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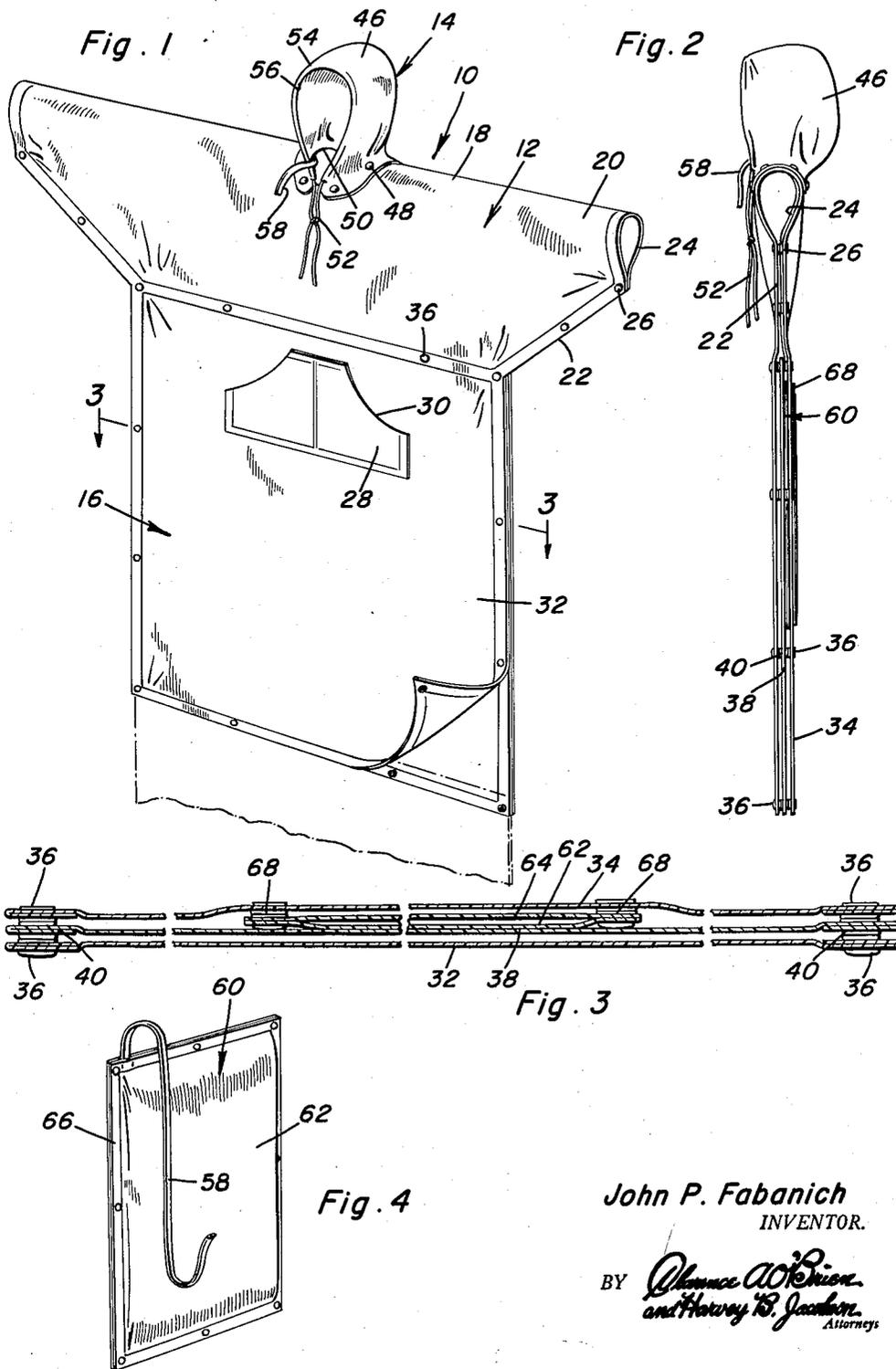
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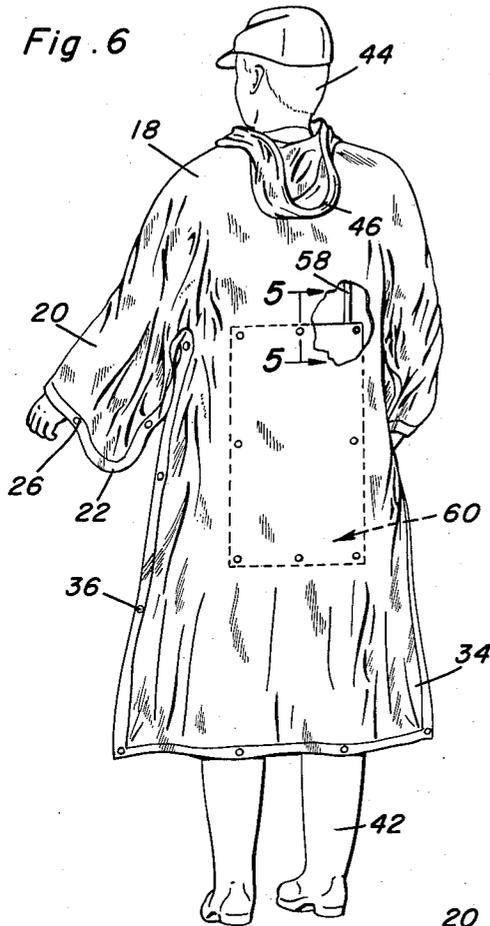


