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FIG. 1

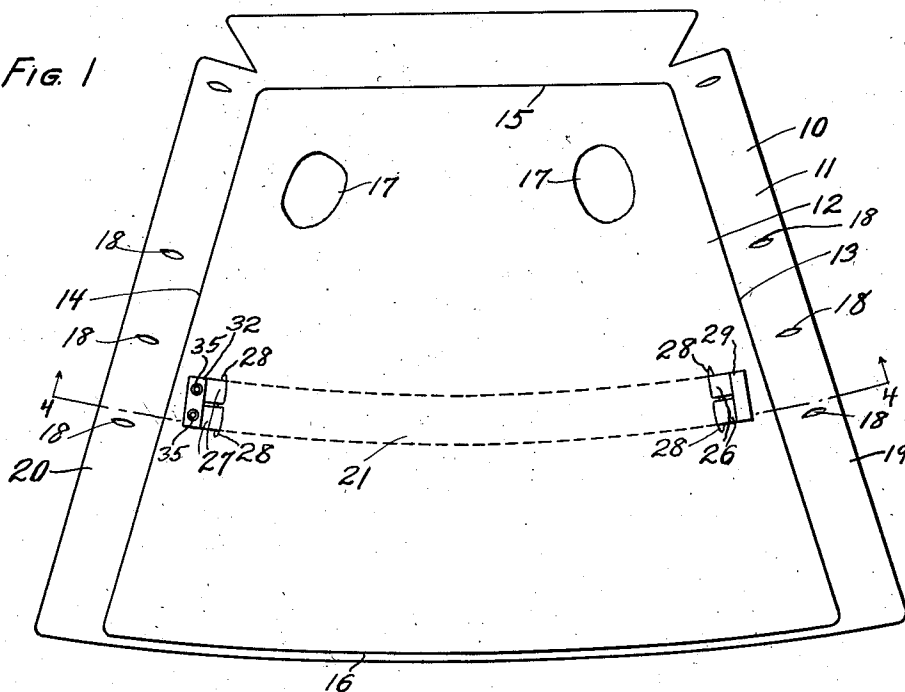


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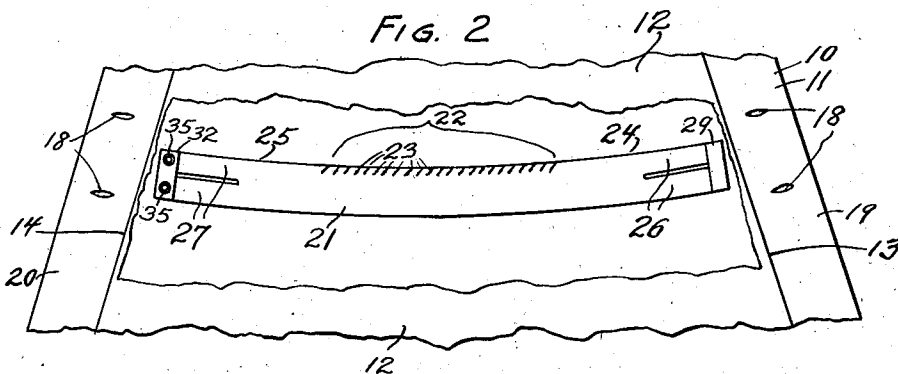
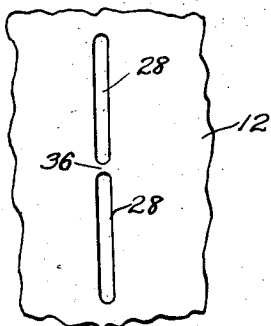


