garment.

Three dimensional camouflaged garments, of the type used by hunters,
having an open mesh net base and a plurality of leaf or foliage appendages which
simulate leaves or foliage in colour and shape, being secured thereto, are well known.

Such a camouflage construction is described and illustrated for example in Leonard

10 Canadian Patent No. 2,020,632 issued September 14, 1999. Other camouflage
garment constructions of general background interest are described and illustrated in
Smith U.S. Patent No. 2,744,348 issued May 8, 1956, Shepard et al U.S. Patent No.
5,203,033 issued April 20, 1993, Moyer U.S. Patent No. 5,159,718 issued November
3, 1992, Lee U.S. Patent No. 4,792,471 issued December 20, 1988, Weber et al U.S.

15 Patent No. 5,695,835 issued December 9, 1997, Crawford U.S. Patent No. 4,517,230
issued May 14, 1985, Shamblin U.S. Patent No. 5,274,848 issued January 4, 1994,
Specklemire U.S. Patent No. 5,958,526 issued September 28, 1999, Sanders U.S.
Patent No. 5,773,101 issued June 30, 1998, Rossini U.S. Patent No. 6,060,142 issued
May 9, 2000 and Lawler U.S. Patent No. 5,901,372 issued May 11, 1999. In most of
20 these prior art constructions, either individual pieces of camouflage must be

meticulously fastened to the under garment, or else the garment is permanently made in three dimensional form (e.g. Sanders U.S. Patent No. 5,773,101 and Webber U.S. Patent No. 5,695,835).

5 It is an object of the present invention to provide a simple but effective construction of garment which allows simple versatility by enabling the wearer to readily convert it to a three dimensional camouflage type garment or a conventional "two dimensional" garment.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

10 In accordance with the present invention there is provided, in combination, an outer garment and a three dimensional camouflage covering for all or a part of the outer garment. The three dimensional covering comprises an open mesh net base and a plurality of leaf or foliage appendages, in leaf or foliage simulating colour and shape secured thereto. Means are secured to peripheral portions of the three dimensional covering and to portions of the outer garment releasably to releasably attach the three
15 dimensional covering onto the outer garment in operable fashion.

As will be described in more detail subsequently, the garment may be in the form of a hooded or non hooded jacket, or pants, or both. The garment according to the present invention is thus readily convertible to either three dimensional camouflage form, by the attachment of the three dimensional covering over the outer
20 garment, or to a conventional outer garment by removing the three dimensional covering.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

These and other advantages of the invention will become apparent upon reading the following detailed description and upon referring to the drawings in which:

FIGURE 1 is a perspective view of a person wearing both a hooded jacket
5 and pants in accordance with the present invention; and

FIGURE 2 is an enlarged, partial view of the upper part of the jacket of figure 1, illustrating in more detail the garment construction according to the present invention.

While the invention will be described in conjunction with an illustrated
10 embodiment, it will be understood that it is not intended to limit the invention to such embodiment. On the contrary, it is intended to cover all alternatives, modifications and equivalents as may be included within the spirit and scope of the invention as defined by the appended claims.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

15 In the following description, similar features in the drawings have been given similar reference numerals.

Turning to figure 1 there is illustrated a combination outer garment 2 having hooded jacket 4 and pants 6 in combination with a three dimensional camouflage covering 8 for the hooded jacket and three dimensional camouflage
20 covering 10 for the pants 6, in accordance with the invention. The hooded jacket 4 and

pants 6 are conventional jackets and pants and for instance may be of camouflage colour to resemble wooded or bush conditions. The three dimensional camouflage coverings 8 and 10, as can be seen in figure 2, comprise a conventional construction of open mesh net base 12 and a plurality of leaf or foliage appendages 14 which simulate leaves or foliage in colour and shape, secured for instance by stitching 16, to base 12.

Mating zipper means 18, as can be seen in figure 2, secure upper portions of camouflage 8 to upper portions of the hooded jacket 4. In this illustrated embodiment, a three dimensional camouflage hood covering 20 is secured to covering 8 by means of a further zipper means 22, so that, when in position, three dimensional camouflage hood cover 20 covers the hood 24 attached to hooded jacket 4.

Also, as can be seen in figure 1, zipper means 26 secured to upper portions of three dimensional camouflage covering 10 for pants 6, about the waist portion, and about the waist portion of pants 6, as illustrated, permit releasable attachment of camouflage covering 10 over pants 6. The camouflage coverings 8 and 10 are really like accessories which may optionally be sold with jackets 4 and pants 6 which have been fitted with appropriate zipper portions releasably to receive, the corresponding portions of these camouflage coverings.

Thus, when it is desired to remove camouflage covering 8 and 10 respectively from jacket 4 and pants 6, all that need be done is to unzip the relevant zippers 18 and 22. This camouflage covering 8 may be partial, as illustrated, with sleeves 28 to cover the corresponding sleeves of jacket 4 when in position as illustrated. Although not illustrated, camouflage covering 8 may be a full jacket form

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including a body portion and sleeves, to correspond to the jacket over which it sits when attached to jacket 4.