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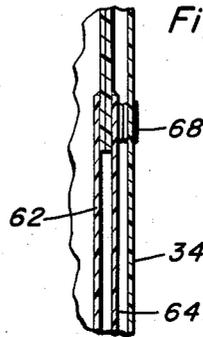
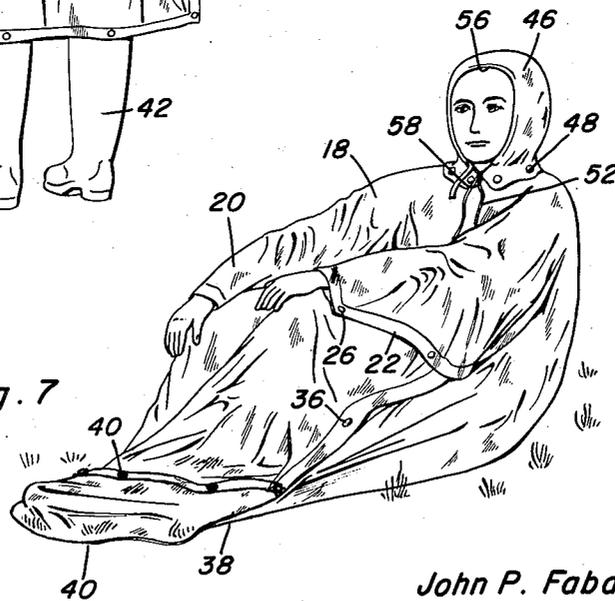


Fig. 7



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The present invention generally relates to a garment construction and more particularly to that type of garment especially adapted for hunters which provides a weatherproof garment to help sportsmen endure all types of cold or damp weather and to provide such sportsmen more comfort when out of doors, whether during actual hunting or while attending sports events.

An object of the present invention is to provide a waterproof type garment for hunters which incorporates all of the features of a waterproof garment plus the additional features of a detachable hood, an attachment for converting the device into a sleeping bag, a detachable, inflatable seat, all of which may be readily arranged for ease of transportation to and from the desired area or for ease of storage when the device is not in use.

Other objects of the present invention will reside in its simplicity of construction, ease of assembly, adaptation for its various purposes and its relatively inexpensive manufacturing cost.

These together with other objects and advantages which will become subsequently apparent reside in the details of construction and operation as more fully hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming a part hereof, wherein like numerals refer to like parts throughout, and in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the garment of the present invention;

Figure 2 is a side elevational view of the construction of Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a plan sectional view taken substantially upon a plane passing along section line 3—3 of Figure 1, illustrating the details of construction thereof;

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the detachable seat;

Figure 5 is a detailed sectional view taken substantially upon a plane passing along section line 5—5 of Figure 6 illustrating the means of attaching the seat, together with the inflating means therefor;

Figure 6 is a perspective view of the present invention worn generally as a raincoat, with a portion of the rear wall broken away illustrating the seat; and

Figure 7 is a perspective view illustrating the invention employed as a sleeping bag, with the extension and hood in position.

Referring now specifically to the drawings, the numeral 10 generally designates the garment of the present invention including a main body generally designated by the numeral 12, a hood generally designated by the numeral 14, and the bottom or extension portion generally designated by the numeral 16.

