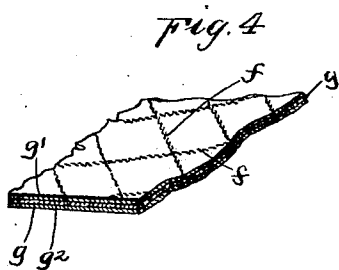
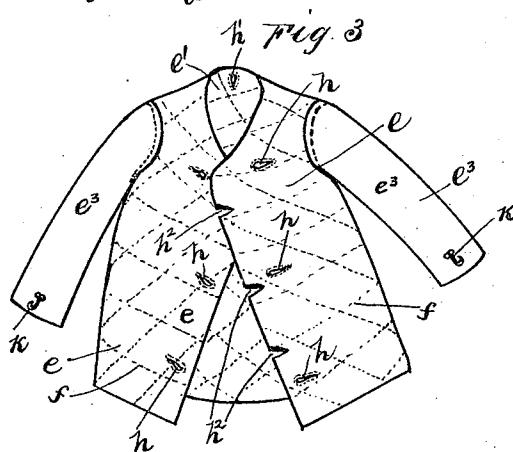
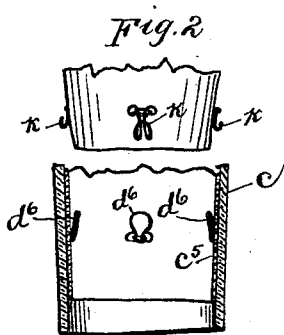
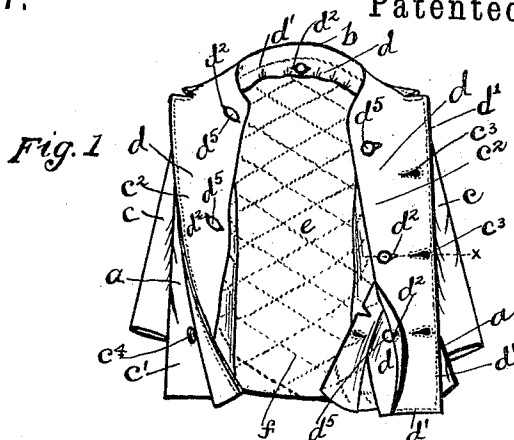


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALGERAUS C. WATSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at London, in the county of Madison and State of Ohio, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Garments, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to the improvement of coats and similar garments and the objects of my invention are to so construct a garment of this class as to admit, when desired, of an increase in the thickness thereof; to facilitate the connection with a coat or similar garment of an internal lining or reinforcing garment; to produce my improvement in a simple, neat and reliable manner and to otherwise produce a desirable garment, the thickness or weight of which may be varied to accord with the character of the weather or climate and to produce other improvements which will be more specifically pointed out hereinafter. These objects I accomplish in the manner illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of a coat having its front portions thrown open, said coat being provided with my detachable inner coat or lining and for the sake of clearness showing a portion of the latter unbuttoned and folded outward over the outer coat. Fig. 2 is an enlarged detail view showing in section one of the outer ends of a sleeve and showing the corresponding end of one of the inner sleeves in position for insertion within said outer sleeve. Fig. 3 is a front view of the inner or detachable coat. Fig. 4 is a detail view enlarged for the sake of clearness showing a portion of the material of which said inner coat is composed and Fig. 5 is an enlarged sectional view taken through the front portion of the outer coat on line *x* of Fig. 1.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

a represents a coat which may have the appearance of an ordinary coat. Of this coat, *b* represents the collar, *c* the sleeves, *c'* the skirt and *c''* the front or lapel portions.

The fore parts *c''* of the coat are provided with the usual button holes *c'''* and buttons, one of the latter being shown at *c''''*. The fore parts, lapels and also the collar of the coat are provided with a suitable facing which is

indicated at *d*, this facing preferably being of the material of which the body of the coat is formed and being permanently secured to the latter at the edges of the fore parts, lower portions of the collar as indicated by the thread lines *d'* and about the button holes *c'''*.