Thus, it is apparent that there has been provided in accordance with the invention a combination outer garment and three dimensional camouflage covering that
5 fully satisfies the objects, aims and advantages set forth above. While the invention has been described in conjunction with an illustrated embodiment thereof, it is evident that many alternatives, modifications and variations will be apparent to those skilled in the art in light of the foregoing description. Accordingly, it is intended to embrace all such alternatives, modifications and variations as fall within the spirit and broad scope
10 of the invention.

**THE EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION IN WHICH AN EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY
OR PRIVILEGE IS CLAIMED ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. In combination, an outer garment and a three dimensional camouflage covering for all or a part of the outer garment, the three dimensional camouflage covering comprising an open mesh net base and a plurality of leaf or foliage appendages, in leaf or foliage simulating colour and shape secured thereto, means secured to peripheral portions of the three dimensional covering and to portions of the outer garment releasably to secure the three dimensional covering onto the outer garment in operable fashion.
2. The combination of claim 1 wherein the outer garment is a jacket, the three dimensional camouflage covering is a jacket having sleeves and a central portion, the three dimensional covering has garment-receiving sleeves, and mating zipper means are positioned at upper peripheral portions of the three dimensional covering sleeves and about upper portions of the outer garment.
3. The combination of claim 1 wherein the outer garment comprises pants, the three dimensional camouflage covering comprises leg portions for receiving the leg portions of the outer garment, and mating zipper means are located along upper peripheral portions of the three dimensional covering and upper portions of the outer garment pants.

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4. The combination of claim 2 further comprising a three dimensional camouflage hood portion having zipper means to secure it to corresponding zipper means on the three dimensional camouflage so as to cover a hood of the outer garment.