FIG. 3



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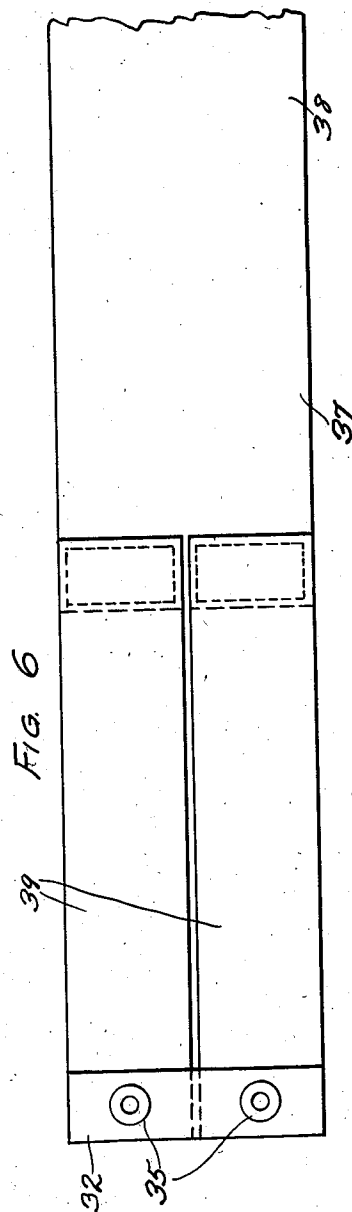
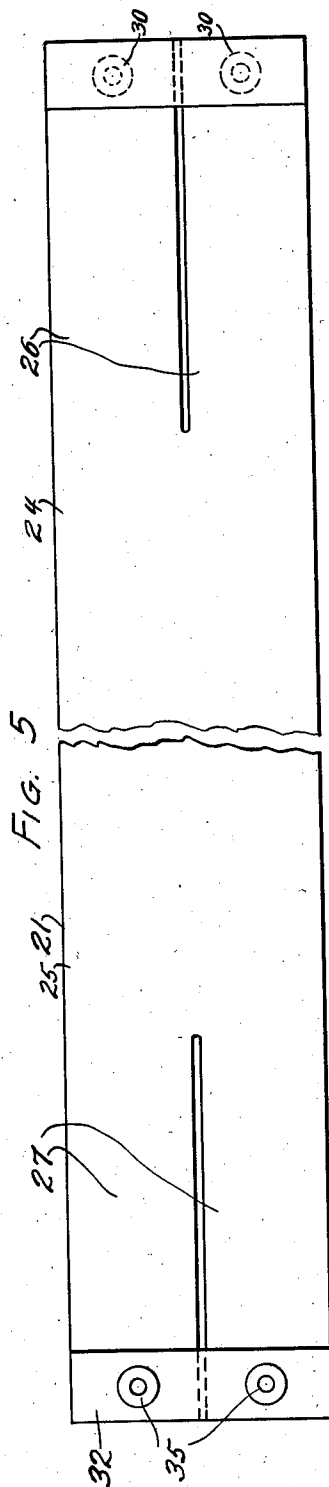
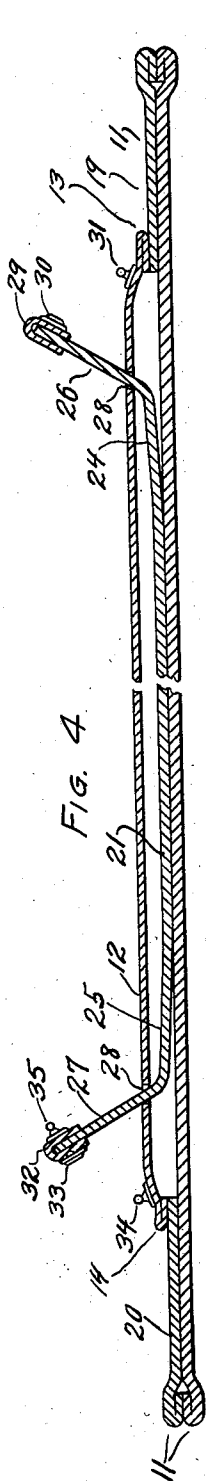
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This invention relates to improvements in coats and the like.