The main body 12 includes shoulder area 18 and sleeve portions 20 with an inwardly and downwardly inclined edge 22 extending from the bottom edge of the sleeve openings 24. The edges 22 are secured in detachable engagement by snap fasteners 26. This construction permits a freedom of movement of the arms and shoulders, since it is rather full. The front extension portion is provided with a pair of pockets 28 thereon having an inclined entrance opening 30 to facilitate the carrying of any de-

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sired objects. The front extension portion is designated by the numeral 32, while the rear extension portion is designated by the numeral 34, with the peripheral edges of the extension portions 32 and 34 being provided with snap fastener elements 36, together with a suitable binding tape or the like. An extension connecting portion 38 is disposed between the front extension portion 32 and the rear extension portion 34 and is provided with snap fastener elements 40 for detachable engagement with the snap fastener elements 36 on the peripheral edges of the extension portions 32 and 34, thus mounting the extension connecting portion 38 between the extension portions 32 and 34 so that the extension connecting portion 38 is stored in this position when the garment is worn in the nature of Figure 6 so that freedom of movement of the legs 42 of the wearer 44 will be permitted.

When the device is to be worn as illustrated in Figure 7, the extension connecting portion 38 is removed from between the extension portions 32 and 34 with one edge thereof secured to the lower edge of the extension portion 34 and the other edge thereof secured to lower end of the extension portion 32 with the side edges thereof secured together by the snap fasteners 40. This then provides a sleeping bag wherein all of the seams are joined by snap fastener elements. When the device is used in this orientation, the hood generally designated by the numeral 14 is employed, and this includes a crown 46 having snap fasteners 48 detachably engaged with snap fasteners in surrounding relation to an opening 50 in the main body 12. A drawstring 52 is provided in a hem 54 in the periphery of the face opening 56 so that the hood 14 may be tightened so that only the front portion of the face will be revealed therethrough as illustrated in Figure 7.

A filler tube 58 is disposed against the inner surface of the main body portion 12 and extends into an inflatable seat 60 that has spaced wall members 62 and 64 secured together by a peripheral binder 66 wherein the tube 58 extends into the upper end thereof and the upper edge of the seat 60 is detachably supported from snap fasteners 68 on the rear extension portion 34.

It is pointed out that a slide fastener or fastening snaps may be used alternatively, and the main body portion, the extension portions and the hood and extension connecting portion 38 may be constructed of plastic, waterproofed canvas, or substantially any material of this type which is flexible and weatherproof. The sleeve openings 24, together with the snap fasteners 26 closely engage the arms or wrists of the wearer so that the wearer will be maintained in a warm condition and be protected from bad weather. A cotton or wool liner may be snapped into place for additional warmth, and the extension connecting portion 38 or the doubled rear extension portion 34, which in effect it is when portion 38 is in stored position, may be dropped into place and snapped or connected to the front extension portion, thereby adding sufficient length to provide a bed roll. The entire device may be constructed of material so that it will weigh approximately 15 ounces when complete and which may be folded into an area generally 12 inches long and 7 inches wide. While the above size and weight has been found desirable, it is pointed out that the weight and size of the garment would depend entirely upon the material used in fabrication and whether or not a liner would be desirable to the wearer.

Wherever desired, reinforcing means or tapes may be employed for reinforcing the plastic or other material so that the snaps or slide fastener will not pull out. The seat 60 may be blown up, using a small oval-shaped tube for inflation, thus permitting the hunter to sit in comfort, even on the roughest surfaces.

The foregoing is considered as illustrative only of the

principles of the invention. Further, since numerous modifications and changes will readily occur to those skilled in the art, it is not desired to limit the invention to the exact construction and operation shown and described, and accordingly all suitable modifications and equivalents may be resorted to, falling within the scope of the invention as claimed.

What is claimed as new is as follows:

A protective outer garment comprising a main body having a shoulder area, continuous front and rear panels and outwardly extending sleeves, each of the sleeves having downwardly and inwardly extending lower detachably connected edges, said main body including a depending front extension portion and a depending rear extension portion with the side edges of the extension portions being detachably connected, with the detachable side edges of the extension portions forming continuations of the detachable edges of the sleeves, inflatable seat means detachably mounted on the inner surface of the rear extension portion, an elongated inflating tube connected with the seat means and extending along the inner surface of the garment, said main body having a neck opening therein, a hood mounted on the main body with the hood being detachably connected to the edge of the neck opening, said hood having a face opening and provided with a drawstring for snugly embracing the face of the wearer, said inflating tube projecting through the neck opening and adapted to terminate exteriorly of the garment adjacent the mouth of the person wearing the

garment, an extension connecting portion of the same width as the extension portions and normally disposed between the extension portions and detachably connected to the rear extension portion, said extension portions having detachable fastening means on the lower edges thereof, said extension connecting portion having detachable fastening means about the periphery thereof whereby the end edges of the extension connecting portion may be attached to and connecting the lower edges of the extension portions and the overlapping side edges of the extension connecting portion may be connected thereby forming a sleeping bag.

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