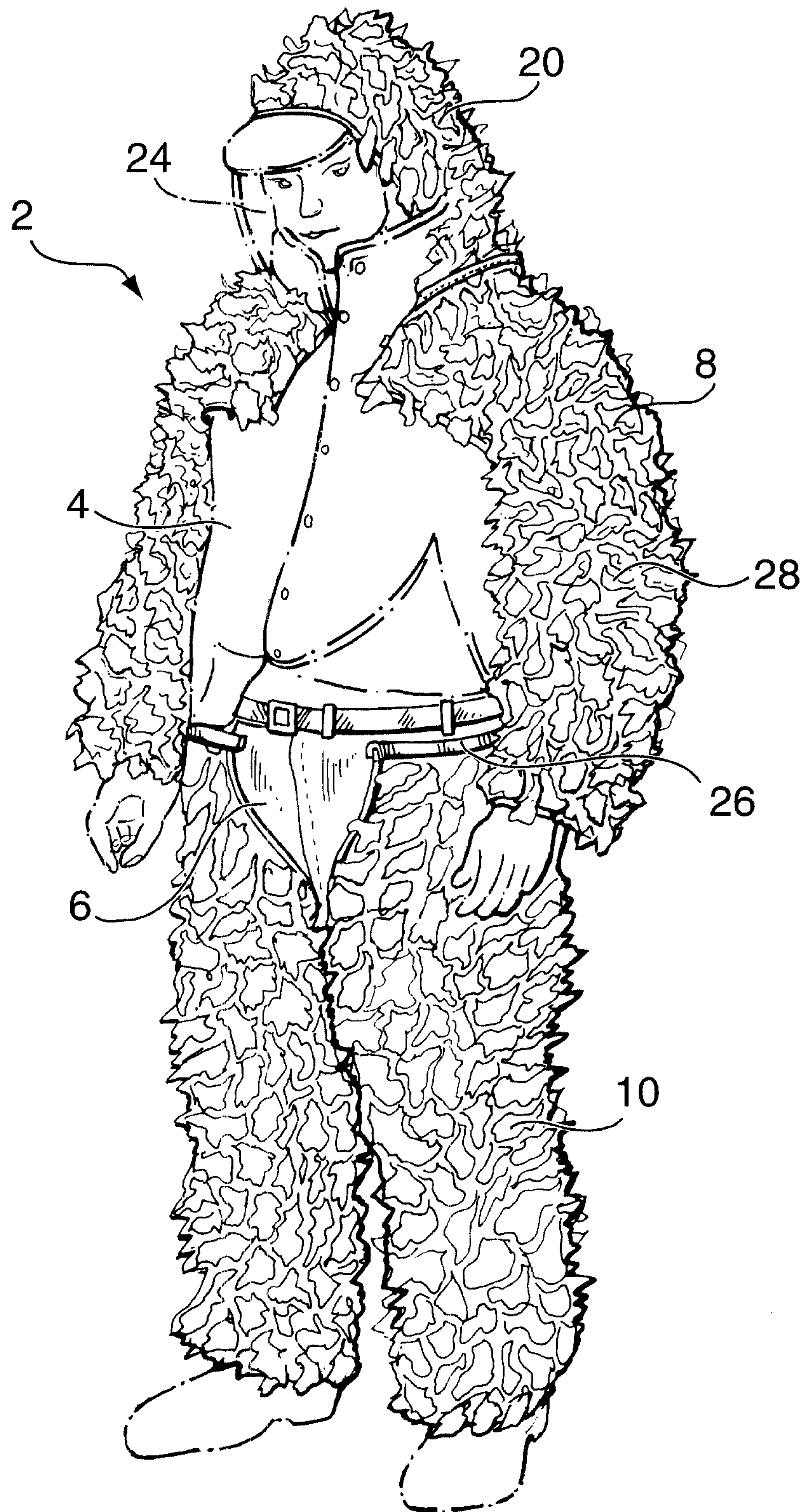


FIG. 1

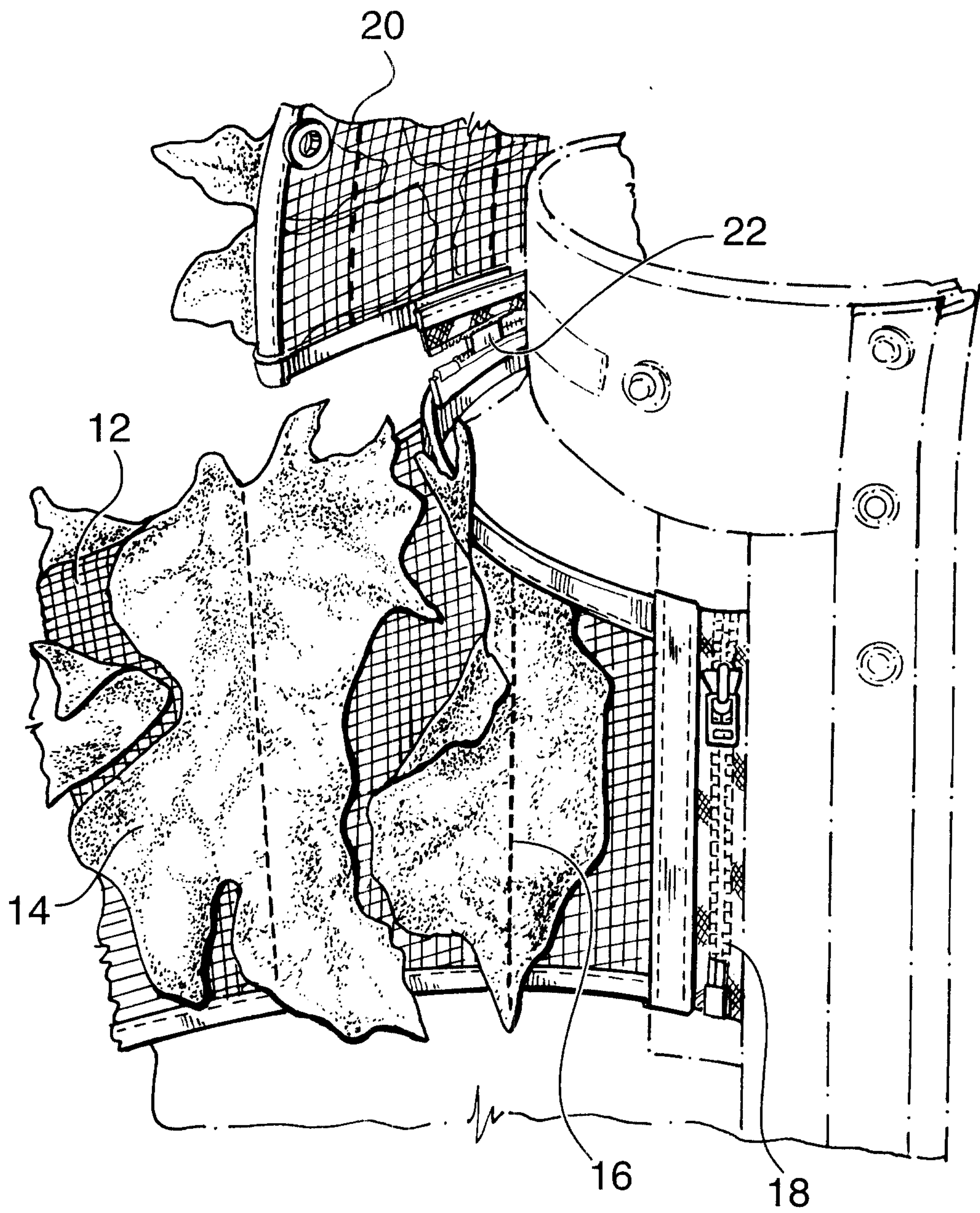


FIG. 2