One object of this invention is to provide an improved coat or the like having concealed means to draw the coat snug to the body without employing an outside visible belt or the like.

With the above and other objects in view, as will appear to those skilled in the art from the present disclosure, this invention includes all features in the said disclosure which are novel over the prior art.

In the description and claim, the various parts and steps are identified by specific terms for convenience, but they are intended to be as generic in their application as the prior art will permit.

In the accompanying drawings forming part of the present disclosure, in which certain ways of carrying out the invention are shown for illustrative purposes:

Fig. 1 is a front elevation of the inside of a coat made in accordance with the present invention, with the coat in opened-out position;

Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1 of a fragmental portion thereof, with a portion of the lining removed to more fully show the band-construction;

Fig. 3 is an enlarged elevational view similar to Fig. 1 of a fragmental portion of the lining thereof;

Fig. 4 is an enlarged cross-sectional view on line 4—4 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 5 is an enlarged front elevation of the band-member shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 4; and

Fig. 6 is a fragmental view similar to Fig. 5 of a modified construction of the band-member.

Referring to Figs. 1 to 5 inclusive of the drawings, showing the particular form of the invention chosen for illustration therein, a coat 10 has a main flexible fabric-member 11 which has a flexible fabric lining-member 12 extending over the major portion of the inside of the main fabric-member 11 and has its opposite side-edges 13 and 14 secured to the main fabric-member 11. Ordinarily, such a lining-member 12 will also be secured along its top edge 15 and its bottom edge 16. Armholes 17 of usual form lead to sleeves (not shown) on the outside of the coat. Either of the sets of buttonholes 18 along the opposite side edges 19 and 20 of the coat is adapted to be engaged with a corresponding set of buttons (not shown) on the outside of the coat to provide usual fastening-means for joining the opposite side-edges of the coat together when the coat is closed about a person wearing

the coat although, of course, any other suitable fastening-means could be used.

A band or band-member 21 is provided preferably of stretchable construction and preferably has a substantial length 22 of its intermediate portion attached along its upper-edge portion to the main fabric-member 11 as, for example, by sewing as indicated by the stitches 23, or otherwise. The portion of attachment 22 preferably extends for at least the major length along the small of the back of the person who is to wear the coat. The band-member 21 can be made stretchable by making it of knitted material, for example, the inherent stretch of the knitted material providing the elasticity or stretch quality suitable for the present use.

The opposite free-end portions 24 and 25 of the band 21 each respectively has a portion in the form of a pair of tongues 26 and 27. Each pair of tongues extends through a pair of openings or slots 28 in the lining-member 12. The extreme ends of the tongues 26 are connected together by means of a tape-member 29 folded over their ends and secured thereto by sewing or otherwise. The under face of the tape-member 29 has secured thereto a pair of female snap-fastener elements 30 adapted to be detachably engaged with a corresponding pair of male snap-fastener elements 31 which are secured to the lining-member 12 or other suitable portion of the coat. A tape-member 32 in similar fashion secures together the tongues 27 of the other end 25 of the band-member 21 and, on its under face, has secured thereto a pair of female snap-fastener elements 33 adapted to be detachably engaged with a corresponding pair of male snap-fastener elements 34 secured to the lining-member 12. When the band-member is not needed, its ends will ordinarily be fastened down to the lining by the snap fasteners just described.

When the coat has been placed upon and closed about a person, the coat can be worn open without buttoning it up or, if the weather is such that it is desirable to button it up, that can be done, and if the weather is not severe enough to make a person feel the need of providing special protection against the wind, nothing needs to be done with the band-member 21. But if it is cold or windy so that a person wearing the coat desires to get the full protection that can be provided by the coat, then, after closing the coat about him but before buttoning it up, he pulls the tape-end portions 29 and 32 free from their attached positions against the lining and brings the tape-ends 29 and 32

to closed, stretched position about his body and engages the female snap-fastener elements 30 on the tape-member 29 with the male snap-fastener elements 35 upon the tape-member 32. This closing and connecting of the ends of the band-member 21 together, causes the band-member to stretch and draw the intermediate portion 22 of the band and the portion of the coat to which it is attached, close against the small of the back of the person wearing the coat, thus protecting against wind and drafts working up under the back of the coat. The free, unattached end-portions 24 and 25 of the band-member 21 provide ample lengths of material that are free to stretch during the operation of closing and connecting the band-member 21 about the body.

