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Fig. 1.

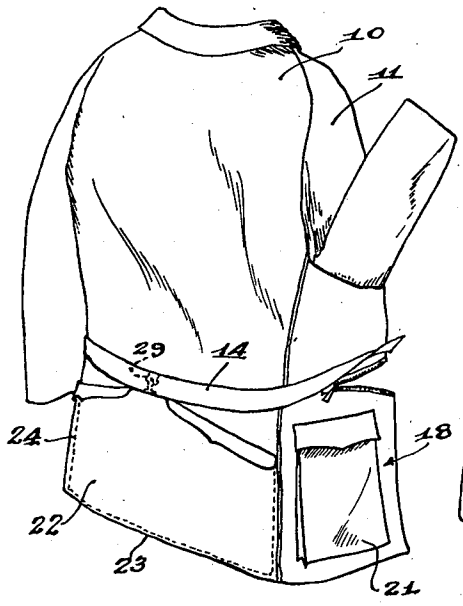
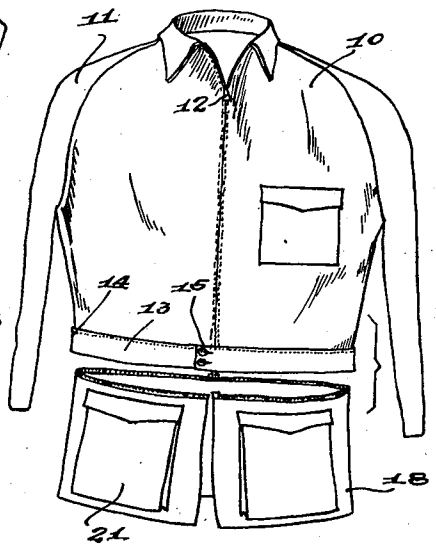


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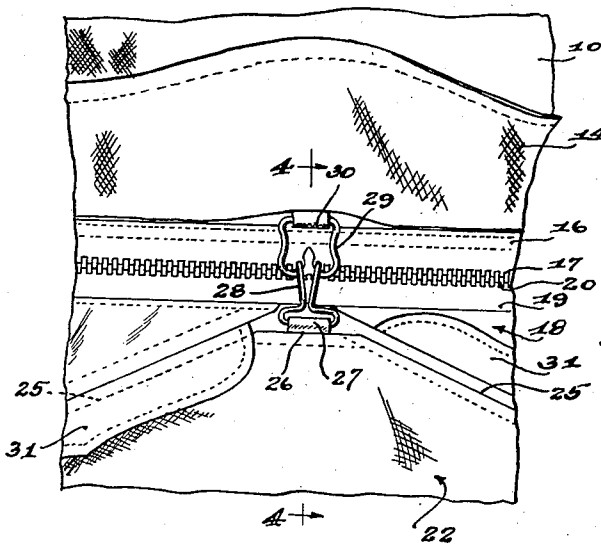


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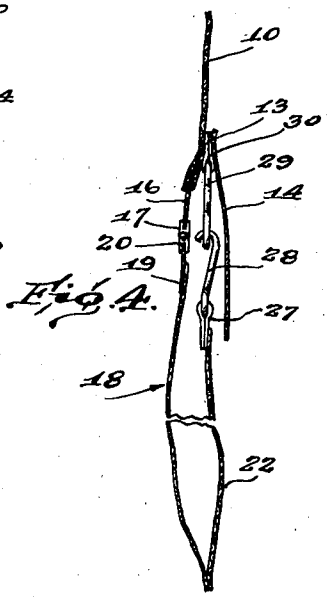


Fig. 4.

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This invention relates to jackets but more particularly to hunting jackets and an object is to produce a hunting jacket with a detachable skirt portion having a game pocket, the weight of which is taken by the body of the coat.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will hereinafter appear and for purposes of illustration but not of limitation, an embodiment of the invention is shown on the accompanying drawing in which

Figure 1 is a rear perspective view of the jacket with a skirt portion attached thereto;

Figure 2 is a front view of the jacket and skirt portion with the skirt portion detached from the jacket;

Figure 3 is an enlarged fragmentary view showing the manner in which the game pocket flap is detachably connected to the body of the jacket; and

Figure 4 is a sectional view on the line 4—4 of Figure 3.