As shown in the drawings, I provide the inner or loose portions of the fore part facings with inner rows of button holes indicated at *d''*, one or more of said button holes being also formed in the collar facing *e*. Sewed to the inner side of the fore parts of the coat body and located opposite the facing button holes *d''*, are buttons *d'''*.

e represents a separate inner coat or garment lining which has a general coat form, but which has the collar omitted therefrom. In forming this inner coat or lining, I produce the same of three layers or thicknesses, the layers of material thus employed being quilted together as indicated by the crossed thread lines *f*. The central layer *g*, of material thus employed is preferably of paper, that class of paper being employed which has the least tendency to rattle or crackle when bent. However, other suitable material may be employed between the outer layers *g'* and *g''* of the goods. As shown at *h*, I provide each of the fore parts of the inner coat *e* with a row of button holes, while the neck portion *e'* of said inner coat is provided with one or more button holes *h'*. The edge of one of the fore parts of the inner coat is provided at intervals with V-shaped incisions or notches *h''*. The sleeves *e''* of the inner coat are preferably somewhat shorter than the sleeves *c* of the outer coat within which they are designed to be inserted as hereinafter described. The lower end portions of these sleeves *e''* are provided with one or more suitable hooks or buttons *k*, said hooks or buttons being on the outer surfaces of said sleeves. To the inner surfaces of the sleeves *c* or the sleeve lining *c''* near the outer ends thereof, I affix the desired number of eyes or button holes *d''''*.

From the construction herein shown and described, it is evident that the outer coat *a* may be worn as and used for the purpose of the ordinary light weight coat. In case it is desired however, to increase the warmth or weight of the coat this can readily be accomplished by securing the inner garment *e*

within the outer garment *a*, as a lining there-
 for, the sleeves *c*³ being inserted within the
 sleeves *c* and being secured therein by caus-
 ing an engagement of the hooks or buttons
 5 *k* with the eyes or button holes *d*⁶. In thus
 connecting the two garments, the inner gar-
 ment may as shown in the drawings, be neatly
 secured in place by causing an engagement
 of the button holes *h* *h'* of the inner garment
 10 with the buttons *d*² of the outer garment, al-
 lowing the outer portions of the fore parts of
 the inner coat to extend beneath the facing
 of the fore parts of the outer coat in the
 manner illustrated in Fig. 1 of the drawings.
 15 In thus inserting the fore parts of the inner
 coat beneath the facing of the outer coat, it
 will be seen that the connected portions of
 the facing and body of the outer coat about
 the button holes *c*³ may extend within the
 20 notches or incisions *h*² of the inner coat
 thus admitting of the extension of the edges
 of the inner coat fore parts between the
 said button holes; the said inner coat thus
 providing a lining and reinforcement for the
 25 fore parts of the outer coat as well as the
 body thereof. This connection having been
 accomplished the loose facing may be but-
 toned on to the buttons *d*⁵ on the outer side
 of the inner coat. It will thus be seen that
 30 when the two garments are connected as above
 described the inner garment will have the
 appearance of an ordinary coat lining, while
 it will serve to increase the thickness of the
 coat. From the method of connection and
 35 construction of the garments herein described,
 it will be seen that an ordinary light weight
 coat may be readily reinforced or increased
 in thickness when desired, for outdoor use,
 and that the garments may be readily sepa-
 40 rated for in-door use or for use in warm weather.

It is evident that I may construct the inner
 and outer coats of any desired thickness of
 goods and that I may omit if desired, the cen-
 tral layer *g* forming the material of which
 the inner coat is composed. It is evident that
 45 the construction herein shown and described,
 is adapted for use in the construction of all
 outer garments, but the same is particularly
 adapted for use in constructing coats, cloaks,
 &c.

It is obvious that the garment may be pro-
 duced at a reasonable cost of manufacture
 and that the same may be made to serve the
 purpose of two garments, such as an under-
 coat and over-coat.

Having now fully described my invention,
 what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters
 Patent, is—

In a coat the combination with the outer
 garment *a*, buttons *d*⁵ on the inner sides of
 the fore parts and collar thereof, a facing for
 said fore parts and collar on the outer sides
 of said buttons, button holes in said facings
 opposite said buttons and eyes *d*⁶ in the sleeves
 of said outer garment of an inner garment *e*
 65 adapted to fit within said outer garment but-
 ton holes in said inner garment adapted to
 engage with said buttons *d*⁵ beneath said fac-
 ings, notches *h*² in the edge of one of the fore
 parts of said inner garment, said notches
 70 adapted to receive as described, the outer but-
 ton hole portions of the outer coat and suit-
 able fastenings *k* on the sleeves of said inner
 garment adapted to engage as described with
 said outer garment, substantially as and for
 75 the purpose specified.

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