When it is no longer desired to retain the band-member 21 in closed position about the body, the snap-fastener elements 30 and 35 can be disconnected from each other, and even if the snap-fastener elements on the tape-ends 29 and 32 were not to be connected to the snap-fastener elements on the lining-member 12 as previously described, the tape-ends 29 and 32 cannot pass through the pairs of openings 28 in the lining-member 12 because the area 36 (Fig. 3) which separates the two openings 28 of each pair of openings will engage the tape 29 (or 32) and prevent the end from being drawn all the way back through the lining 12.

In Fig. 6 is shown the left end portion of a modified form of band-member 37 having a center portion 38 which may or may not be of stretchable material, and to each end of which is connected a pair of tongue- or strap-members 39 by sewing or otherwise, each of which strap-members 39 can be made of what is known as "suspender" elastic or any other stretchable elastic containing elastic rubber strands, or the strap-members 39 can be made of any other suitable stretchable material. Only the strap-members 39 at the left end are shown in the drawings, the strap-members at the other end (not shown) being essentially the same. The extreme ends of the left-hand pair of strap-members 39 shown, are connected together by a tape-member 32 having snap-fastener elements 33 and 35 secured thereto, as heretofore shown and described concerning the left-hand end 25 of the band-member 21. The right-hand end (not shown) of the band-member 37 will, of course, have a tape-end and snap-fastener elements similar to the tape-member 29 and the snap-fastener elements 30 secured thereto, as heretofore shown and described concerning the right-hand end 24 of the band-member 21. The band-member 37 can have its upper central edge portion connected to the inside of the main fabric-member 11 of the

coat in a similar manner to the way described concerning the band-member 21.

The term "fabric" is used to describe the flexible sheet-like main-member and the lining-member of the coat or the like. But it will be understood that it is not intended to give the term "fabric" a limited meaning restricted only to sheet-like materials made of textile materials such as cloth, but that any other flexible material suitable for forming coats such, for example, as leather, is intended to be comprehended by the term "fabric," the term "fabric" being used because it is a simple term.

It will be appreciated that while applicant's preferred construction illustrated in the drawings employs a band having a pair of tongues at each end, other ways could be readily employed in which even only a single band-member without any pair of tongues could be employed. It will also be appreciated that it is not necessary for operation of the invention to provide any lining in the coat. If no lining were to be present in the coat, then if one wished to avoid having the opposite ends of the band-member hang down somewhat, this could be readily prevented by sewing tape guide-loops to the inside of the main fabric-member of the coat to provide openings in positions somewhat similar to those occupied by the slots 28 in the lining.

Where the band-member is made of knitted material, the pairs of tongues can be made of knitting, or each end can be knitted as one piece and then slit and salvaged.

The invention may be carried out in other specific ways than those herein set forth without departing from the spirit and essential characteristics of the invention, and the present embodiments are, therefore, to be considered in all respects as illustrative and not restrictive, and all changes coming within the meaning and equivalency range of the appended claim are intended to be embraced therein.

I claim:

A coat-like outer garment including: a main outer flexible fabric-member adapted to be closed about a person; an inner flexible fabric lining-member inside of and having its opposite side edges secured to said main outer fabric-member and providing at least one opening adjacent each of its said side edges; and a band-member between said main outer fabric-member and said inner lining-member and extending along and secured to the small-of-the-back region of said outer fabric-member and extending longitudinally in the direction of closure of said main fabric-member; the ends of said band-member extending out through said openings and being adapted to be detachably connected together.

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