The illustrated embodiment of the invention comprises a jacket 10 having sleeves 11 and "zipper" fastening means 12 for the front vertical edges of the body portion. Attached to the lower portion of the body 10 by a sewn seam 13 is a strip 14 which overlaps the lower edge of the body portion 10 and extends a slight distance below such edge portion. The ends of the strip 14 are adapted to overlap each other and are held together by buttons 15.

Sewed to the lower portion of the body 10 and extending entirely around the same is a strip 16 having well-known interlocking detachable fasteners 17, sometimes referred to as "zippers." The strip 16 is concealed by the flap or strip 14 and the strip 14 as indicated in Figure 4 extends downwardly a substantial distance beyond the fastener elements 17.

A skirt portion 18 is adapted to be detachably connected to the jacket body 10 and for this purpose has a strip 19 sewed to its upper edge portion and the strip 19 carries interlocking fastening elements 20 which are adapted to interlock with the elements 17 on the strip 16. As shown, the skirt 18 extends completely around the lower edge of the jacket body 10 and when connected thereto resembles an integral portion of the jacket. The detachable connecting elements are completely concealed by the overlapping strip or flap 14.

The skirt 18 is equipped with pockets 21 in the front portion and with a game pocket 22 in the rear portion. The game pocket 22 is connected to the skirt body by a horizontal seam 23 at the lower portion thereof and by vertical side seams 24. The upper edge portion of the pocket 22 inclines upwardly and inwardly as indicated at 25 and terminates at the top in a horizontally disposed attaching portion 26 to which is sewed a loop 27. The loop 27 carries a metal hook fastener 28 which engages the cooperating fastening element 29 which is carried by a loop 30 sewed to the seam connecting the strip 14 to the jacket body 10. It will be apparent that the detachable fastening elements 28 and 29 are wholly concealed by the strip 14 as indicated particularly on Figure 4.

The inclined edge portions 25 of the game pocket flap provide two openings affording access to the interior of the pocket. Such openings are normally covered by flaps 31 which are sewed to the back of the skirt portion. One important feature of this construction is that the weight of game and the like carried by the game pocket 22 is not transmitted to the skirt portion but rather to the body portion 10 of the jacket to which the fastener element 29 is secured. This relieves any appreciable strain being imposed upon the detachable interlocking fastening elements 17 and 20.

It is to be understood that numerous changes in details of construction, arrangement and operation may be effected without departing from the spirit of the invention especially as defined in the appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. A hunting jacket comprising a hip length garment, a strip extending around and overlapping the lower edge of the garment, a detachable skirt portion adapted to be connected to such lower edge, cooperable fasteners on the top edge of said skirt and lower edge of said garment respectively, a game pocket in said skirt portion provided with an upwardly extending flap, and detachable fasteners on the upper edge of said flap and the lower edge portion of said garment respectively whereby the weight carried by the game pocket is transmitted to the garment instead of said skirt portion, said last fasteners being concealed by said overlapping strip.

2. A hunting jacket comprising a hip length garment, a strip extending around and overlapping the lower edge of the garment, a detachable skirt portion adapted to be connected to such lower edge, cooperable fasteners on the top edge of said skirt and lower edge of said garment respectively, a game pocket in said skirt portion provided with an upwardly extending flap, and detachable fasteners on the upper edge of said

flap and the lower edge portion of said garment respectively whereby the weight carried by the game pocket is transmitted to the garment instead of said skirt portion, all of said fasteners being disposed beneath and concealed by said overlapping strip.

3. A hunting jacket comprising a hip length garment, a strip extending around and overlapping the lower edge of the garment, a detachable skirt portion adapted to be connected to such lower edge, cooperable fasteners on the top edge of said skirt and lower edge of said garment respectively, a game pocket in said skirt portion, said pocket being in the back of said skirt portion and joined thereto along the bottom and vertical sides, an upwardly extending flap portion on said pocket with the upper edges inclining upwardly and inwardly from the vertical sides and terminating in a centrally disposed attaching portion, and cooperable fasteners on said attaching portion and garment respectively, said cooperable fasteners being concealed by said overlapping strip.

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